



**CONSENT FOR EMBRYO
CRYOPRESERVATION**

FOR INPATIENTS: AFFIX PATIENT LABEL OR
WRITE IN BOTH PATIENT NAME & MR NUMBER

FOR OUTPATIENTS: WRITE IN BOTH PT NAME & DOB

PATIENT NAME: _____

DOB OR MR #: _____

I _____ and _____
(Print patient's name) (Print partner's name, if applicable)

have entered a treatment program at the Women and Infants Fertility Clinic (WIFC) to undergo in vitro fertilization ("IVF") for the purpose of creating a child. As a part of the IVF process, I/we understand that often times more embryos (eggs fertilized by sperm) are created than are transferred within a cycle. I/we consent to cryopreservation (freezing) of any excess embryos by WIFC for possible transfer in a subsequent cycle.

I/we understand that some embryos may not reach the stage of development where they can be frozen. The IVF physicians and/or embryology staff determine which excess embryo(s), if any, are appropriate for freezing.

The risks and benefits of cryopreservation have been discussed with me/us and I/we understand them. I/we understand that complications can happen as a result of the process. Complications include, but are not limited to:

- Damage to embryos- I /we understand that the embryos may be damaged during the freezing process, or during the storage period. If an embryo is damaged, it will not successfully survive the thaw and is not transferred back to attempt pregnancy.
- Loss of embryos – I/we understand that embryos can be lost during the culture, freezing or storage period.
- Failure of embryo(s) to develop normally after thawing. Embryos that do not develop normally are not transferred back to attempt pregnancy.

I/we acknowledge that embryos may be damaged as a result of the malfunction (failure to work properly) of equipment used in the embryology laboratory, and this damage is beyond the control of WIFC.

I/we are aware that there is no guarantee that pregnancy will occur following the transfer of any thawed embryo(s).

I/we understand that any pregnancy following the transfer of any thawed embryo(s) is subject to the same risks and complications as pregnancies achieved without medical intervention. These complications include, but are not limited to:

- ectopic pregnancy (pregnancy occurring outside of the uterus and is life threatening)
- preterm labor
- pregnancy with birth defects
- miscarriage
- stillbirth

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Alternative options to cryopreservation and the risks and benefits of those alternative options have been explained to me/us and I/we understand them. These alternatives may include, but are not limited to:

- discarding excess embryo(s);
- donating excess embryo(s) to another person (This option requires Food and Drug Administration (FDA) screening and testing prior to donation.);
- donating excess embryo(s) for research;
- transporting frozen embryo(s) to another facility.

I/we understand that the lists of risk and complications related to the above procedures are not complete and that my/our physician has discussed with me/us that other unforeseen risks do exist and that additional procedures may be required. I/we consent to those procedures which my/our physician deems necessary.

I/we acknowledge that I/we are responsible for all costs and fees incurred for embryo freezing and storage.

I/we acknowledge that this form has been explained to me/us and I/we understand its contents. I/we have had the opportunity to ask questions which have been answered to my/our satisfaction.

Signature: _____
Patient

Date: _____ Time: _____ A.M
P.M

Signature: _____
Partner (if applicable)

Date: _____ Time: _____ A.M
P.M

Provider's Acknowledgement:

I confirm that consent, as described above, has been given by the patient (and partner, if applicable.)

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____
(Provider) (Provider)

Date: _____ Time: _____ A.M
P.M

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Interpreter's Acknowledgement (if applicable):

I confirm that consent as described above, has been given by the patient (and partner, if applicable.)

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____
(Interpreter) (Interpreter)

Date: _____ Time: _____
A.M
P.M

For Partner's Signature if not signed at WIFC

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

Then personally appeared before me the above named _____, and
being duly sworn under the penalty of perjury acknowledged the foregoing to be his/her free act and
deed this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

NOTARY PUBLIC: _____
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____



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WOMEN & INFANTS HOSPITAL
Providence, RI 02905

**PATIENT CONSENT FOR FERTILITY
TREATMENT DURING COVID-19 AT
WOMEN & INFANTS FERTILITY CENTER**

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COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. Although the exact mode of transmission is not entirely known, COVID-19 is contagious and is believed to spread by person-to-person contact. Despite taking reasonable preventative measures that are aimed to prevent the spread of COVID-19, an inherent risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 by virtue of proceeding with fertility treatment still exists.

By seeking treatment at Women & Infants Fertility Center I _____
(Patient's Name)

(or _____ for _____)
(Legal Guardian) (Patient's Name)

and _____ (if applicable) acknowledge and understand:
Partner's Name

1. Despite all precautions offered to me/us or taken by my/our providers, there is no guarantee that I/we will not be exposed to and/or infected with COVID-19.
2. Use of personal protective equipment (PPE) can minimize risk but does not eliminate the risk of transmission of COVID-19.
3. Possible exposure to COVID-19 may result in the following: a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, extended quarantine/self-isolation, additional tests, hospitalization that may require medical therapy, Intensive Care treatment, possible need for intubation/ventilator support, short-term or long-term intubation, other potential complications, and/or the risk of death.
4. The impact of COVID-19 on pregnancy for both the mother and baby is not fully known. I/we acknowledge that any febrile illness in early pregnancy may increase the risk of miscarriages and birth defects and that pregnant women appear to be at greater risk of severe complications from other respiratory viral infections such as influenza.
5. Even if I/we have been tested for COVID-19 and received a negative test result, the tests in some cases may fail to detect the virus, there is a chance I/we may have contracted COVID-19 after the test and I/we acknowledge that I/we may still transmit the undetected virus to another person.
6. My/Our treatment/procedure may be delayed or canceled should I/we develop symptoms, be tested positive for COVID-19 or for a variety of other reasons including changing regulations and restrictions surrounding COVID-19, availability of staff, the availability of adequate PPE or other reasons. If treatment is modified or canceled this can interfere with the ability to become pregnant through treatment as well as have financial consequences including not being reimbursed for expenses already incurred.
7. I/we are expected to follow reasonable precautions set forth by the WIFC such as wearing a facemask at all times in the clinic and to observe social distancing and proper handwashing both inside and outside of the clinic during the course of treatment.
8. These precautions may also include the request to self-quarantine and to pursue any testing for patient, or partner if applicable, related to COVID-19 before treatment. I/we understand that it may be necessary to obtain this testing at an outside lab and there may be extra costs associated with this testing.
9. Failure to comply with these requests, follow recommended precautions, as well as exposure to, developing symptoms of, or testing positive for COVID 19 may result in the delay or cancellation of treatment.
10. If treatment is delayed or canceled, this can have financial consequences including not being reimbursed for expenses already incurred.

11. The staff at WIFC is providing fertility treatment and I/we are responsible for obtaining other healthcare needs through other providers including routine gynecologic and primary care, any ongoing obstetric care, and any care related to COVID-19.
12. I/we have the option to postpone fertility treatment to minimize the risk of acquiring COVID-19.

I/we have been counseled about resources available to provide further information about COVID-19. I /we have had the opportunity to read this form, or have it read to me/us, and I/we understand it. I/we have had the opportunity to ask questions and they have been answered to my/our satisfaction. Understanding all of the above, I/we desire to proceed with fertility treatments.

Time: _____ AM / PM Date: _____ Signature: _____
(Patient or Legal Guardian)

Relationship: _____

Time: _____ AM / PM Date: _____ Signature: _____
Partner, if applicable

Provider's Acknowledgement:

I confirm that consent as described above, has been given by this patient (or Legal Guardian) and partner.

Time: _____ AM / PM Date: _____ Signature: _____
(Provider)

Print Name: _____
(Provider)

Interpreter's Acknowledgement (if applicable):

I confirm that consent as described above, has been given by this patient (or Legal Guardian) and partner.

Time: _____ AM / PM Date: _____ Signature: _____
(Interpreter)

Print Name: _____
(Interpreter)

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act and deed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

NOTARY PUBLIC: _____

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____