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Blood Transfusions

Obstetrics and Gynecology is a medical specialty where patients can experience sudden and severe hemorrhage. This loss of blood can be very large and in these situations a blood transfusion can be lifesaving.

It is the policy of the physicians at CNY Women's Healthcare to administer blood transfusions unless absolutely medically necessary. Also, except in extreme emergencies, the reason for a transfusion would certainly be explained to the patient beforehand. *However, the physicians in this office could never agree to care for a patient who would refuse a blood transfusion under any circumstances.* To not allow a blood transfusion removes a valuable method of treatment and places the physician in the unacceptable ethical position of possibly having a patient die from hemorrhage whose life could have been saved by blood transfusion.

Therefore, before you can be seen as a patient at our office, we request that you sign our blood transfusions form indicating that blood transfusions are an acceptable form of treatment (copy of this policy is also in the binder given to you at check in).

**** A copy of this form is available upon request, please ask a receptionist ****

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