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### **SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANT**

Every major surgery requires a surgical assistant in order to be performed safely. Fairfax OB-GYN Associates adheres strictly to the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology guidelines which state “competent surgical assistants should be available for all major obstetric and gynecological operations, including but not limited to Operative Laparoscopy, major abdominal and vaginal surgery, and Cesarean delivery.” An opinion rendered in August 2000 by a committee on Gynecological Practice and the committee on Obstetric Practice (number 240) stated, the “Primary surgeon’s judgment and prerogative in determining the number and qualifications of surgical assistants should be overruled by public or private third party payers. Surgical assistants should be appropriately compensated.” Elizabeth Goodiel, CRNFA is the surgical assistant Fairfax OB-GYN Associates prefers to use for their surgical procedures. She is the most credentialed and qualified surgical assistant available at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital. If you have questions about your surgical assistant, please ask your doctor. They are more than happy to explain what she specifically does during your surgery.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that if I were to have surgery or a cesarean section as a patient of Fairfax OB-GYN Associates, P.C., my surgery/cesarean section may require a first assistant in addition to my doctor. The first assistant is an out of network provider for all insurances. Should my insurance company deny full or partial payment of this charge, I am aware that I am responsible for payment of this charge.

I understand Elizabeth Goodiel, CRNFA is a non-participating provider with my insurance company.

I understand that Fairfax OB-GYN Associates, P.C. is a separate company from Elizabeth Goodiel, CRNFA and she will bill separately for her First Assistant fee.

I understand that if my insurance company denies full or partial payment I may arrange to make a payment plan on the balance by contacting Elizabeth Goodiel, CRNFA’s billing office at 703-327-8190 or by emailing her office at [goodielcrnfa@aol.com](mailto:goodielcrnfa@aol.com).

If I have any questions regarding this form, I understand that it is my responsibility to ask any questions prior to my surgery.

Failure to pay for services or adhere to payment arrangements will result in collection activity. All collection costs incurred by Elizabeth Goodiel, CRNFA, including attorney fees (at 33 1/3% of principal balance) will be the sole responsibility of the responsible party named herein.

I agree to abide by the terms of this consent.

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Patient or person legally responsible

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Date

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Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This form is given to you as a courtesy so you are aware of our policy regarding surgical first assistant fees. Just because you do not sign it, does not mean Elizabeth Goodiel, CRNFA will not be at your surgery and it will not mean you are not responsible for payment, so if you have questions, please talk to your doctor before your surgery. We urge you to contact your insurance company so you know exactly what your insurance plan covers.