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**Consent for Cesarean Section**

**Name of Proposed Surgery:**

Cesarean Section - Removal of the unborn baby through an incision in the abdomen.

**Diagnosis:**

- Cephalopelvic disproportion (condition where baby is too large to pass safely through the mother's pelvis)
- Non-reassuring fetal status (a condition in which the baby doesn't seem to be tolerating labor)
- Placental problems (a condition in which the afterbirth is causing problems)
- Abnormal presentation (the baby could be coming breech or sideways)
- Previous Cesarean Section
- Other

**Nature and Purpose of Proposed Procedure:**

During a cesarean section, the patient is made numb. This can be done either with general anesthesia or by regional anesthesia. During general anesthesia, the patient is put to sleep. Regional anesthesia includes either an epidural or spinal block. After the patient has been made numb, an incision is made on the abdomen. This incision can either be side to side (a bikini cut) or up and down. After the skin is cut the uterus will also need to be cut. The incision that is made on the uterus can be either side to side or up and down. The infant is then removed. The incisions are then repaired.

**Risks and Consequences of Proposed Treatment:**

Risks of all surgery:

- a. Injury to blood vessels with excessive bleeding, which might require transfusion or re-operation
- b. Infection, which might require (IV) antibiotics
- c. The risk of anesthesia, which might include nausea, vomiting or, in rare circumstances, even death
- d. Blood clots may form and go to the lungs, resulting in death or requiring a blood thinner

Risks associated with cesarean section:

- a. Damage to the bladder
- b. Damage or obstruction to the bowel
- c. It is possible the baby could be cut
- d. Additional surgery may be necessary because of damage to other structures or delayed complications

Consequences of cesarean section:

After a cesarean section, we will need to monitor your next deliveries closely to make sure the uterine incision does not rupture.

Although this list of risks and consequences is fairly extensive, it is not all-inclusive. It is not possible to predict all outcomes in the field of medicine.

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Risks and consequences unique to the patient:

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**Alternative Treatments:**

In some cases, the alternative treatment is to wait to see if the baby will come vaginally. At times, it can be imperative that a cesarean section be done immediately. At other times, we can wait longer. This may be discussed with you during your pregnancy or at the time of delivery.

At times, forceps or vacuum can be used instead of a cesarean section if the cervix has been completely dilated.

**Prognosis if a cesarean delivery is not done:**

Depending on the reason for the cesarean section, there could be problems with the baby if we do not do a cesarean section. The baby could have seizures or even die.

**I understand the above information. I have been given a chance to ask questions and have had them answered to my satisfaction.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I have seen a film by Milner-Fenwick, "Cesarean Childbirth" (OB 143), on the above procedure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have read the Obstetrics-Gynecology Associates, P.A. Cesarean Section sheet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have read the booklet entitled *Cesarean Birth* (ACOG AP006)

**By my signature, I state I have been given adequate information to make an informed decision and, therefore, do consent to have a cesarean section.**

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Patient's Signature

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Date

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Physician's Signature

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Date

**By my signature, I state I have been given adequate information to make an informed decision and REFUSE to have a cesarean section.**

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Reason

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Patient's Signature

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Date

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Physician's Signature

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Date