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## **Informed Consent for Ultrasonography**

Your physician has requested that you have an ultrasound examination of your pregnancy. This information sheet will answer several important questions about this diagnostic procedure.

### **What is an ultrasound and what can it show about my pregnancy?**

Ultrasound uses the same principle as sonar. Sound waves emitted from an ultrasound probe (transducer) and “bounce” off the uterus and developing baby. The computer is able to convert these waves into detailed images.

### **Is an ultrasound safe?**

There has been extensive evaluation of the safety of ultrasound over the course of 20 years. There is no evidence that diagnostic levels of ultrasound cause harm to either the mother or fetus. 3D and 4D ultrasound methods do not increase ultrasound exposure to the baby other than with time taken to obtain images.

### **Types of exams:**

A basic or standard sonogram provides information concerning placenta locations, fetal position, twin pregnancies, gestation age and the possible presence of fetal malformations.

A complete or extensive sonogram is a more detailed exam providing not only the information of a basic scan but in addition, more specific evaluation for fetal growth and/or fetal abnormalities.

A vaginal sonogram, in which a special ultrasound instrument is inserted into the vagina, is often used to provide very detailed views of the uterus, ovaries, or fetus, particularly in the first trimester. This may be used to see the heartbeat or the location of a very early pregnancy, evaluate the placenta or the birth canal. As with other ultrasound exams, the procedure is safe. It is generally less uncomfortable than a pap smear.

### **Does a normal ultrasound prove that my baby will have no abnormalities?**

While an obstetric sonogram will detect many abnormalities, it is not definitive for fetal malformations. Despite a normal interpretation of the test, some babies may be born with anomalies not identified by the examiner during the study.

You should realize that even with a complete sonogram, the examiner may still be unable to find fetal abnormalities which are discovered after birth. Thus, although ultrasonography is a very helpful diagnostic tool, it should not be considered as absolute proof of the absence of fetal defects.

### **Consent**

Should you have questions concerning ultrasonography, do not hesitate to discuss them with your sonographer. Please acknowledge that you have read and understand the information presented above and have given consent to the procedure.

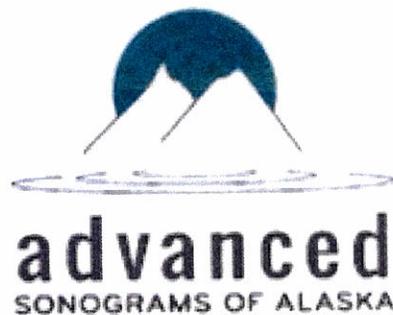
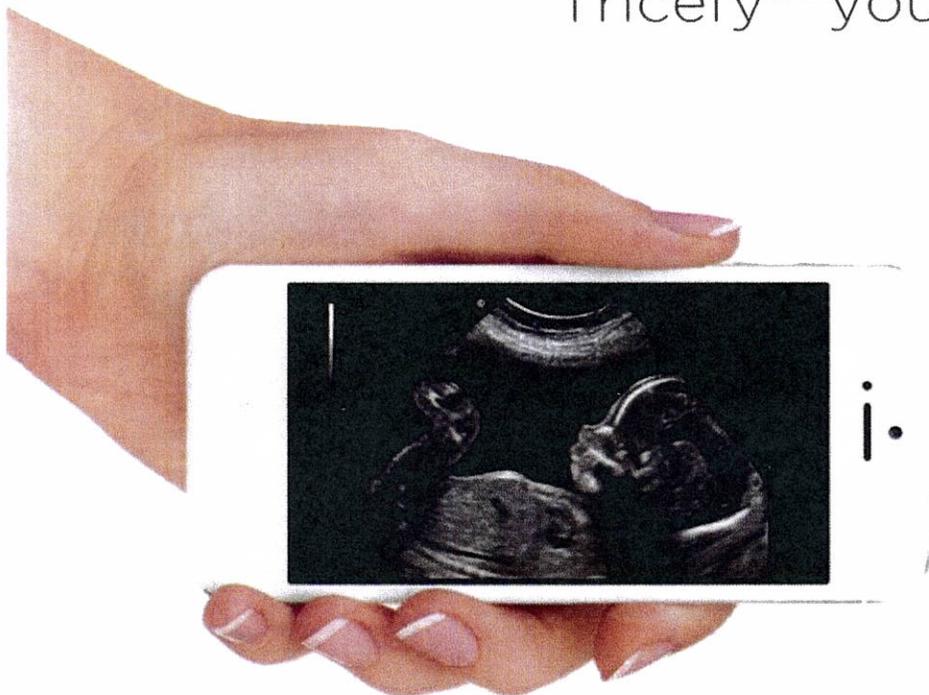
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Patient Signature

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Date

Tricefy™ your ultrasound at



I want my ultrasound images delivered digitally as an email or text.

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone Number\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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I authorize the sending of images during my pregnancy.

I have read, understand, and agree to this disclaimer.

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