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HIV CONSENT

Texas State Law requires a confidential HIV test on all pregnant women at the first prenatal visit and in the third trimester. You may refuse the test, but there are benefits to knowing your HIV status. If you refuse the HIV test, you can receive an anonymous test at the Hays County Health Department in San Marcos.

ADVANTAGES

- If you are HIV positive, this will give you the opportunity to inform your partner(s) and use proper protection to prevent transmission and receive proper medical care.
- If you are HIV positive and pregnant, there is medication you can receive to greatly reduce the risk of transmission to your baby during pregnancy, delivery or breastfeeding.

DISADVANTAGES

- A small percentage of tests may give a "false positive" or a "false negative" result. Also, a small number of results can be inconclusive and may require retesting after 60 days.

I understand that there is a chance that if I have been exposed to HIV, antibodies may not be detected by the tests, and that I may need to repeat the test at a later date.

I understand that under the laws of the State of Texas, HIV testing is strictly confidential. Disclosure can be made to physicians; nurses or other health care providers who have legitimate need to know the test results in order to provide his/her own protection and to provide the patient's health and welfare. Records will be handled in a confidential manner.

I have had an opportunity to ask questions about the HIV test, including risks and benefits of taking the test. Any questions I have about the test have been answered to my satisfaction.

I have read the above statements and have been verbally counseled. I give permission to Caring Center For Women's staff to proceed with HIV testing, and to report results to the appropriate hospital.

PATIENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

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