Videotaping of Labor & Birth

**General Instructions:**

- Secure your physician’s approval during your prenatal visits.
- Safety requires that video cameras be battery operated and prohibits the use of tripods and light sources not contained within the camera.
- Operators of video cameras will focus on immediate family members; any personnel not wishing to be taped will have their wishes respected.
- No consent is required when photographing or videotaping; however, your health care provider may restrict anyone from taking pictures at inappropriate moments.

**Labor-Delivery-Recovery Instructions:**

- Videotaping during your labor process is permitted except during invasive procedures (i.e. vaginal exams; IV starts; etc) or when any healthcare provider requests that taping cease.
- To ensure safety during baby’s delivery, video taping is not permitted during the actual birth.

**Operative Obstetrical (Cesarean Section) Room Instructions:**

- The circulating nurse will escort the camera operator to and from the infant warmer to ensure safety.
- Videotaping of the operation is not permitted; however, with the permission of all medical providers, the drape may be lowered to allow for taping the delivery of your baby.

**Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) and Examination/Triage Instructions:**

- Videotaping is permitted in the recovery area at your (the mother’s) desire and/or discretion of your health care providers.
- Videotaping is not permitted in the exam and triage rooms.