

## CONSENT FOR A SECOND TRIMESTER ULTRASOUND

Your obstetric care provider has referred you for a second trimester anatomical survey. This examination uses non-invasive ultrasound technology to look at many different parts of your baby's body and takes approximately 45 minutes. This exam is most often performed around the 4th to 5th month of pregnancy (between 15 and 22 weeks' gestation) and is designed to identify certain anatomical abnormalities (birth defects) in your baby. Studies have shown neither transabdominal nor transvaginal ultrasound pose a medical risk to you or your baby.

Transabdominal ultrasound is most often used for an anatomical survey, but transvaginal ultrasound may be necessary for accurate results if your baby is in a difficult position to obtain all pictures needed for a complete exam. Likewise, transvaginal ultrasound may be necessary to check your cervical length or determine if your placenta is close to your cervix. A Maternal Fetal Medicine specialist will check the pictures obtained from the ultrasound and may ask the sonographer to take additional pictures if needed to ensure the thoroughness of the exam or the accuracy of the results. A second trimester anatomical survey detects approximately 70% of major anatomical anomalies. Accordingly, it is important that you understand that some anomalies or genetic conditions, including Down Syndrome, may NOT be detected by ultrasound.

We ONLY will disclose the results of the ultrasound to you and your treating physician, unless we have your written authorization to disclose it to any other person (people), or are allowed to disclose the information under the terms of our Notice of Privacy Practices, which we have separately provided to you. If any anatomical abnormalities are detected, your treating physician may refer you for additional tests or procedures, or for genetic counseling.

**I have read the above information and understand what is involved in an anatomical survey.**

**I hereby consent to an anatomical survey.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_