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Patient Refusal  
Maternal Serum Screening for Birth Defects

I have been given the opportunity to have the following test and or procedure:

Maternal Serum Screening for Birth Defects

I understand this test is usually offered for the following reason: pregnant women at low risk for these defects see if they are actually at a higher risk than expected for these defects.

I (my infant) may be at risk for Down's Syndrome and open fetal defects.

I have received the following printed information on this test entitled "Maternal Serum Screening for Birth Defects" published by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists. I have read the information provided me and have had all my questions answered to my satisfaction.

Benefits and Risks:

Benefit: may find out before baby is born if it has birth defects.

Risks: only that the drawing a tube of blood from your arm, slight risk of bruising, infection, injury to internal structures of the arm.

Risks if not performed: may miss the opportunity to find out before the baby is born if my child has the defects:

The risk and benefits of the above procedure(s) have been explained to me as well as the risk of NOT having the procedure(s) performed. I understand the risks to me and my unborn child as a result of declining the procedure(s) and still choose to refuse the above procedure(s).

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Signature of Patient

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