

Student Participation

MIDWIFERY CONSENT / REFUSAL FORM

Training the next generation of traditional trained home birth midwives is a mission that this practice highly values. To that end, student participation is a part of our practice. Midwifery students come to us from a variety of schooling backgrounds, and we are delighted to integrate them into helping us provide care. When a student is new (a “green” student) they will likely start in an observational role. Over time, they will begin to assist us in conducting appointments as well as providing valuable assistance at births (“junior”). The goal for any student is that eventually they step into the role of “senior” student in which they conduct all appointments and act in a primary role at births, with your attending midwife as their supervisor.

Student midwives also work for the midwife in exchange for their clinical hours and are involved in all aspects of Birth & Biodynamic Midwifery’s business model. Furthermore, the students taken on by this practice have been gone thru extensive background checks and have superior experience as birth attendants some having attended hundreds of women in labor, serving as doulas, birth educators, nurses, etc

In some cases, we may have more than one student involved in your care. While there will not be two senior students acting as “primary” together, senior, junior, and green students often benefit from collegial opportunities working as a team. Having students involved in your care is the standard, and should you choose to decline student care, you may incur extra fees. That said, we always want you to be comfortable with everyone on your care team. Please speak to us directly if you have any concerns about a student’s involvement in your care.

Your Choices:

I have read this handout about Student Participation in Care and have discussed it with my midwife, as well as done my own research. I feel as though I am able to make an informed decision and have chosen:

To consent to having students involved in my care:

I allow the above student (s) to be involved in my care. I understand that they are under the supervision of my midwife, and I hold my midwife ultimately and entirely responsible for all care given by students. I further release the students who participate in my care of all liability for the outcome of my care. I understand I can speak to my midwife at anytime if have a concern about students involved in my care, and in such a conversation I may choose to withdraw my consent to student participation. However, any withdrawal of consent for students in my care, may result in extra fees should my midwife need to hire another midwife to assist her in place of the student. I further consent to the student (s) involved in my care to discuss details of my care with midwives and fellow students for learning purposes. I understand all identifying factors will be concealed to ensure my anonymity.

To decline to having students involved in my care:

I decline having students involved in my care and agree to the additional fee of \$700 to cover the costs of employing assistants for my midwife and/or this midwifery practice.

Pelvic Vaginal Exam Choices

Pelvic and vaginal examination is a valuable learning opportunity for student midwives. It is essential that students learn how to preform pelvic vaginal exams during pregnancy, labor, delivery and the postpartum time period during their clinical practicum. If you consent to having a student midwife take part in your care with us, you have a choice, as to if you want to allow students the valuable experience of preforming your pelvic exams. All student pelvic vaginal exams are always under guidance of the senior midwife. Unfortunately it is impossible to know if a student is proficient in pelvic exams without the preceptor also participating in the exam. While our practice tries to minimize pelvic vaginal exams as a whole, there are times our clients ask us for vaginal exams or it becomes a medical need to preform and can sometimes be helpful during labor. **A part of the consent to allowing a student preforming a pelvic vaginal exam is consenting to 2 pelvic vaginal exams. The procedure is as follows: the senior midwife will need to first preform the pelvic vaginal exam before allowing the student to preform the same pelvic vaginal exam.** This is in order to ensure correctness in information gathered during the exam. The señor midwife will always discuss procedure for pelvic vaginal exams to the client and consent for student involvement in pelvic vaginal exams can be removed at any time. For the purposes of this Consent Form, a “pelvic examination” means the series of tasks that comprise an examination of the vagina, cervix, uterus, fallopian tubes, ovaries, rectum, external pelvic tissue, or organs using any combination of modalities, which may include, but need not be limited to, the health care provider’s gloved hand or instrumentation.

I consent to having student participate in pelvic vaginal exams

I decline to have students participate in pelvic vaginal exams

Client Name (Print) _____ **Signature** _____

Today's Date _____