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## Patient Consent Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for the use of my personal (including medical) information for the purpose of publishing in the *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Canada*, the “case report,” which I have read.

I have been given the opportunity to ask questions regarding my anonymity and the confidentiality of my personal information.

I understand that the original signed consent form will remain on either my hospital chart or my chart in the physician’s office.

I have read the “Protection of Patients’ Rights to Privacy” as published by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), in the *Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals*.

I am aware that efforts will be made to maintain my confidentiality in any publication.

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Signature

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Date

# Protection of Patients' Rights to Privacy

Patients have a right to privacy that should not be infringed without informed consent. Identifying information should not be published in written descriptions, photographs, and pedigrees unless the information is essential for scientific purposes and the patient (or parent or guardian) gives written informed consent for publication. Informed consent for this purpose requires that the patient be shown the manuscript to be published. Authors should disclose to these patients whether any potential identifiable material might be available via the Internet as well as in print after publication.

Identifying detail should be omitted if they are not essential, but patient data should never be altered or falsified in an attempt to attain anonymity. Complete anonymity is difficult to achieve, and informed consent should be obtained if there is any doubt. For example, masking the eye region in photographs of patients is inadequate protection of anonymity.

In the interests of maintaining patient privacy, authors are asked NOT to send the completed patient consent form to JOGC. Instead, they should provide JOGC with a written statement attesting that they have received and archived written patient consent in accordance with these guidelines.

Adapted from the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, *Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals*, updated 2009