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Elective 3D Ultrasound Consent Form

Atlanta Women's Obstetrics & Gynecology, PC is pleased to offer 3D ultrasounds to patients for keepsake fetal portraits. The following information will assist you in evaluating the benefits and risks of ultrasound technology and provide you with the information required for you and your family to make an informed, educated decision regarding elective ultrasound. After reviewing the information, feel free to seek clarification or additional information from your obstetrician.

1. Ultrasound imaging is a common diagnostic medical procedure that utilizes high-frequency sound waves to produce fetal images in two (2), three (3) or four (4) dimensions. During an ultrasound procedure, a transducer is used to send a stream of high-energy sound waves into the body. Then, echoes are detected, converted into electrical impulses and processed to form an image displayed on the ultrasound monitor.
 2. Ultrasonic fetal scanning is generally considered safe if properly used to evaluate the size, location, number and age of fetuses, presence of some types of birth defects, fetal movement, breathing and heartbeat and is the current standard in prenatal care.
 3. Ultrasound is a form of energy, which even at low levels can produce physical effects in tissue. However, according to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) there is no evidence that these physical effects can harm a fetus.
 4. Three (3) and four (4) dimensional ultrasound to obtain keepsake fetal portraits is an elective, non-medically necessary procedure which both the US Food and Drug Administration and the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) discourage due to the lack of information about long-term effects of ultrasound exposure.
 5. The physicians of Atlanta Women's Obstetrics & Gynecology, PC believe the risks to an expectant mother and a fetus for a brief, elective ultrasound to be minimal.
 6. A certified sonographer under the direct supervision of a physician performs all ultrasounds, including elective ultrasounds, performed at Atlanta Women's Obstetrics & Gynecology.
 7. Reports, if any, and photos obtained during ultrasounds performed at Atlanta Women's Obstetrics & Gynecology are reviewed by a physician and retained as part of your permanent medical record. However, no fetal growth measurements or anatomical surveys will be performed or documented as part of the keepsake fetal portrait session. Nevertheless, fetal anomalies discovered during the session will receive appropriate medical response consistent with prenatal standards of care.
 8. Elective ultrasounds for fetal portraits are not medically necessary and are not covered by any health insurance plan or flexible spending account.
 9. The preferred gestational age for fetal portraits is between twenty-six (26) and thirty (30) weeks because amniotic fluid levels are optimal and the fetus has adequate body fat and tissue. However, fetal portraits can be attempted and are often obtained after thirty (30) weeks gestation.
 10. The quality of fetal portraits obtained varies depending upon the position and gestational age of the fetus as well as other factors. If due to fetal position or gestational age we are unable to obtain any quality fetal portraits, you may return for one (1) additional session at no additional charge.
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I have read, fully understand and have received a copy of the above information regarding the benefits and risks of elective ultrasound procedures to obtain fetal portraits. I have had the opportunity to discuss my questions and concerns with an obstetrician. I elect to proceed with an elective ultrasound to obtain fetal portraits.

Patient's Name

Date

Patient's Date of Birth

Patient's EDC

Patient's Signature Witness

Date
