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REFUSAL of BLOOD and BLOOD DERIVATIVES

Hartford Hospital has created a Bloodless Medicine and Surgery Program (“Program”) so that you may receive treatment without the use of blood or blood derivatives.

The Program has been described to me and I have agreed to participate in the Program. I have had explained to me: (i) the reasonable foreseeable risks in my refusal to accept blood or blood derivatives, including that if I should refuse needed blood or blood derivatives in any form, my chances for regaining normal health are significantly reduced, and that, in all probability, my refusal of such treatment or procedure may significantly imperil my life and may result in my death; and (ii) the reasonable alternatives to the use of blood and blood derivatives and their reasonably foreseeable risks and potential benefits.

I understand that my choice to accept or decline the blood products listed in the attached Bloodless Medicine and Surgery Form will be enforced even if I am unconscious or unable to express my wishes due to medication or illness.

My wishes may be revoked by me or by my legally authorized Health Care Representative at any time, except to the extent that they have already been relied upon.

I affirm that I understand the purpose and potential benefits of the Program and that no guarantee has been made to me as to the results that may be obtained. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

Patient Initials: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____



BLOODLESS MEDICINE AND SURGERY

My wishes and directions regarding transfusion and treatment involving blood or blood derivatives as follows:

PROCEDURE / TREATMENT	INITIAL IF ACCEPT	INITIAL IF DECLINE
MAJOR BLOOD FRACTIONS or WHOLE BLOOD COMPONENTS		
Whole Blood Contains all elements of blood, used rarely to treat massive bleeding		
Red Blood Cells (Other Name: Erythrocytes) Cellular component of blood that carries oxygen from your lungs to your organs		
White Blood Cells (Other Name: Leukocytes) Cellular component of blood that protects the body against infection and disease		
Platelets (Other Name: Thrombocytes) Small pieces of cells that help your body make clots to prevent or stop bleeding		
Plasma (Other Name: Fresh Frozen Plasma) Liquid portion of whole blood, contains water, nutrients, clotting factors and albumin		
MINOR BLOOD FRACTIONS or FRACTIONATED BLOOD COMPONENTS		
Albumin The main protein in plasma (used to boost low blood pressure & trace amounts might be present in certain medications like erythropoietin)		
Antibodies (Other Name: Globulins, e.g., IV immunoglobulin, Rh immune globulin "Rho-gam") Proteins that the body makes to fight disease. Made from highly processed plasma		
Cryoprecipitate Mix of clotting factors made by removing most of the liquid part of plasma		
Clotting Factors made from plasma, used to stop bleeding or reverse effects of blood thinning medications		
Tissue Adhesives (Other Name: Biological Sealants) Contains clotting factors & applied directly to bleeding tissue during surgery		
MY OWN BLOOD IN A CLOSED SYSTEM		
Auto-Transfusion (Other Names: Cell Saver, OrthoPAT, Hemodilution) A closed system that collects the blood you lose during surgery and returns it to you		
Heart-Lung Machine (Other Name: Cardiopulmonary Bypass)		
Dialysis (Other Names: Hemodialysis or Renal Dialysis)		
RECOMBINANT PRODUCTS – manufactured proteins, do not come from blood		
Recombinant Clotting Factors Clotting factors manufactured with protein technology		
Recombinant Erythropoietin (Other Names: EPO, ESA) Hormone that tells bone marrow to make more red blood cells		

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____
(patient or legally authorized representative)

Print name: _____

Provider: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Interpreter responsible for explaining above: _____