

# DEMOGRAPHICS

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US? \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY DOCTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

## PATIENT INFORMATION

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY #: \_\_\_\_\_

SEX: M F      MARITAL STATUS: S M D W      RACE: \_\_\_\_\_ ETHNICITY: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK# \_\_\_\_\_ CELL #: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU GIVE CONSENT FOR AUTOMATED PHONE CALLS? \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT FOR TEXT MESSAGES? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PREFERENCE:  HOME PHONE /  CELL PHONE /  WORK PHONE /  EMAIL

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_

GUARANTOR NAME (IF PATIENT IS MINOR): \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

## PRIMARY INSURANCE INFORMATION

INSURANCE CARRIER: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

POLICY HOLDERS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP#: \_\_\_\_\_

POLICY HOLDERS DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY HOLDER: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECONDARY INSURANCE INFORMATION

INSURANCE CARRIER: \_\_\_\_\_ ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

POLICY HOLDERS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP#: \_\_\_\_\_

POLICY HOLDERS DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY HOLDER: \_\_\_\_\_

## INDUSTRIAL INSURANCE INFORMATION

NAME OF INDUSTRIAL CARRIER: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX #: \_\_\_\_\_ CLAIM#: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF INJURY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE INJURY OCCURRED IN: \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL INJURY/ AUTO ACCIDENT INSURANCE INFORMATION

INSURANCE CARRIER: \_\_\_\_\_ CLAIM#: \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONSIBLE PARTY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF INJURY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE INJURY OCCURRED IN: \_\_\_\_\_

## ATTORNEY INFORMATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAW FIRM: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Signature (Patient's Parent/Guardian if under 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# HEALTH HISTORY

CURRENT PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN: \_\_\_\_\_ REFERRED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

## PATIENT INFORMATION

PATIENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED PHARMACY (PHONE & CROSS STREETS): \_\_\_\_\_

## HISTORY OF CHIEF COMPLAINT

WHAT BODY PART ARE YOU SEEING THE DOCTOR FOR TODAY?  RIGHT  LEFT \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE YOUR SYMPTOMS?  PAIN  STIFFNESS  WEAKNESS  NUMBNESS  OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID IT START? \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN DID IT START? \_\_\_\_\_ WORK RELATED?  YES  NO AUTO ACCIDENT?  YES  NO

HOW SEVERE IS IT?  MILD  MODERATE  SEVERE PAIN SCALE: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

WHAT CAUSES SYMPTOMS TO WORSEN? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT HELPS TO RELIEVE THE SYMPTOMS? \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU HAD SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA BEFORE?  YES  NO IF YES, DESCRIBE: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU HAD PREVIOUS SURGERY IN THIS AREA?  YES  NO IF YES, DESCRIBE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE LIST ALL MEDICATIONS YOU ARE CURRENTLY TAKING. (INCLUDE OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS)

- |          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

ARE YOU ALLERGIC TO ANY MEDICATIONS:  YES  NO IF YES, PLEASE LIST: \_\_\_\_\_

## PAST MEDICAL HISTORY

Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
ANXIETY DISORDER..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	GOUT..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	LUNG DISEASE..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	SEIZURES/EPILEPSY..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
ARTHRITIS..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	HEART ATTACK..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	MIGRAINES..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	STROKE..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
BLEEDING DISORDER..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	HEPATITIS..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	OSTEOPOROSIS..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	TUBERCULOSIS..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
BLOOD CLOTS..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	HIV/AIDS..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	PACEMAKER..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	ULCERS..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
HEART DISEASE..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	HYPERTENSION..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	LIVER DISEASE..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	DIABETES(TYPE 1/TYPE 2)..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
DEPRESSION..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	KIDNEY DISEASE..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	SLEEP APNEA..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	THYROID PROBLEMS..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PULMONARY EMBOLISM <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
CANCER..... <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> .....IF YES, TYPE? BREAST <input type="checkbox"/> THYROID <input type="checkbox"/> LUNG <input type="checkbox"/> PROSTATE <input type="checkbox"/> KIDNEY <input type="checkbox"/> MELANOMA <input type="checkbox"/>			

OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS(*please list*):  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

## SURGICAL HISTORY NO SURGICAL HISTORY

	YES	YEAR		YES	YEAR		YES	YEAR
KNEE REPLACEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	BACK SURGERY*	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	PLASTIC SURGERY*	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
HIP REPLACEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	FRACTURE SURGERY*	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	HEART SURGERY*	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
SHOULDER REPLACEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	KNEE ARTHROSCOPY	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	HYSTERECTOMY(partial/full)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
ROTATOR CUFF REPAIR	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	SHOULDER ARTHROSCOPY	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	AMPUTATION*	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
CARPAL TUNNEL RELEASE	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	ELBOW ARTHROSCOPY	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	OTHER*	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

\*PLEASE SPECIFY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## FAMILY HISTORY (M=MOTHER, F=FATHER)

	M	F		M	F		M	F
ARTHRITIS.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ASTHMA.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	BLOOD COAGULATION DISORDER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DISORDER OF BACK.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MUSCULOSKELETAL DISEASE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HEART DISEASE.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CANCER.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HEART ATTACK.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OSTEOPROSIS.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PULMONARY EMBOLISM.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> ADOPTED								

## SOCIAL HISTORY (MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ALL PATIENTS)

MARTIAL STATUS  SINGLE  MARRIED  DIVORCED  WIDOWED

HAVE YOU EVER USED **TOBACCO**?  YES  NO  CURRENT USE  PAST USE {QUIT \_\_\_ YEARS AGO}

IF SO, WHICH TYPE(S)?  CIGARETTES  CIGARS  PIPES  CHEWING TOBACCO  E-CIGATETTES/VAPOR

HOW MUCH PER DAY? \_\_\_\_\_ FOR HOW MANY YEARS? \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU CONSUME **ALCOHOL**?  YES  NO HOW OFTEN?  OCCASIONALLY  MODERATELY  HEAVY

DO YOU CONSUME **CAFFEINE**?  YES  NO HOW OFTEN?  OCCASIONALLY  MODERATELY  HEAVY

DO YOU **EXERCISE**?  YES  NO HOW OFTEN?  OCCASIONALLY  MODERATELY  HEAVY

DO YOU USE **RECREATIONAL DRUGS**?  YES  NO

**REVIEW OF SYSTEMS**

**{CHECK ONLY IF YOU NOW HAVE OR RECENTLY HAD}**

<p><b>CONSTITUTIONAL</b></p> <p>FEVER..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>NIGHT SWEATS..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>SIGNIFICANT WEIGHT GAIN ( __LBS)</p> <p>SIGNIFICANT WEIGHT LOSS ( __LBS)</p> <p><b>EYES</b></p> <p>DRY EYES..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>IRRITATION..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>VISION CHANGE..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>EARS</b></p> <p>DIFFICULTY HEARING..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>EAR PAIN..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>NOSE</b></p> <p>FREQUENT NOSE BLEEDS..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>NOSE/SINUS PROBLEMS..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>MOUTH/THROAT</b></p> <p>SORE THROAT..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>BLEEDING GUMS..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>SNORING..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>DRY MOUTH..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>MOUTH ULCERS..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>ORAL ABNOMALITIES..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>TEETH PROBLEMS..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>CARDIOVASCULAR</b></p> <p>CHEST PAIN..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>ARM PAIN ON EXERTION..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>SHORTNESS OF BREATH WHEN WALKING</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>SHORTNESS OF BREATH WHEN LYING DOWN</p> <p style="padding-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>PALPITATIONS..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>KNOWN HEART MURMUR..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>LIGHT HEADED ON STANDING <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>SKIN</b></p> <p>ABNORMAL MOLE..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>JAUNDICE..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>RASH..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>DRY SKIN..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p><b>RESPIRATORY</b></p> <p>COUGH..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>WHEEZING..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>SHORTNESS OF BREATH..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>COUGHING UP BLOOD..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>SLEEP APNEA..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>GASTROINTESTINAL</b></p> <p>ABDOMINAL PAIN..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>VOMITING..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>NORMAL APPETITE..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>FREQUENT DIARRHEA..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>VOMITING BLOOD..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>GERD..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>BLACK/TARRY STOOL..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>GENITOURINARY</b></p> <p>DIFFICULTY URINATING..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>HEMATURIA(BLOOD IN URINE)..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>INCREASED URINARY FREQUENCY. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>LOSS OF URINARY CONTROL..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>INCOMPLETE EMPTYING..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>***WOMEN ONLY***</p> <p>NORMAL MENSTRAL PERIODS ..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>DATE OF LAST MENSTRAL PERIOD _____</p> <p><b>MUSCULOSKELETAL</b></p> <p>MUSCLES ACHES..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>MUSCLE WEAKNESS..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>JOINT PAIN..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>BACK PAIN..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>SWELLING IN EXTREMITIES..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<p><b>NEUROLOGIC</b></p> <p>LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>WEAKNESS..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>NUMBNESS..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>SEIZURES..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>DIZZINESS..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>FREQUENT HEADACHES..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>MIGRAINES..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>RESTLESS LEGS..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>PSYCHIATRIC</b></p> <p>DEPRESSION..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>SLEEP DISTURBANCES..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>FEELING SAFE IN RELATIONSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>ALCOHOL ABUSE..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>ENDOCRINE</b></p> <p>FATIGUE..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>INCREASED THIRST..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>HAIR LOSS..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>INCREASED HAIR GROWTH..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>COLD INTOLERANCE..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>HEMATOLOGIC/LYMPHATIC</b></p> <p>SWOLLEN GLANDS..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>EASY BRUISING..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>EXCESSIVE BLEEDING..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><b>IMMUNOLOGIC</b></p> <p>RUNNY NOSE..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>SINUS PRESSURE..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>ITCHING..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>HIVES..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>FREQUENT SNEEZING..... <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
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## PRESCRIPTION POLICY

The office staff will gladly take your requests and help you as much as possible. Please remember not to wait until you are out of medication before you call as we may require time to get approval for the prescription. The **office staff cannot write or approve** any refills. Please note that **lost, stolen, miss placed** and **accidental loss** of medications **will not** be replaced. Medications prescribed by our office can only be refilled (if applicable) after the appropriate time frame has passed. **Prescription history will be monitored using the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy and via Surescripts.** Please review the following guidelines our office uses for medication, effective 3/01/19.

- The maximum single dose of Oxycodone is 10 mg.
- The maximum duration of opioid treatment after surgery, a fracture, or a significant injury will be 14 days, although some insurance plans limit this to 5 or 7 days. The typical unit dose will be Oxycodone 5 mg or Norco 5/325 unless there are extenuating circumstances which support the need for a higher dose, but never above 10 mg Oxycodone or Norco 10/325. Patients requiring dosages above these limits or beyond the 14 day duration will be automatically referred to a Pain Medicine Specialist to take over this aspect of care, as this office is not designed to practice Pain Management.
- No benzodiazepines or Soma can be administered with an opioid medication. This includes Ambien, Klonopin, Valium, etc.
- Adderall **will not** be prescribed.
- Dilaudid, Demerol, or Morphine **will not** be prescribed.
- Extended release opioids, such as Oxycontin and MS Contin, **will not** be prescribed.

Please forgive any inconvenience for those taking more medication than is now permissible, but the above guidelines are necessary to be in compliance with State and Federal guidelines.

We will refer anyone needing it to a Pain Clinic to continue this aspect of their care.

Please apply your signature below to signify your understanding and compliance with these guidelines. Failure to sign will disqualify you from being seen in this office.

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Patient Signature (Patient's Parent/Guardian if under 18)

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Date

## **FINANCIAL POLICY/ ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS/ RELEASE OF BILLING INFORMATION**

- I understand that I have medical insurance which when billed on my behalf should pay for their portion of my office visits and treatment charges.
- I will inform Scott J. Ellis, MD of a change in my insurance coverage. If I fail to provide changes of my insurance, I will be liable for services rendered but not covered.
- I understand the billing process may take 4-6 weeks at which time my insurance company will determine and pay for services per my contract.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to pay all co-pay, deductible and co-insurance amounts at the time of service rendered and remaining balance as determined by my insurance company.
- I understand that if for any reason my insurance company does not pay for the covered services within 90 days of the services provided, I shall assume responsibility for the total amount owed.
- I thereby assign all medical benefits directly to Scott J. Ellis, MD for services rendered at his facilities.
- I understand I may request a copy of this document.

I hereby authorize Scott J. Ellis, MD to release any information required in the course of my examination(s) and/or treatments(s) to my insurance company or referring physician's office. I authorize this office, if indicated; to file claims directly to my insurance companies and that payment for services rendered is made directly to the physician.

A copy of this form shall have the same force and effect as the original.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand its contents fully. The undersigned is the patient, the patient's legal representative or is authorized by the patient to execute this form and accepts its terms.

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Patient Signature (Patient's Parent/Guardian if under 18)

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Date

# PRIVACY PRACTICE

*This notice describes how medical information about you may be disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully.*

We are required by law to provide you with this notice that explains our privacy practices with regard to your medical information and how we may use and disclose your protected health information for treatment, payment, and for health care operations, as well as for other purposes that are permitted or required by law. You have certain rights regarding the privacy of your protected health information that will be described in this notice

## Ways in Which We May and Disclose Your Protected Health Information

The following describes the different ways that we use and disclose your protected health information. We have provided an example for each category, but these examples are not meant to be exhaustive. We assure you that all of the ways are permitted to use and disclose your health information fall within one of these categories.

- **Treatment:** We will use and disclose your protected health information to provide, coordinate, or manage your health care and any related services. We will also disclose your health information to other physicians who may be treating you. Additionally we may from time to time disclose your health information to another physician that we have requested to be involved in your care. For example- we would disclose your health information to a specialist to whom we have referred you for a diagnosis to help in your treatment.
- **Payment:** We will use and disclose your protected health information to obtain payment for the health care services we provide to you. For example- we may include information with a bill to a third party payer that identifies you, your diagnosis, procedures performed, and supplies used in rendering the service.
- **Health Care Operations:** We will use and disclose your protected health information to support the business activity of our practice. For example- we may use medical information about you to review and evaluate our treatment and services or to evaluate our staff's performance while caring for you. In addition, we may disclose your health information to third party business associates who perform billing, consulting or transcription services.
- **Appointment reminders:** We will use and disclose your protected health information to contact you as a reminder about your scheduled appointments.
- **Treatment Alternatives:** We will use and disclose your protected health information to alternative treatments that may be of interest to you.
- **Others Involved in Your Care:** We will use and disclose your protected health information to a family member, close friend, or any person you identify as being involved in your medical care or payment for care.
- **Research:** We will use and disclose your health information to researchers provided the research has been approved by an institutional review board that has reviewed the research proposal and established protocols to ensure the privacy of your health information.

## YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION RIGHTS

Although your health record is the physical property of the health care practitioner or facility that compiled it, the information belongs to you. You have the right to:

**A Paper Copy of This Notice:** You have the right to receive a paper copy of this notice upon request. You may obtain a copy by asking our receptionist or request a copy to be mailed to you.

**Inspect and Copy:** You have the right to inspect and copy the protected health information that we have maintained about you in our designated record. This designated record set includes your medical and billing records, as well as any other records that we use for making decisions about you. Any psychotherapy notes that may have been included in our records will not be available for inspection or copy by law. We may charge a fee for the cost of copying, mailing, or any supplies used to fulfill your request. If you wish to inspect or copy your medical information, please submit in writing your request to our office. We will have 30 days to respond to your request; if the information requested is stored off-site, we are allowed up to 60 days to complete such request.

**Request Amendment:** You have the right to request that we amend your medical information if you feel that it is incomplete or inaccurate. You must submit a request in writing, to our practice, stating exactly what information is incomplete or inaccurate and your reasoning that supports your request. We are permitted to deny your request if reason to support request is not submitted; the information was not created by us (or the person who created it is no longer available to make amendment); information was part of record which you were not permitted to inspect and copy; information is not part of record kept by this practice; or if the information is accurate and correct.

**Request Restrictions:** You have the right to request a restriction or limitation of how we use or disclose your medical information for treatment, payment, or health care operations. For example- you could request that we not disclose information about a prior treatment to a family member or friend who may be involved in your payment for care. Your request must be submitted in writing to our office. We are not required to agree to your request if we feel that it is in your best interest to use or disclose that information. However, if we do agree, we will comply with your request unless that information is needed for emergency treatment.

**An Accounting of Disclosures:** You have the right to request a list of disclosures of your health information we have made outside of our practice that were not for treatment, payment, or health care operations. Your request must be submitted in writing and state the time period for the requested information. You may not request any information prior to April 14, 2003 (the compliance date for the federal regulations) nor for a period of greater than six years (our legal obligations to retain information).

**Confidential Communications:** You have the right to request how we communicate with you to preserve your privacy. For example- you may request that we only call you at your work number, or only mail to a specific address. Your request must be submitted in writing and specify how/where we are to contact you.

**File a Complaint:** If you believe we have violated your medical information privacy rights, you have the right to file a complaint with our practice, or directly to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. To file a complaint, you must submit in writing within 180 days of suspected violation to our practice. Please provide as much detail as you can about the suspected violation. You should know there will be no retaliation for filing a complaint.

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Patient Signature (Patient's Parent/Guardian if under 18)

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Date