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Dear Parents,

For the benefit of your child, The Arizona College of Emergency Physicians (AzCEP) is providing you with the enclosed Consent for Emergency Treatment Form. This form will allow emergency physicians to provide immediate medical care to your child should you not be present to authorize treatment.

AzCEP Pediatric Committee endorses the use of this form as all too often children (minors) arrive at local hospital Emergency Departments requiring medical treatment while under the care of a “baby-sitter or care provider”. Their care is frequently delayed because parental consent is required for treatment of medical problems which do not “threaten life or limb”. By presenting this completed form your child will receive immediate treatment without the delay generally encountered while we attempt to call a parent or legal guardian. We would of course attempt to contact you upon their arrival, as is our current policy. In addition this brief form provides additional health information that will assist the emergency professionals in providing the best care for your child.

To best use this form we suggest:

- 1) You make a copy of this form, fill out the duplicate, and then make several copies of the completed form. (Keep the blank original for future updates as may be needed in later years).
- 2) Sign each completed form individually.
- 3) If you have more than one “baby-sitter or care provider” fill in the name of person/agency using a separate consent form for each one.
- 4) Fill in a time period. This can be specific or open ended (i.e. 10/1/95 to 10/2/95 or 10/1/95 to 12/31/99).
- 5) Have an adult witness the form.
- 6) Keep this form readily available (perhaps on your refrigerator).
- 7) Be sure to inform your “sitter” to take this form to the hospital with your child.

Arizona’s Emergency Physicians and prehospital personnel look forward to providing you the best care possible. Your assistance with this matter will help us help you.

In good health,
AzCEP Pediatric Committee

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