Elective 3D/4D Ultrasound Consent

Bellingham OB/GYN is pleased to offer 3D /4D ultrasounds as an elective service for our patients who would like a keepsake fetal portrait/DVD. Elective ultrasounds for fetal portraits are not medically necessary and are not covered by any health insurance plan or flexible spending account. Total out of pocket cost for this ultrasound is $163.05, including tax. A $50 non-refundable deposit is required to be scheduled and the remaining balance of $113.05 is due upon date of service. If you are having multiples, fees will vary.

The quality of fetal portraits obtained varies depending upon the position and gestational age of the fetus as well as other factors. If baby isn’t cooperating during the scheduled ultrasound, we will attempt to reschedule you for an additional visit at no extra charge to you. No refunds will be provided.

The following information will assist you in evaluating the benefits and risks of ultrasound technology and provide you with the information required for you and your family to make an informed, educated decision regarding elective ultrasound for fetal portraits/DVD. After reviewing the information, feel free to seek clarification or additional information from your obstetrician.

- Three (3) and four (4) dimensional ultrasound to obtain keepsake fetal portraits is an elective, not a medically necessary procedure. The US Food and Drug Administration and the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) are opposed to the use of medical technology for entertainment.
- A qualified sonographer under the supervision of our physicians performs all ultrasounds at Bellingham OB/GYN including elective ultrasounds.

No fetal growth measurements or anatomical surveys will be performed or documented as part of the keepsake fetal portrait session. Nevertheless, fetal anomalies discovered during the session will receive appropriate medical response consistent with prenatal standards of care.

The required gestational age for fetal portraits is between twenty-eight (28) and thirty-four (34) weeks because amniotic fluid levels are optimal and the fetus has adequate body fat and tissue. Only patients of Bellingham OB/GYN are authorized for this elective ultrasound. Due to the limited time, no more than 6 guests can be present during the session. For optimal images, drink ample water the day of the scan along with the day prior.

I have read and understand this consent form and have had the opportunity to discuss my questions and concerns with an obstetrician. I elect to proceed with an optional ultrasound to obtain fetal portraits/DVD.

Patient Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________________