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Diagnostic ultrasound (sonography) uses sound waves to provide a visual picture of the fetus, placenta and amniotic fluid.

At present there are no known dangers to the mother or fetus associated with the use of diagnostic ultrasound.

Diagnostic ultrasound has been successfully utilized for prenatal detection of a limited number of congenital disorders including certain neural tube (brain and spinal column) defects, structural malformations of the renal (kidney and bladder) system and limb reduction defects. One of more birth defects can often be detected in chromosomally abnormal fetuses (such as Down syndrome). While ultrasound can detect fetal malformations found in the chromosomal abnormalities, it should be emphasized that normal sonographic findings do not rule out the possibility of a genetic disorder.

The absolute reliability of ultrasound to detect these and other fetal malformations is unknown at present. Ultrasound at this or any stage of pregnancy cannot rule out the presence of all birth defects and cannot guarantee the birth of a normal child.

I also understand that this procedure may be repeated during this pregnancy as is deemed medically necessary at the discretion of my physician and that the same limitations, risks and benefits apply with each procedure.

Authorization:

I have read the above and understand and accept the limitations associated with diagnostic ultrasound and it's potential to prenatally detect fetal malformations, and fetal chromosome abnormalities.

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Signature of Patient

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Date