

### CONSENT FOR INSERTION OF AN IUD OR IUS

I have received all the information concerning the Copper IUD or Progestin/Hormonal IUS, including: its use, its advantages, its risks and its adverse events.

**While I understand that IUDs and IUS' are safe and effective, I also understand that they are not without some risks, and may be associated with:**

**Infection:** 0.5% (quoted range 0-5%). Following the insertion of an IUD or IUS it is rare to have an infection of the uterus, usually caused by a pre-existing infection. Screening for sexually transmitted infection may reduce, but does not eliminate, the risk of infection. Serious infection requiring IUD removal or admission to hospital is rare.

**Expulsion:** 3-5%. Sometimes, the IUD or IUS may partially or totally come out of your uterus. If this occurs, you may become pregnant. Regular string checks will help to detect an expulsion, which usually occurs in the first 3 months.

\* If the IUD or IUS is inserted immediately after an abortion, especially if it is a 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester abortion, the risk of expulsion may be a little higher.

**Perforation:** Very rarely (1 case out 700 insertions), the IUD or IUS may be pushed within the uterus wall or through the uterus wall in the abdominal cavity at the time of insertion. This may require replacement of the IUD or, in some cases, surgery.

**Failure:** 0.8% Copper IUD, 0.2% Hormonal IUS. No method of contraception is 100% effective. I understand that if I become pregnant during the IUD or IUS use, I will need to consult a physician as soon as possible. The risk of ectopic pregnancy is higher if I become pregnant with an IUD or IUS (overall, you are less likely to get an ectopic than women without an IUD or IUS). Also, if pregnancy occurs, the IUD or IUS must be removed as soon as possible.

**I am aware of the information and advice to follow after the insertion of the IUD or IUS.**

Patient's signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_