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Dear Dr. _____,

An essential component of the educational process of informed consent for hysterectomy is now available to the general public in “Female Anatomy: the Functions of the Female Organs,” a new educational video from the HERS Foundation. The video can be viewed at www.hersfoundation.com/anatomy.

The HERS Foundation is an independent, non-profit women’s health education organization dedicated to educating the public about the alternatives to and consequences of hysterectomy and female castration. HERS has counseled more than 800,000 women and has provided information to millions of people worldwide. In an ongoing HERS survey begun in 1991, 99.7% of women reported that they were not informed of the functions of the female organs or the consequences of their removal and said they would not have proceeded with the surgery had this information been provided to them.

Because it is a critical component of the educational process of informed consent, failure to provide the information contained in this 12-minute video prior to asking a woman to sign a consent form for hysterectomy or castration constitutes lack of informed consent, which is a breach of duty that invalidates consent.

“Female Anatomy: the Functions of the Female Organs” fills that information gap. Many doctors have requested the video from HERS. Make it available to every woman to whom you recommend the removal of the uterus or ovaries by contacting HERS at hersfdn@earthlink.net.

Sincerely,

Nora W. Coffey, President
HERS Foundation

Cc Ob/Gyn Department:

[Ob/Gyn staff of teaching hospital]