INFORMED CONSENT FOR XRAYS OF PREGNANT PATIENT

Scientific and medical experts recommend that the exposure to xrays of an embryo/fetus in a pregnant woman should be minimized in consideration of the developing unborn child. Rapidly developing organs in the unborn child are more sensitive to possible radiation damage than that of a mature adult. While experts generally feel that the risk of damage from diagnostic levels of xrays are minimal, such exposures are never without risk. Possible undesirable effects may be genetic, i.e., may be passed on to future generations. It is the responsibility of each patient to disclose her possible pregnancy, and with the assistance of her physician, make personal determination as to whether or not to proceed with diagnostic x-rays.

I have been informed that xrays may cause harm to the developing fetus. I do not wish to be tested for pregnancy at this time, but I will accept xray examination as recommended by my treating physician. I hereby accept full responsibility for this decision and release my physician (s), including the Radiologist, employees and agents from any liability for any harm that may come about because of this decision.

___________________________                          __________________________
Signed                                       Date

____________________________
Witness