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Patient Permission Form (Next of Kin)

I, [shielded name] _____, give permission for the use of personal (including medical) information about [shielded name], my _____ [mother/daughter/sister/aunt/_____] 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 _____’s anonymity and the confidentiality of her personal information.

I understand that my name and the name of my _____ will be shielded on the copy of this consent form faxed to the Editorial Office of the *Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Canada*, while the original signed consent form will remain on either my _____’s hospital chart or her 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 _____’s confidentiality in any publication.

Signature

Date

[signature to be shielded on the copy sent to *JOGC* editorial office]

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 Identifying information should not be published in written descriptions, photographs, and pedigrees unless the information is essential for scientific purposes and the patient (or parent or guardian) gives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.

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.

-- from the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors, *Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals*, updated October 2001