



## Quinte Health Care Corporation

### Request to Not Instill Prophylaxis for Ophthalmia Neonatorum Assumption of Risk Form

THIS DOCUMENT WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES.  
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

It is the standard of care for all infants to have erythromycin put into both eyes within one hour after birth to prevent against ophthalmia neonatorum. Ophthalmia neonatorum is an eye infection that can quickly lead to permanent damage and blindness if not treated.

I understand and acknowledge the following:

- Gonorrhea and chlamydia should be tested for during pregnancy.
- Multiple sexual partners, unprotected sex or non-monogamous relationships are risk factors for contracting gonorrhea and chlamydia.
- Many women with gonorrhea or chlamydia have no symptoms.
- If you have undiagnosed or untreated infections at the time of delivery it could be passed on to your baby and lead to blindness.
- Having erythromycin ointment put in your baby's eyes can prevent this infection.
- Erythromycin can also prevent other infections that have less serious consequences.
- If my baby develops signs of pus-containing pink eye, fever greater than 38 degrees Celsius or upper respiratory infections in the first week of life I should bring them for medical care immediately.

I accept and assume all such risks and the possibility of injury or blindness to my infant, arising out of or associated with refusing prophylaxis for ophthalmia neonatorum.

I release and forever discharge Quinte Healthcare Corporation, its officers, directors, medical staff, nursing staff, and employees from any and all actions, including negligence, claims and demands for damages, loss or injury, including blindness of my infant resulting from or arising out of my with request to not instill prophylaxis for ophthalmia neonatorum.

I acknowledge that I understand the terms of this release and that I am signing this document freely and voluntarily.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date of Signature