FEMCAP CONSENT

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Client Name

I understand that the FemCap works by covering the opening of the cervix and holding a sperm-killing cream or jelly (spermicide) in place. I understand that about 20-40% of women using the FemCap will become pregnant during the first year of use. I can increase the effectiveness of the cap by having my partner use condoms. The advantages of the FemCap include: It can be left in place for 48 hrs after sex. If I wish to discontinue use of this method, I just stop using it. If I do not wish to become pregnant, I must start using another method immediately.

I know that I need to do the following for the FemCap to work:

- Use it every time I have sex.
- Check to see that the cap is in place on the cervix before I have sex.
- Use spermicide with the cap.
- Leave the cap inside my vagina for at least 6 hours after the last time I have sex but for no longer than 48 hours.
- Check the cap before I use it before I use it to make sure it has no holes, cracks, weak spots or tears.

I understand that I should come back to the clinic and have the size of my FemCap checked after a pregnancy, an abortion or a miscarriage, or pelvic surgery. I understand that I should not use the FemCap during my period, when I have vaginal bleeding for any reason, or if I have unusual vaginal discharge or irritation.

I understand that problems or side effects of the FemCap include:

- Problems putting it in or taking it out.
- Allergy to the rubber or spermicide.
- Cap may come off during sex and I could get pregnant.
- Vaginal discharge, odor, or vaginal infections.

I understand that I should call the clinic immediately if I notice:

- Unusual vaginal discharge, itching, irritation, or frequent vaginal infections.
- Problems using the cap (falling off the cervix, pain, discomfort).
- Signs or symptoms of Toxic Shock Syndrome which include sudden high fever, vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, sore throat and aching muscles or rash (like a sunburn).

I understand that the Femcap and spermicde use is not recommended for women at high risk for HIV infection or who are HIV positive:

- **The use of the spermicide nonoxynol-9 may increase the risk for contracting HIV.**
- **The use of spermicids or the Femcap (with spermicide) may increase viral shedding and HIV transmission to uninfected partners.**

This acknowledges that I have been given the opportunity to review the information on this and other methods of birth control. I understand the risks and benefits of each method. I have had the opportunity to ask questions, and have had them answered to my satisfaction.

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Client's Signature **Date** **Staff Signature** **Date**

INTERPRETER'S STATEMENT

I have translated the information and advice presented orally to the client who has chosen a FemCap. I have also read this consent to her in a language she understands and explained its content to her. To the best of my knowledge and belief she understands this explanation and voluntarily consents to the use of the FemCap.

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Interpreter's Signature **Date**