Birth Plan for Samuel Charles Mabeus

Our Son was diagnosed with Mosaic Trisomy 13 at approx 18 weeks gestation. As of this day, no abnormalities have been found by our Perinatologist via ultrasound. It is very important that you understand since our son has been diagnosed as having Mosaic Trisomy 13 (not all cells have been found to have been affected), and since we do not know which cells are affected, that we work together to treat and diagnose him properly. We want our Son treated aggressively.

1. A regular vaginal delivery is to be attempted, however, if at any time during labor our Son goes into any type of life threatening distress, he is to taken by Cesarean section immediately.

2. When our Son is born, we want him treated aggressively. He shall be provided any medical attention he needs. (Resuscitate, Intubate, Oxygen, etc.). We want our Son treated as a normal baby since no abnormalities have been found thus far. He shall be treated as a child without a fatal condition. You shall do everything necessary for his survival.

3. When the placenta is delivered, we want it saved and tested immediately to rule out the possibility of Placental Mosaicism.

4. Our Priest shall be present to bless and baptize our Son once breathing and stabilization is established.

5. We want our Son thoroughly checked and treated by the appropriate specialists to confirm that our Son does in fact have Mosaic Trisomy 13 and where the abnormalities exist.

6. We realize that although our Son may have special needs, we know his chances of survival are excellent. Therefore, he shall not be denied any medical care just because he has been diagnosed with Mosaic Trisomy 13. Babies with Mosaic Trisomy 13 do survive.

7. At anytime, we the parents, James and Mary Mabeus have the right to make or change any and all decisions for our Son’s care.

8. When our Son is released from the hospital, we shall be provided with the necessary medical assistance and equipment needed for his care such as a sleep apnea machine.

Thank you for working with our family in the care and survival of our son. This has been a difficult journey for our family; we appreciate all that have read this birth plan in honoring our decisions so our Son has a chance to live a long and wonderful life no matter how special he may be.

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