



## PREGNANCY POLICIES AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (2024)

### WEBSITE

Our office website: [amberhealthcareforwomen.org](http://amberhealthcareforwomen.org) and [amberhealthcareforwomen.com](http://amberhealthcareforwomen.com) has a pregnancy page filled with information about pregnancy and answers to your most common pregnancy questions.

### HOSPITAL AND CALL GROUP

Dr. Serr shares after-hours call with other OB doctors in the community (both male and female). Any of these doctors may be present for your delivery. Deliveries at Mercy Hospital in Redding (not at Saint Elizabeth's in Red Bluff or at Mercy Mount Shasta). Dr. Serr does not co-manage pregnancy with midwives or do "home births". The hospital does not currently allow "VBACs" (vaginal delivery after a prior caesarean section).

### OFFICE VISITS and VIDEO POLICY

Your visits to our office will be divided between Dr. Serr and one of our specialized nurse practitioners. Video-tapping is not allowed during your delivery or during office ultrasounds/visits.

### BILLING POLICY

You are responsible for any medical bills that are not paid by your insurance. Our office reserves the right to collect an "OB deposit" (up to \$300 at your 1st visit and more in your third trimester - depending upon your insurance benefits).

### DRUG TESTING POLICY

Drug and alcohol use and addiction are very serious conditions that place an unborn child at high risk for birth defects, miscarriage, stillbirth, and other complications of pregnancy. Our office will perform random drug testing on all patient and will dismiss patients who test positive. Our office does NOT accept patients who take "medical marijuana" during pregnancy, or patients on methadone / suboxone.

### VERY HIGH RISK OBSTETRICS POLICY

Our office is not currently accepting very high risk obstetrical patients. This includes patients with Rh isoimmunization, auto-immune diseases, Type I diabetes, poorly controlled high blood pressure, seizure disorders / epilepsy, a high body mass index, and certain other medical conditions. Please ask the office if you are unsure if you would be considered very high risk. Having had a caesarean section does not make a patient very high risk.

### GENETIC TESTING IN PREGNANCY

Some genetic diseases are more common to people of certain race, ethnicity of family backgrounds. Please refer to the following sheet for details. We recommend testing (and possible referral to a genetic counsellor or perinatologist) for families with a history of genetic diseases, certain backgrounds, and especially those of Ashkenazi-Jewish descent

I understand and agree to abide by all of the above policies.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### HIV TESTING NOTIFICATION / CONSENT

It is recommended, and required by law, that all pregnant women be offered a blood test for HIV / AIDS. HIV is transmitted by contact with HIV infected blood or bodily fluids (semen, saliva, breast milk), or to a child during pregnancy and delivery. You can be HIV positive and have no symptoms. You are at higher risk to have caught HIV / AIDS if you have ever received a blood transfusion, used IV drugs, had multiple sexual partners, or had sex with a gay or bisexual man, or a man who ever used IV drugs, or a man with HIV / AIDS. **If you are HIV positive, there are medicines you can take that will drastically lower the risk of passing HIV to your unborn child. Our office strongly recommends HIV / AIDS testing, even if you have tested negative in the past.**

I wish to have HIV / AIDS testing. (signature and date) \_\_\_\_\_  
OR  I decline HIV / AIDS testing. (signature and date) \_\_\_\_\_

## GENETIC DISEASE “CARRIER” SCREENING / TESTING CONSENT (2024)

- "Genetic diseases" are illnesses that are inherited from parent to child, and hence "run in families".
- You can be a "carrier" for a genetic disease without having symptoms.
- If two "genetic carriers" have a child together, the child may then have the disease.
- If both parents test positive for a genetic disease, the fetus can be tested with amniocentesis or CVS.
- If you have already been tested for genetic diseases, you never need to be tested again. The results will not change.
- Genetic testing is recommended and is covered by most insurance companies as a part of routine pregnancy.

Some of the more “common” genetic diseases are listed below:

### CYSTIC FIBROSIS TESTING

Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease which causes severe lung and intestinal disease, and death. A person can be a “carrier” of the cystic fibrosis gene and have no symptoms. The risk of being a carrier is about 1/700. If *both parents* are carriers, the baby has a 25% chance to have cystic fibrosis. The risk of cystic fibrosis is higher in Caucasian (White), French Canadian, and Eastern European Jewish backgrounds.

### SICKLE CELL DISEASE

Sickle cell disease is a genetic disease which causes severe anemia, stillbirth, stroke, heart attack, death, and a painful "crisis" in the arms or legs from lack of oxygen. In sickle cell patients, the red blood cells are sickle or crescent shaped, carry less oxygen, and can get stuck in small blood vessels. A carrier has "sickle cell trait" with milder symptoms. If *both parents* are carriers, the baby has a 25% chance to have sickle cell disease. The risk of sickle cell is higher in African, African American, Mediterranean, South and Central American, Caribbean, and Middle Eastern backgrounds.

### TAY-SACHS TESTING

Tay-Sachs is a genetic disease (due to a defective gene on chromosome 15) which causes nerve / brain damage to the fetus (during pregnancy). Symptoms appear by a few months of age and the child usually dies by age 5. A person can be a “carrier” of the Tay-Sachs gene and have no symptoms. If *both parents* are carriers, the baby has a 25% chance to have Tay-Sachs. The risk of Tay-Sachs is higher in Eastern European Jewish, Cajun, and French-Canadian backgrounds.

### ALPHA-THALASSEMIA and/or BETA-THALASSEMIA

Thalassemia is a genetic disease which causes anemia (mild to severe). Red blood cells use hemoglobin to carry oxygen. Hemoglobin is made of alpha and beta globin chains, which are defective or absent in thalassemia. Thalassemia is more complicated than other genetic diseases because more genes involved. A person can be a “carrier” of thalassemia and have no symptoms, or have thalassemia "minor" (with mild anemia). If *both parents* carry defective genes, the baby can develop thalassemia "major", with stillbirth, severe anemia and death. The risk of thalassemia is higher in Chinese, Pilipino, Taiwanese, and African / African American (also Middle Eastern for alpha thalassemia and Mediterranean, Italian, Greek for beta-thalassemia) backgrounds.

### SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY (SMA)

SMA is a genetic disease which causes worsening muscle weakness, paralysis and death, due to damage in the motor nerves that control muscle movement. A baby with SMA may not be able to crawl, sit, walk, or (in severe cases) swallow or breathe. The risk of being a carrier is 1/80. If *both parents* are carriers, the baby has a 25% chance to have SMA.

Basic pregnancy genetic carrier screening checks to see if you are a carrier for any of the conditions listed above, and also for Fragile X syndrome, Bloom syndrome, Canavan Syndrome, DLD, Familial dysautonomia, Familial hyperinsulinism, Fanconi anemia,, Gaucher disease, Glycogen Storage Disease, Joubert syndrome, Maple Syrup urine disease, mucopolipidosis, Nemaline myopathy, Nieman-Pick disease, Usher syndrome, and Walker-Warburg muscular dystrophy. If you have a family history of other genetic diseases (not listed above) please inform your doctor / nurse practitioner. More extensive screening is also available, but is not done automatically with routine pregnancy care.

- I wish to have testing for genetic diseases. (signature and date) \_\_\_\_\_  
- OR -  I decline testing for genetic diseases. (signature and date) \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Remember – This is testing to see if YOU are a carrier of genetic diseases that you could pass on to your baby. This is different from testing the fetus for chromosomal abnormalities (like Down’s syndrome).

Welcome to Amber Health Care for Women

www.AmberHealthCareforWomen.com

Our office is currently accepting a limited number of new patients. We are seeing patients for annual exams, treatment of abnormal pap smears, birth control, low-risk pregnancy, vaginal rejuvenation, endometrial ablation, and many gynecologic conditions such as menopause and heavy periods.

Please complete all the forms in the new patient packet and mail, fax, or bring them to the office, along with a copy of your insurance card (front and back). Our office will review them and call you to schedule an appointment. Please refer to our website to see if we are a provider on your medical insurance plan. We are not accepting Medicare, Medical, or PHP.

1) What do you need to be seen for?: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2) Have you been treated for this problem in the past? If yes, what doctor, when, and how?  
Have you had any gynecologic surgeries? If yes, what doctor, when, and what surgery?  
If yes, please download a release of medical records form and fax it / mail it to your old doctor.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3) Have you been seen in our office in the past? If yes, what year / under what name?  
\_\_\_\_\_

4) What is your Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Control Method: \_\_\_\_\_

5) Are you planning to get pregnant? \_\_\_\_\_

6) When was your last pap smear and was it normal? \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE SOME CONDITIONS THAT OUR OFFICE DOES NOT TREAT.**

Our office does NOT provide care for pediatric patients (under the age of 16).

For pregnancy: Our office does NOT perform abortions, treat infertility, provide care for midwife patients, perform VBACs, or provide prenatal care for very high-risk patients, including: Patients with pre-pregnancy diabetes, seizure disorder, chronic high blood pressure, lupus, severe obesity, large fibroids, triplet pregnancy, or patients taking chronic blood thinners, suboxone, methadone, marijuana or other illicit drugs.

For gynecology: Our office does NOT treat cancer, bladder or rectal incontinence, interstitial cystitis, vaginal mesh erosions, vulvodynia / vestibular vulvitis, desquamative vaginitis, severe endometriosis, perform surgery on high-risk patients, or do pessary care, Essure coil placement / removal, or sexual assault / rape exams.

Our office is NOT a primary care office or walk-in clinic. We do NOT provide care for chronic medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, thyroid disease, hemorrhoids) or for acute medical conditions (such as kidney stones, rashes, flu). We do NOT perform COVID19 testing.

Our office does NOT provide emergency care services or offer same-day appointments.

**PERSONAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL HISTORY**

- Yes / No Have YOU ever had the following?
- hyperthyroid (high)
  - hypothyroid (low)
  - diabetes
  - glaucoma
  - bladder interstitial cystitis
  - frequent bladder infections
  - kidney infections
  - kidney stones
  - kidney failure
  - migraine headaches
  - anemia
  - varicose veins or superficial thrombophlebitis
  - deep venous thrombosis (DVT) - blood clots in legs
  - pulmonary embolus (PE) - blood clots in lungs
  - systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)
  - anti-phospholipid antibody syndrome
  - seizures / epilepsy
  - arthritis
  - asthma
  - COPD
  - sleep apnea
  - gastric bypass surgery
  - gastric reflux / GERD
  - hiatal hernia
  - liver cirrhosis
  - gallstones
  - irritable bowel disease
  - ulcers (stomach or intestines)
  - Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis
  - diverticulosis or diverticulitis
  - eating disorder: anorexia or bulimia
  - alcoholism or drug abuse
  - clinical depression
  - anxiety disorder, panic attacks, or bipolar disorder
  - osteopenia or osteoporosis
  - mitral valve prolapse or other valvular disease
  - coronary artery disease or heart attack
  - high cholesterol
  - high blood pressure / hypertension
  - stroke
  - skin disease: psoriasis or eczema
  - skin disease: lichen sclerosus
  - fibrocystic breast disease / dense breasts
  - breast cancer
  - ovarian cancer
  - colon cancer
  - other cancer
  - infertility
  - uterine fibroids
  - endometriosis
  - polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS)
  - abnormal pap smear (how treated?)
  - other chronic or serious illness:
  - Have you ever been sexually abused or raped?
  - Have you ever had a blood transfusion?
  - Have you ever gastric bypass surgery?
  - Are you a Jehovahs Witness who refuses blood products?

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE HISTORY** Have YOU ever had:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| Yes / No   | Yes / No  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> chicken pox  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> scarlet fever       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> shingles   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> hepatitis           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> COVID  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> positive PPD test   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> tuberculosis (TB)  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> MRSA skin infection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> rheumatic fever / german measles   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> measles, mumps, rubella, polio, malaria, or yellow fever   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Have you been vaccinated for <input type="checkbox"/> HPV / <input type="checkbox"/> HepB / <input type="checkbox"/> TB? |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> STDs : <input type="checkbox"/> Gonorrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Chlamydia <input type="checkbox"/> PID                |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> HIV / AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> Trichomonas <input type="checkbox"/> syphilis  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Herpes <input type="checkbox"/> genital warts <input type="checkbox"/> HPV on pap smear                                  |   |

**FAMILY HISTORY** If yes, which relative and age when diagnosed?

- Yes / No
- DVT or PE (blood clots in the legs or lungs)
  - stroke or heart attack before age 60
  - diabetes
  - high cholesterol
  - high blood pressure
  - osteoporosis
  - breast cancer
  - ovarian cancer
  - colon cancer
  - other cancer

**GENETIC HISTORY** Do you or your family have any of the following?

- Yes / No
- Factor 5 Leiden mutation or other "clotting" diseases
  - Factor 8 vonWillebrand deficiency or "bleeding" diseases
  - Alpha or Beta thalassemia or sickle cell trait or disease
  - Huntington chorea
  - muscular dystrophy

**PREGNANCY HISTORY**

- |                                       |                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| _____ total number of pregnancies     | _____ miscarriages    |
| _____ full term births (after 37 wks) | _____ stillbirth      |
| _____ preterm birth (before 37 wks)   | _____ abortions       |
| _____ tubal / ectopic pregnancies     | _____ living children |

Date of birth	Term or preterm?	vaginal or cesarean?	Baby's sex	Baby's weight	Complications?

Yes / No **SURGERY HISTORY** If yes, what surgery and what year?

- Have you had any surgeries?

**REVIEW OF SYSTEMS**

\*\* Please fill in every box and answer every question. \*\*

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Please inform the front office if there have been any changes to your address, phone numbers, insurance, employment, or marital status.

What is the reason for your visit?

Yes /  No Do you have an Advanced Health Care Directive (AHCD)? If not, would you like information on AHCD?  Yes /  No

1) CONSTITUTIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> fever <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> weight loss <input type="checkbox"/> weight gain <input type="checkbox"/> fatigue <input type="checkbox"/> sleep problems <input type="checkbox"/> loss of appetite	5) ALLERGIC <input type="checkbox"/> latex allergy <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> betadine allergy <input type="checkbox"/> sinus drainage <input type="checkbox"/> sneezing <input type="checkbox"/> hay fever <input type="checkbox"/> hives / swelling	8) MUSCULOSKELETAL <input type="checkbox"/> joint pain <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> muscle weakness	12) RESPIRATORY <input type="checkbox"/> wheezing <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> cough <input type="checkbox"/> coughing blood <input type="checkbox"/> shortness of breath <input type="checkbox"/> painful breathing
2) PSYCHIATRIC <input type="checkbox"/> severe depression <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> severe anxiety	6) ENDOCRINE <input type="checkbox"/> heat intolerance <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> cold intolerance <input type="checkbox"/> excessive hair loss <input type="checkbox"/> excessive hair growth	9) EARS - NOSE - THROAT <input type="checkbox"/> ear pain <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> hearing loss <input type="checkbox"/> ringing in your ears <input type="checkbox"/> sore throat <input type="checkbox"/> nose bleeds <input type="checkbox"/> cold sores	13) GASTROINTESTINAL <input type="checkbox"/> bloating / gas <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> diarrhea <input type="checkbox"/> constipation <input type="checkbox"/> abdominal pain <input type="checkbox"/> bloody stool or black stool <input type="checkbox"/> indigestion / reflux <input type="checkbox"/> nausea / vomiting <input type="checkbox"/> jaundice (yellow skin)
3) EYES <input type="checkbox"/> visual problems <input type="checkbox"/> none	7) BREASTS - SKIN <input type="checkbox"/> breast pain <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> breast lumps <input type="checkbox"/> breast discharge <input type="checkbox"/> dry or scaly skin <input type="checkbox"/> rashes / itching <input type="checkbox"/> skin ulcers or lesions <input type="checkbox"/> acne	10) HEME - LYMPHATIC <input type="checkbox"/> bruising easily <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> bleeding easily <input type="checkbox"/> painful varicose veins <input type="checkbox"/> swollen glands / lymph nodes	14) GU - URINARY <input type="checkbox"/> bloody urine <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> frequent urination <input type="checkbox"/> urgent urination <input type="checkbox"/> painful urination <input type="checkbox"/> incomplete bladder emptying <input type="checkbox"/> incontinence of urine
4) NEUROLOGIC <input type="checkbox"/> headache <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> seizures <input type="checkbox"/> fainting or dizziness <input type="checkbox"/> memory loss <input type="checkbox"/> trouble walking <input type="checkbox"/> numbness		11) CARDIOVASCULAR <input type="checkbox"/> chest pain <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> palpitations <input type="checkbox"/> leg swelling <input type="checkbox"/> need to sleep propped up <input type="checkbox"/> short of breath with activity	

What pharmacy do you use?

GU - GYNECOLOGY <input type="checkbox"/> pelvic pain <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> low libido (sex drive) <input type="checkbox"/> vaginal itching <input type="checkbox"/> vaginal discharge <input type="checkbox"/> vaginal odor <input type="checkbox"/> abnormal bleeding	Menopause symptoms <input type="checkbox"/> mood swings <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> hot flashes or night sweats <input type="checkbox"/> vaginal dryness
PMS: occurring every month, but only 1-2 weeks before your period <input type="checkbox"/> anxiety <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> depression <input type="checkbox"/> irritability / anger <input type="checkbox"/> social withdrawal <input type="checkbox"/> headache <input type="checkbox"/> breast pain <input type="checkbox"/> bloating or swelling	Birth Control Method (current) <input type="checkbox"/> tubes tied <input type="checkbox"/> none <input type="checkbox"/> vasectomy <input type="checkbox"/> withdrawal ("pulling out") <input type="checkbox"/> rhythm / natural family planning <input type="checkbox"/> condoms <input type="checkbox"/> IUD <input type="checkbox"/> DepoProvera injections <input type="checkbox"/> vaginal ring <input type="checkbox"/> birth control patch <input type="checkbox"/> birth control pills <input type="checkbox"/> Nexplanon rod (arm insert)

Yes / No

- /  Would you like to be tested for sexually transmitted diseases?
- /  Do you feel UNSAFE where you live?
- /  In the past year, have you felt the urge to physically hurt yourself or committ suicide?
- /  In the last year, have you been threatened, slapped, hit, kicked or forced to perform sexual acts without your consent?

When was your last period? \_\_\_\_\_ *If having periods:*

How often do you have a period? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How many days do your periods last? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Describe your bleeding:  light  moderate  heavy  
 Describe your menstrual cramps:  mild  moderate  severe

Yes / No

- /  Do you ever skip periods?
- /  Do you have bleeding in between your periods?
- /  Do you soak through to your clothes?
- /  Do you pass blood clots? How large? \_\_\_\_\_
- /  Do your periods limit your activities?

Yes / No

- /  Are you currently breast feeding?
- /  Do you do self breast exams? If yes, how often? \_\_\_\_\_
- /  Are you sexually active? *If sexually active:*
- /  Do you have pain with sex?
- /  Do you have bleeding with sex?
- /  Do you use condoms?
- /  Do you currently have more than one sexual partner?  
Are your sexual partners:  male  female  both

**SOCIAL HISTORY**

What is your current job?

What is your current marital status?

Yes / No If yes, how much / how often?

- /  exercise?
- /  caffeine? (colas / coffee / tea)
- /  alcohol?
- /  tobacco / vaping?
- /  marijuana?
- /  street drugs?

Yes / No For Returning Patients: (If yes, please detail)

- /  Have you developed any new medical conditions?
- /  Have you had any surgeries, serious illness, or injuries?

**ALLERGIES:**  Yes /  No Are you allergic to any medicines, any foods, latex, adhesive tape, or x-ray dye? If yes please detail.

**MEDICATIONS**

Yes / No If yes, how much / how often?

- /  Do you take any prescription and over-the-counter medicines?
- /  Do you take other herbs or supplements?
- /  Do you take calcium or other vitamins?

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL RECOMMENDATIONS

**Annual physical exams** – Every woman should have a full physical exam once a year, to do a physical exam, review your health, family history, medications, risks, and recommended screening tests. An OB-GYN specialist treats issues such as birth control, pregnancy, PMS, menopause, and heavy or painful periods. If a woman has medical or psychiatric problems, she should also be under the care of an internist, family practice doctor, and/or psychiatrist.

**Pap smears** – A pap smear looks for cervical cancer and pre-cancer (called dysplasia). In many parts of the world, cervical cancer is the # 1 cancer, but it is rare in the US because of screening with pap smears. Symptoms of cervical cancer include pain, discharge, and bleeding after sex. Pre-cancer may have no symptoms. There are different opinions about how often a woman should have a pap smear. We recommend a yearly pap smear for most women ages 21-64.

**Mammograms** – Breast cancer and lung cancer are tied for # 1 cancer in women in the US -- The lifetime risk of developing breast cancer is 12% (1 in 8). A mammogram looks for breast cancer – specifically, for “early detection”, to catch it when it is very small, which makes it easier to treat. We recommend a yearly mammogram for women age 40 and older.

**Colonoscopy** – Colon cancer is the #2 cause of cancer (and cancer deaths) in women in the US -- The lifetime risk of developing colon cancer is 5% (1 in 20). A colonoscopy looks for colon cancer and precancerous colon polyps. A slim, long fiber-optic camera is inserted into the rectum to look at the inside of the colon (the large intestine). Symptoms of colon cancer include constipation, pain, and rectal bleeding, but some cancers have no symptoms at early stages. Some women choose to screen with a home-collected stool specimen every 3 years, starting at age 45. We recommend a screening colonoscopy, every 10 years, starting at the age of 50.

**Dexascan** – A Dexascan is a special x-ray of the spine and hips that looks for osteoporosis (a dangerous thinning of the bones). Osteoporosis is a “silent” disease, with no symptoms until it reaches causes a hunched back or broken bones. A Dexascan should be done periodically in all post-menopausal women, starting at age 65 and earlier in patients with risk factors.

**STD testing and condom use** – Abstinence from sex is the best way to prevent catching and spreading STDs (sexually transmitted diseases), such as HIV, herpes, genital warts, syphilis, Chlamydia, gonorrhea and hepatitis. Some STDs (like HIV and hepatitis) can also be spread by blood (from transfusions, needle sticks or IV drug abuse). Using a condom during sex lowers the risk of catching an STD. Ask for an STD check if you would like to be tested.

**Smoking** –Lung cancer is tied with breast cancer for the tied for # 1 cancer in women in the US and is the # 1 cause of cancer deaths. Smoking kills people. Smoking also causes heart attacks and strokes (the # 1 cause of death in the US), lung damage (emphysema and COPD), and many cancers, including mouth, throat, tongue, lung, stomach, kidney, bladder, breast and cervix. Smoking in pregnancy can cause miscarriage, preterm labor, a growth-retarded baby, and stillbirth from placental abruption. Smoking around kids causes SIDS (crib death) and asthma. Do not smoke. If you smoke, ask your doctor to help you quit.

I have read the above and understood the recommendations underlined.

Patient Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

**Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices and  
Authorization to Disclose Health Information and / or Leave Electronic Messages**

Under the Patient Privacy Act, the use and disclosure of a patient's private health information is limited to strictly defined situations. These are explained in our NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES, which is available for review or copy in our waiting room, and available for download from our practice website. I hereby acknowledge that I have been given the opportunity to read the Notice of Privacy Practices.

Patient signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: It is our general office policy to notify our patients by phone for:

- 1) for all biopsy results (normal or abnormal)
- 2) for CT scans, MRIs, ultrasounds (normal or abnormal)
- 3) for abnormal pap smears, abnormal labs, and abnormal mammograms
- 4) for results that necessitate further testing or treatment
- 5) for lab problems that necessitate repeat testing (such as an inadequate specimen)

For normal pap smears, normal lab tests, normal mammograms, patients can access their test results by creating a patient portal with the facility that performed the test (MD Imaging, North Valley Breast Clinic, LabCorp, Quest Labs). Our pap smears are sent to Quest Laboratories (2024).

Our office cannot disclose a patient's private health information to ANYONE other than the patient, except as explained in the Notice of Privacy Practices, without the patient's written permission.

Please indicate **if you would like us to be able to speak to your family members or spouse.**

I authorize Amber Health Care for Women to release any information regarding my healthcare (including test results and appointment information) to the following person(s).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**-OR-**

I **DO NOT WISH** Amber Health Care for Women to release any information regarding my healthcare (including test results and appointment information) to any individual other than myself.

Patient signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize Amber Health Care for Women to leave electronic messages regarding test results on my answering machine or my voicemail. We cannot guarantee that such information will not be inadvertently overheard by others.

**-OR-**

I **DO NOT WISH** Amber Health Care for Women to leave any messages regarding test results on my answering machine or my voicemail.

Patient signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_



## PATIENT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION (UPDATED 3/2024)

Please provide your current insurance card and your driver's license to the receptionist to photocopy. Please inform us at every visit if there have been updates to your insurance or demographic information. Forms and office policies are available for download at [Amberhealthcareforwomen.com](http://Amberhealthcareforwomen.com)

Patient Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Maiden Name

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address P.O./Box/Street City State Zip Code

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred phone number for us to call:  Home  Work  Cell

Primary Care Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Pharmacy: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Married  Single  Divorced  Widowed

Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest relative not living with you: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our practice?  Website  Word of Mouth  Doctor referral  Other:  
 Insurance Provider List  Practice Brochure  Magazine Ad  Dignity Physician Referral Line  Facebook

Person responsible for this account:  Self  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder's Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Holder's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No Do you have a secondary insurance? Secondary Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCIAL POLICIES AND ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS

I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges for services rendered. I understand that Dr. Cheryl Serr / Amber Health Care for Women will bill my insurance plan and bill me for any remaining balance - such as charges applied towards my deductible or co-pays, and for services not covered by my insurance plan. I hereby give lifetime authorization for payment of insurance or Medicare benefits to be directly to Dr. Serr for services rendered. I understand and agree to abide by the following practice policies: Co-payments are due at time of service; delinquent balances that remain unpaid beyond 30 days may be assigned late-fee service charge (not to exceed the maximum rate permissible by law); delinquent balances that remain unpaid beyond 90 days will be assigned to a collections agency; patients who are assigned to collections will be dismissed from the practice; **the practice reserves the right to charge up to a \$150 fee to patients who "no-show" to appointments or cancel with less than 24 hours notice.** In the event of default, I agree to pay all costs of collection and reasonable attorney's fees. I further agree that a photocopy of this agreement shall be as valid as the original.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient / Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_