Notice about New Patient Informed Consent

Patients "Initiating Treatment" and Patients "Getting Ready for Treatment"

The Center for Women's Reproductive Care has implemented <u>annual</u> informed patient consent forms to replace the previous multiple consents distributed throughout the year for each separate treatment cycle. This system avoids the need for repetitive informed consents over an extended period for each treatment cycle and will simplify your care at the Center. The system ensures that patients have an opportunity to review questions regarding their treatment with a physician. The annual consent forms will be utilized by both patients who are not currently in treatment and those currently in treatment cycles (see below). Attached, you will find the *Intrauterine Insemination* and the *In Vitro Fertilization* annual consent forms to be signed by patients. Whether you need to sign one or both consents will be determined by your physician approved treatment plan.

All parties (singles, partners, spouses, etc.) involved in the planned treatment over the coming year need to schedule together a brief (15-minute) "informed consent" appointment with any of our physicians to review and sign these informed consent forms. The signed informed consent covers all treatment for the following twelve months. If you wish to review your previous treatment outcomes or the results of your checklist testing during the informed consent consultation, you will need to schedule a 45 minute consultation. This appointment can be with either your primary physician or one of our other physicians in order to complete the consents and answer your questions. Please schedule your informed consent appointments with the reception staff.

Special Notice for Patients Initiating Treatment Cycles

If you have arrived today on day two of your period to initiate a treatment cycle you will need to schedule a brief (15 minute) "informed consent" appointment with any of our physicians to review and sign these informed consent forms. The annual consent forms will need to be completed on or before the 5th day of your treatment cycle. *If you do not schedule this appointment as instructed, you will not receive a Billing Clearance Card for treatment beyond this point.* Please schedule your brief appointment with our reception staff. Our social workers are available to ensure that your brief (15 minute) "informed consent" appointment is scheduled on an expedited and priority basis. All parties (singles, partners, spouses, etc.) involved in the planned treatment over the coming year need to be present together in the office to sign these consent forms. *It is important that you first read the consents before arriving at the office for your scheduled "informed consent" appointment and bring the consent(s) with you to your appointment, but do not sign them until your consultation.*