

The Fertility Center

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CONSENT FOR TREATMENT

Knowing that I require diagnostic testing, medical treatment or hospitalization, I voluntarily consent to the medical treatment deemed necessary in the judgment of my treating physicians. I am aware that the practice of medicine and surgery is not an exact science, and I acknowledge that no guarantees have been made to me regarding the results of examination, tests, or treatments. I understand that if major diagnostic studies or treatment procedures such as surgery are required, I will be asked to give specific consent to those procedures. If I am an obstetrical patient, I understand that my signature consents to the care and treatment of my fetus.

CONSENT FOR HIV TESTING

HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) infection is a long-term illness that damages the body's immune system and its ability to fight diseases. HIV can cause AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome), the stage of HIV when the body is weakened and less able to fight off germs. HIV spreads through blood, semen, vaginal fluids, and breast milk. You can get or give an HIV infection by having vaginal, anal, or oral sex without a condom or sharing needles or works when injecting drugs. An infected mother can pass HIV to her child during pregnancy, birth or breastfeeding. You cannot get HIV by donating blood or through casual contact like hugging or shaking hands.

People can have HIV for years and not know it unless they get tested. If you **are infected**, it can help you get proper treatment and learn how to avoid spreading HIV to other people. If you **are not infected**, it can help you learn how to reduce your risk of getting HIV.

HIV testing: A **negative result** means you are not infected with HIV or you have a recent infection, too early to show up positive. If you have been exposed to HIV in the last six weeks, the test may not detect a new infection. A **positive result** means you are living with HIV. This means you can pass your infection to others through sex, sharing needles, through birth or breastfeeding. You should take precautions to avoid infecting others.

I understand I can ask additional questions before signing this consent and may ultimately refuse to sign it. My physician will review my treatment options at The Fertility Center, should I refuse HIV testing. I understand HIV test results are confidential and shall not be released without my permission, except as permitted under state law. I understand that I have a right to have this test done without the use of my name at any Michigan Department of Health-approved HIV counseling and testing site.

I acknowledge that I have been given an explanation of the test, including its uses, benefits, limitations, and the meaning of test results. I understand that I have the right to withdraw my consent for the test at any time before the test is complete. By my signature below, I consent to be tested for HIV.

I have read the above information or have had it explained to me, and indicate my understanding of same, by signing this document.

Patient Name (Please Print)

Patient Signature

Date

Current Fertility Center Patient (Spouse/Partner – Please Print)

If this consent form is not signed in the presence of a member of The Fertility Center staff, form **must be notarized below:*

Notary Public _____ County, Michigan

Acting in the County of _____

Signature: _____

My commission expires: