

**STATEMENT PERTAINING TO EMPLOYMENT OF PREGNANT WOMEN IN POSITIONS
INVOLVING EXPOSURE TO WASTE ANESTHETIC GASES**

Although there is no conclusive evidence, epidemiological surveys have indicated that pregnant women who have been exposed to waste anesthetic gases (WAG), such as those gases present in an operating room, have experienced an increased risk of bearing children with congenital abnormalities and an increased number of spontaneous abortions.

All attempts are being made to reduce WAG exposure in the working environment, with significant success. However, the inconclusive nature of the epidemiological surveys and other testing have made it impossible to determine the "safe" exposure level which would insure against adverse effects.

Until this safe exposure level can be identified, all pregnant women will have the option of continuing to work or accept an assignment in positions with potential exposure to WAG or accepting temporary reassignments to a position that would not expose them to WAG during their pregnancy.

Should you become pregnant, the decision to accept the risks of working in a position with potential exposure to WAG is yours. If you have any questions or concerns, you are urged to consult your personal health care physician.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read and I understand the above statement pertaining to the employment of pregnant women in positions involving potential exposure to WAG. I understand that any exposure to WAG may increase the risk of bearing children with congenital abnormalities or having a spontaneous abortion. I further understand that if I become pregnant I have the option of working in a position that would not involve the potential exposure to WAG during my pregnancy.

Employee's printed name (*Last, First, MI*)

Employee's signature

Date