

## ***When Signing Consent Forms or Contracts (#21)***

Listed below are some questions which can serve as a guide when signing consent forms or contracts related to infertility treatment or adoption.

1. Ask for clarification if you have questions about wording used in the form.
2. When possible, have a third party (spouse, friend, lawyer, etc.) review any forms before you sign them.
3. Ask how long a period of time the signed consent document will be applicable.
4. Use a pen, not pencil, to complete forms.
5. Answer all relevant questions; do not leave any questions blank. If a question is not relevant to your situation, write "NA" (not applicable).
6. Write your initials beside any changes made, for example, if you delete a word or phrase in the original document.
7. Always date the form when you sign it.
8. Ask for a copy of the consent form or contract for your own records.
9. If you are signing a consent form for an assisted reproductive technology procedure, request in writing what the clinic agrees to do financially if the cycle is cancelled. Ask if the clinic has a policy regarding storage and transfer of gametes (sperm) or embryos to other facilities either in or out of state. Sign and date any statements relating to this policy.