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## OBSTETRICAL ULTRASOUND CONSENT

You have been scheduled for a medical ultrasound.

Please be aware that this ultrasound is a medical diagnostic procedure for the purpose of aiding your physician in determining your best course of treatment. We do allow taping of the ultrasound for your personal use. Please bring your own blank, working **DVD+RW** to your ultrasound appointment.

You must be on time for your appointment. A delay in your ultrasound causes delays for other patients for the rest of the day. If you are not on time for your ultrasound, you may be asked to reschedule for a later date. Please give 24-hour notice if you are unable to make your appointment.

If you have additional questions, please ask to speak with our Chief Sonographer, Beverly Perry.

Ultrasound, as used in pregnancy, has never been proven to have any detrimental effect, to either the mother or the baby. There is no radiation such as with x-rays. The primary purpose in ordering an ultrasound for you is to determine the well-being of your baby.

**Your ultrasound is being done to evaluate one or more of the following conditions:**

1. **Due Date** – By measuring the width of the baby's head and length of the thighbone (femur and/or other measurements), so that an accurate estimate of the due date can be made.
2. **Location of Placenta** – If the placenta covers the mouth of the womb (cervix), dangerous bleeding can occur anytime during the pregnancy before the onset of labor.
3. **Multiple Pregnancy** – It is important to know if a mother has multiple fetus's early in her pregnancy to give her optimal care for a good outcome.
4. **Malformations** – All couples have a 2-3% risk of a major malformation of the fetus. This means, of course, that there is a 97-98% chance of the baby not having a major malformation. Ultrasound is able to detect many malformations, but there is no guarantee that a malformation is not present just because it is not seen.

5. **Fetal Growth** – By comparing serial (repeated) ultrasounds, the growth of the baby can be evaluated. This is especially important in multiple pregnancies.
6. **Fetal Position** – Ultrasound can determine whether the baby is head first (cephalic) or in a breech position.
7. **Fetal Gender** – Ultrasounds are not ordered at our clinic for the determination of fetal sex. Depending on the month of pregnancy and position of the baby, gender sometimes can be determined. This determination is approximately 90% accurate. It should not be considered a guarantee of the sex of the baby. You can consider yourself lucky if this is discovered during your scan. Repeat ultrasounds are not scheduled merely to try to find out the gender when it is not discovered during the first scan.

### Your ultrasound is scheduled for:

**Mon**

**Tues**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

@ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Time)

### Insurance information concerning OB ultrasounds

Your physician will order a series of ultrasounds during your pregnancy (usually two for uncomplicated pregnancies and three or more for complicated). Some insurance plans are now only covering a total of two ultrasounds even though your physician feels it is medically necessary.

By signing this consent, you are acknowledging that you will be financially responsible for the cost of any ultrasounds that your insurance does not pay for.

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(Signature)

(Date)