Erythromycin Ophthalmic Ointment

This is an antibiotic eye ointment routinely given to newborns in the hospital. It is given to prevent eye infections that could result in blindness. If a mother has Gonorrhoea or Chlamydia the baby may get infected at birth. Most women have been tested for these sexually transmitted diseases as part of their routine prenatal care. Women at high risk for these diseases would be wise to have the newborn treated routinely. Some parents who are certain they are not infected refuse routine treatment. Any baby, whether treated or not, needs to be evaluated if any signs of infection develop in the baby’s eyes after birth.

Please choose one option below.

______ I want my baby to receive antibiotic eye ointment within one hour of birth

______ I refuse routine eye antibiotics and will notify the CNM and the pediatric care provider of any unusual eye discharge that I notice.

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Client printed name                                      Signature                                      Date

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Other parent printed name                               Signature                                      Date