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Informed Consent for Ultrasound Guided Transrectal Needle Biopsy of the Prostate

Because of an elevated PSA (blood test that screens for prostate cancer), or abnormal consistency, or nodule noted when your prostate gland was examined via your rectum, or because of findings noted on ultrasound of your prostate (or a combination of the above findings), it is necessary for Dr. Stacy Childs or Dr. Jamie VanOveren to take needle samples of the prostate tissue by placing a needle through the rectum into the prostate gland using an ultrasound imaging system to guide the needle. In order to cover all necessary areas within the prostate, this may require up to twelve (12) individual needle penetrations of the prostate.

The discomfort associated with this procedure is considered mild. You should be aware that there are three possible complications to this procedure. The first complication is infection. This could be an infection of the wall of the rectum, within the prostate gland, or could take the form of a diffuse infection throughout your entire blood stream. Because of this potential, you have been given a prescription or sample of antibiotic pills. If you take the antibiotic pills as instructed, there is little chance of infection, but even so, you need to be aware of early symptoms of infection so that you can call the doctor immediately if you experience any of these symptoms (fever, sweats, chills, generally not feeling well, or extreme pain in the rectum several hours after the procedure). The second possible complication is bleeding from the rectum or blood in the urine. A few drops of blood from the rectum, or some blood in the urine is not unusual, but if you experience continued blood in the urine or blood from the rectum for more than four days you need to contact the doctor immediately. The third possible complication is that of blood in the semen (sperm). This complication occurs occasionally and does not produce any long-term sexual dysfunction but may last up to several weeks. Blood in the semen is not associated with any pain or any other significant abnormality.

I, _____ (**PrintName**) have read and understand the above informed consent form and have had the opportunity to discuss this consent form with Dr. Childs/ Dr. VanOveren. I agree to have the needle biopsy of my prostate performed as outlined above.

Patient _____ Date/Time _____
 (**Sign Name**)

Witness _____ Date/Time _____

Physician _____ Date/Time _____