

## Gestational Carrier Probable Medical Responsibilities

A Gestational Carrier (GC) has the ultimate decision making ability about any and all medical treatments done to her and the unborn child. However, a Gestational Carrier pregnancy is very different from a personal pregnancy as most Intended Parents (IP) expect to be involved as well. Below is a list of requirements that will be expected of a gestational carrier. Some may not apply depending on the circumstances. This is just for your information before you make the ultimate decision of becoming a surrogate. Please contact Prime Genetics with any questions or concerns.

- GC agrees to complete all physical tests and screenings as required by the doctor/clinic. The GC must sign a release of all medical records.
- GC agrees to have FSH/LH blood levels drawn to establish fertility. (if required)
- GC agrees to have HSG test and or ultrasounds to test the viability of her tubes, ovaries and uterus.
- GC agrees to complete 3 cycles of In Vitro fertilization
- GC agrees to take fertility drugs and drugs to support the pregnancy as required by the doctor. These drugs may be in the form of SHOTS, PILLS, PATCHES, or VAGINAL SUPPOSITORIES.
- GC agrees to follow doctor ordered restrictions after transfer, which may include abstaining from sexual relations from one week before time of transfer until a confirmed pregnancy via ultrasound, and restricted from lifting any weight above 20 lbs. Please make sure that this will not affect your job if you work in an environment that requires any lifting.
- GC will agree to follow Doctor ordered restrictions which will include abstaining from sexual relationships with an **untested** partner between the time she has agreed to work with Prime Genetics and the birth of the surrogate child. ALL partners MUST be tested for HIV, all STD's and completed medicals will be submitted to Prime Genetics and the clinic of the IP's choice for record.
- GC will agree to have normal course of OB care, including ultrasounds as required by her physician. This will take place with in 10 to 14 weeks of gestation.
- GC will utilize the services of a high risk OB if pregnant with multiples or if doctor recommends.
- GC will inform her IP's of her doctors of choice including phone numbers and address. She will also sign a release of information so the IP's and Prime Genetics can obtain pregnancy records from the OB.
- GC will have ultrasounds done as requested by her physician. The IP's will incur the cost of any requested ultrasounds.
- GC will have an alpha fetal protein test or any other

- screening test as requested by the medical professionals.
- GC will consent to having an amniocentesis done as previously arranged or under doctor's orders.
  - GC will consent to completing In Vitro procedure with either the eggs of the client wife or an egg donor or an adopted embryo chosen by the client family.
  - GC will do everything in her power to maintain a pregnancy, even if it is difficult, unless instructed by a physician that it is necessary or advisable for her to terminate the pregnancy.
  - GC will have drug and HIV screenings at the request of the clinic during her attempts.
  - GC will complete genetic screening as requested by physician.
  - GC will allow paternity and or maternity testing to be done. This may involve providing a blood sample from herself and the child.
  - GC agrees to participate in all individual and group counseling sessions as requested by Prime Genetics. This includes all sessions with IP's as well.
  - GC agrees to complete all psychological testing.
  - GC and her partner/husband agree to cooperate with Prime Genetics in obtaining a child abuse and criminal background checks.
  - GC and her partner agree to abstain from all sexual intercourse or activity that

could result in pregnancy during their involvement in the surrogacy plan, as defined in the contract between the GC and IP's and the RE/clinic.

- GC agrees to engage in open, positive communication with the IP's and Prime Genetics. She agrees to take whatever reasonable action that is deemed necessary to promote a health, positive surrogacy relationship with IP's.

Please note: It is extremely likely that an insurance company will state that they will not pay for a pregnancy that is a result of a Gestational surrogacy. This decision by the insurance company would probably be considered illegal and not upheld by the courts, unless it is written in the policy. It is our preference that you read your policy provisions and call your company to make sure that you are covered.

This list of responsibilities is for your information. The clinic may have other suggestions. Please be prepared to follow all medical doctor ordered protocols in order for you to have a safe and successful surrogacy pregnancy. If you have any questions, please call Prime Genetics and we will do our best to assist you.