

**YOUR PERSONAL AND HEALTH INFORMATION**

We understand that the privacy of your personal information is important to you. As your medical provider, we believe your right to privacy is a fundamental part of your treatment and as such would like to inform you of our privacy practices and procedures. This privacy notice describes how your personal and health information will be used and disclosed and how you can gain access to this information. Please read it carefully. Should you have any questions regarding these policies please do not hesitate to ask.

As part of our registration process, you and your family's personal and health information will be collected. This information is very important in the development of an effective treatment plan and we ask that you provide the most complete and accurate information as possible. Information such as; name, address, phone number, birth date, social security number, employer information, health history, insurance policy and coverage information will be collected from you and other health care entities you utilize. Throughout the course of your treatment we will also collect your health information regarding diagnosis, outside treatment plans, progress reports and any test lab results and or imaging studies you obtain from other health care facilities such as hospitals, laboratories, other physician offices, and imaging facilities.

**HOW YOUR INFORMATION WILL BE USED**

The personal and health information gathered may be used and disclosed with your general consent for purposes of treatment, payment, or routine healthcare operations. This means we may send your information to other physicians or facilities involved in your treatment as well as to your insurance company or a collection agency to obtain payment. Any other uses of personal and health information will only be used upon receipt of your written authorization. We do not sell your personal and health information to marketing or pharmaceutical companies. In certain cases of public health interest, we may be required to disclose certain information to local, state or national health organizations or government agencies. We may contact you to provide appointment reminders or information about treatment alternatives or other health related-benefits and services that may be of interest to you.

**SAFEGUARDING YOUR PERSONAL AND HEALTH INFORMATION**

We are required by law to (1) make sure that medical information that identifies you is kept private (2) provide you with our privacy policy (3) follow the terms laid out in the privacy policy. As a means of protecting your privacy, we restrict access to your personal and health information to only those employees who require the information to complete their jobs and provide quality service to you. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to comply with state and federal regulations that guard your personal and health information. If you feel your privacy has been violated, you have the right to file a complaint with the Department of Health and Human Services. The complaint in no way influences your course of treatment. You have the right to request restrictions to our uses or disclosures of your personal or health information, although we are not required to agree to those restrictions. Once your request has been processed it will remain in effect until you request a change.

By signing below, I acknowledge I have read, understood, and agree to this Privacy Policy.

Patient Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_