

## **CONSENT FOR ULTRASOUND**

Diagnosis Ultrasound (sonography) uses sound waves to provide a visual picture of the fetus, placenta and amniotic fluid.

At present, there are no known dangers to the mother or fetus associated with the use of diagnostic ultrasound.

Diagnostic ultrasound has been successfully utilized for the prenatal detection of a limited number of congenital disorders, including certain neural tube (brain and spinal column) defects, structural malformations of the renal system (kidney and bladder), and limb reduction defects.

The absolute reliability of ultrasound to detect fetal malformations is unknown at present. Ultrasound at this or any stage of pregnancy cannot rule out the presence of all birth defects and cannot guarantee the birth of a normal child.

### **AUTHORIZATION:**

I have read the above and understand and accept the limitations associated with diagnostic ultrasound and its potential to detect prenatal malformations.

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Patient Name (Please Print)