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Cystic Fibrosis Carrier Testing Informed Consent/Decline

You should be certain you understand the six items listed below. If you are not certain about any of them, please ask your health care provider to explain them further before signing this form accepting or declining CF carrier testing.

What is Cystic Fibrosis? Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is an inherited disease that results from mutations in a gene called "CFTR". Although severity varies, affected patients may have both lung disease and impaired digestion, as well as problems in other organ systems.

1. I understand that the decision to be tested for CF carrier status is completely mine.
2. I understand that the test does not detect all CF carriers.
3. I understand that if I am a carrier, testing the baby's father will help me learn more about the chance that my baby could have CF.
4. I understand that if one parent is a carrier and the other is not, it is still possible that the baby will have CF, but that the chance of this is very small.
5. I understand that if both parents are carriers, additional testing can be done in order to know whether or not the baby will have CF.
6. I understand that if the baby has inherited a changed CF gene from each parent, the only way to avoid the birth of a baby with CF is by terminating the pregnancy.

I have read and understand the above information. I also understand it is my responsibility to check with my insurance company regarding possible coverage, since payment for the testing is ultimately my responsibility.

Patient Signature: _____ I do not want CF carrier testing
 I want CF carrier testing

Partner/Spouse Signature: _____ I do not want CF carrier testing
 I want CF carrier testing

Witness: _____

Date: _____