

SECTION 1 – PURPOSE OF THIS CONSENT

The Maternal Genomics Institute (“MGI”) provides non-medical, lifestyle-oriented genomic education to support mothers in understanding how their genes may influence general wellness tendencies during preconception, pregnancy, birth, postpartum, and breastfeeding.

This consent ensures you understand the nature, scope, limits, and privacy protections associated with MGI services.

SECTION 2 – NATURE OF MGI SERVICES

MGI provides:

✓ **Lifestyle Genomic Reports**

Educational summaries about maternal genetic traits related to nutrient metabolism, detoxification, inflammation, hormone patterns, stress physiology, postpartum recovery, and other wellness-related pathways.

✓ **Education**

General discussions about biological pathways, maternal physiology, and evidence-based lifestyle considerations.

✓ **Maternal Timeline Mapping**

A visual timeline showing when certain pathways may be most relevant, based on general maternal physiology.

SECTION 3 – WHAT MGI DOES NOT DO

MGI does not replace professional medical care.

MGI practitioners do not practice medicine.

MGI does NOT:

Diagnose any condition

Provide medical advice

Treat, prevent, or cure disease

Interpret medication-related genetics clinically

Provide mental health or obstetric care

Predict pregnancy, birth, anesthesia, or postpartum outcomes

Advise on induction, Pitocin, anesthesia, or clinical interventions

Prescribe or recommend pharmaceuticals

Offer emergency or crisis response

Serve as a substitute for OBs, midwives, anesthesiologists, nurses, pediatricians, or mental health professionals

All medical decisions must be discussed with licensed clinicians.

SECTION 4 – NATURE OF GENOMIC INFORMATION

You understand that:

Genetic traits are probabilistic, not deterministic.

A variant does not mean you will experience a condition.

Environmental factors heavily influence gene expression.

Genomic insights are one piece of a larger wellness picture.

MGI reports are educational, not diagnostic.

SECTION 5 – LIMITATIONS OF YOUR REPORT

Your MGI report is:

Not a medical record

Not a diagnostic tool

Not a prediction of outcomes

Not intended to guide clinical decision-making

Not a substitute for professional medical evaluation

MGI is not liable for decisions made using genomic information.

SECTION 6 – SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR MGI PRACTITIONERS

MGI practitioners may:

Educate

Provide general wellness context

Explain pathways

Offer supportive, trauma-informed guidance

They may not:

Diagnose

Recommend medical intervention

Provide dosing or medication guidance

Interpret pharmacogenomics clinically

Replace licensed healthcare providers

SECTION 7 – RISKS + LIMITATIONS

You acknowledge that:

Genomic information may evoke emotional responses

Variants do not represent certainties

Reports may highlight sensitive topics

Misinterpretation is possible

Not all findings apply to every individual

Your medical team may or may not find genetic traits relevant

MGI is not responsible for:

Clinical decisions you make

Your provider's response to your report

Medical outcomes at any stage of pregnancy, birth, postpartum, or breastfeeding

Lab errors or third-party testing issues

SECTION 8 – FAMILY, PATERNITY & ADOPTION CONSIDERATIONS

Because genomic information can intersect with sensitive family dynamics:

1. No Paternity or Familial Testing

MGI does not conduct paternity, maternity, ancestry, or relationship testing and will not comment on biological matching.

2. Unexpected Findings

Rarely, genomic results may suggest unexpected inheritance patterns.

MGI will not interpret these findings as evidence of familial discrepancy.

3. Adoption & Donor Conception

MGI will not identify biological relatives or comment on donor relationships.

4. No Sharing With Family Without Consent

MGI never shares your information with partners, parents, children, or relatives without explicit written permission.

5. No Legal Involvement

MGI will not participate in:

Custody disputes

Parentage claims

Investigations

Court testimony

Legal documentation of biological relationships

SECTION 9 – DATA PRIVACY & SECURITY

Although MGI is not a HIPAA-covered entity, we voluntarily uphold HIPAA-like privacy and security standards to protect your data.

You acknowledge and agree to the following:

A. Who Has Access to Your Data

Only essential MGI team members

Your chosen MGI practitioner

No external parties without written permission

B. What Data MGI Receives

MGI receives only the specific variant-level information required to generate your report. MGI does not automatically receive your entire genome.

C. How Your Data Is Used

Your data is used only to:

Generate your maternal genomic report

Support your consultation

Maintain internal quality assurance (non-identifying)

Your data is never used for:

AI training

Marketing

Research without consent

Third-party sale

Data sharing

D. Storage & Encryption

All files are encrypted in transit and at rest

Secure password-protected storage systems are used

Limited-access protocols are enforced

E. Right to Access & Correction

You may request:

Copies of your report

Corrections to your personal information

F. Right to Deletion

You may request deletion of all:

Raw data you provided

Reports

Notes

Analysis records

Requests are fulfilled within 7 business days.

G. Third-Party Labs

SelfDecode / 3X4 / PGx lab partners maintain their own privacy policies.

You must review those separately.

MGI is not responsible for third-party data handling.

SECTION 10 – FEES, REFUNDS & CONDITIONS

Test kits are non-refundable once shipped

Analysis fees are non-refundable once processing begins

Practitioner interpretation fees are separate

Appointments must be canceled 24 hours in advance

SECTION 11 – TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE COMMITMENT

MGI strives to provide:

Non-judgmental, compassionate care

Respect for autonomy

Clear, calm, non-directive education

Space for processing emotions

Collaborative rather than authoritative communication

You may pause or discontinue services at any time.

SECTION 12 – CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE

By checking the box with your MGI practitioner or at the checkout on our website, you affirm:

You understand the purpose and limits of MGI services

You understand your data privacy rights

You acknowledge that MGI services are educational

You understand MGI practitioners are not medical providers

You agree to share your results with licensed clinicians as needed

You voluntarily consent to participate in MGI services