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Informed Consent: HIV Screening

The Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is the virus that causes The Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). This condition progressively weakens the effectiveness of the body's immune system leading to infections, tumors, and for the vast majority is fatal. HIV is transmitted by direct contact of a mucous membrane or blood with a bodily fluid containing HIV such as blood, semen, vaginal fluid or breast milk.

The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology now recommends that all women seeking prenatal care be screened for HIV. HIV can be transmitted from mother to fetus during pregnancy as well as from mother to child during breastfeeding. Fortunately, treatment of the mother during pregnancy can drastically reduce the risk of transmission to the fetus.

The decision to be screened for HIV is optional. Results of this test will remain confidential and will not be disclosed to anyone except those authorized by law to receive such information. Positive test results will by law be disclosed to the Virginia Department of Health and will also be disclosed to other health care providers involved in your care.

Acknowledgement:

I have read the above information regarding HIV and HIV screening and:

I want HIV screening

I do not want HIV screening

Patient Name: _____

Patient Signature: _____

Date: _____

Physician Signature: _____

Date: _____