

ADVANCED OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY, LLC

“Comprehensive Healthcare for Women”

Consent for Ultrasound in Pregnancy

NAME: _____ (printed)

- At this time there is NO significant evidence to suggest that ultrasound is harmful to you or your baby.
- The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists DOES NOT recommend routine ultrasound scanning in pregnancy. Some studies suggest that information from ultrasound studies DOES NOT improve pregnancy outcome, because birth defects can be detected but they cannot be fixed. However, other studies suggest a benefit. If an abnormality is noted, parents can make informed choices regarding their ongoing prenatal care and make plans for the infant’s care after delivery.
- There are no guarantees regarding the health of your baby, even when the ultrasound appears normal. In studies of the effectiveness of ultrasound in detecting birth defects, up to 50% of birth defects are not detected.
- In the third trimester, it may be necessary for you to have an ultrasound to assess the baby’s health. While these studies (Biophysical Profile, Doppler studies, Amniotic Fluid Volume Assessment) help to reassure us regarding the baby’s well being, there remains a small risk of a serious problem with the infant even when the test results are normal.
- **We do not provide a videotape but will provide several ultrasound pictures for your baby album.** The purpose of the ultrasound evaluation is to fully evaluate the infant as part of the process of assuring a healthy outcome to your pregnancy. Videotapes are purely for entertainment purposes and can be a distraction during this important diagnostic test.
- It is possible that your insurance company will not pay for part or all of the cost of the ultrasound study. Any costs that are not covered by the insurance company will be the patient’s responsibility, so it is important that you understand your insurance coverage.
- In order to minimize distractions for the sonographer, it is our office policy that you bring an adult to supervise children less than six (6) years of age. The adult and child may be asked to leave the ultrasound room if the ultrasonographer is distracted. Each patient can have a maximum of two (2) adult visitors present for the ultrasound.

Signature

Date