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Date of Birth:	_
Today's Date:	_
Please explain in your own words what bring to see Dr. Spiro:	s you to our office today
Have you ever tested positive for COVID?  If yes, please provide the date(s)  Have you been vaccinated against COVID?  If yes, please provide the date(s)	



# Scott A. Spiro, MD, FACS

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient Information** 

Patient's Name			
Home Address  City, State, Zip Code			
Social Security #/			Others
Date of birth/ Age			
Email Address			
☐ I consent to being contacted by e-mail regarding promotions/ special events within the office	ng □ I consent to	o being contacted	by text message regarding promotions and rating services
Patient's Occupation	Employer		
Business Address, City, Zip Code			
Business Phone			
Significant Other's Name	Significant C	Other's Occupation	1
Internist/ Medical Doctor	Phone		
Medical Doctor Address			
Purpose of Initial Consultation Please check the	he procedure you are interested	d in:	
Brow Lift Face Lift Eyelid Surgery Rhinoplasty Fat Grafting	Liposuction Tummy Tuck Gynecomastia Ear Surgery Breast Lift	Breast Ro Breast Av Vaginop	ugmentation
Aesthetic Medicine (Medical Spa)			
Wrinkles Brown Spots	Acne	Botox	Facial Fillers (Juvéderm)
Has this office treated any member of your family?	Yes No If yes, w	hom?	
<b>Emergency Contact</b>			
Name	Relationship		
Home Phone	Phone		
<u>Injuries</u>			
If consultation is related to an injury, date of	injury Injur	ry related to: Work	MVA Other
Name of Hospital	Name of Phy	ysician	



# **How Did You Hear About Us?**

Please take a moment to tell us where you heard about our office Check all that apply. Please remember all information is confidential.

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Wh	ich referral / ad	lvertisem	ent h	elped most	t in making y	our deci	sion to visit our office?	•	



# **<u>Authorization to Disclose Protected Health Information (PHI)</u>**

I hereby authorize the use and discloser of individually identifiable health information relating to me, which is also called "protected health information" under HIPAA's Privacy Rule. I understand that if the person or entity receiving this information is not a health plan or health care provider covered by the federal privacy regulations, the information may be redisclosed by the recipient and may no longer be protected by federal or state law.

# Name of Individual/Company to Whom Disclosures May Be Made To:

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Print Name	Signature of Patient or Legal Guardian	Date	
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	I consent to be contacted by text messaging regarding up	ning appointments	and rating services.
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<u>Insurance – PRIMARY</u> (Please fill out completely)	
Primary Insurance Company	
Claims Address	
Telephone Number	
ID#	Subscriber/Insured
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Relationship of Patient to Subscriber	
Insurance – SECONDARY (Please fill out completely)	
Secondary Insurance Company	
Claims Address	
Telephone Number	
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Group Name/#	Subscriber Soc Sec #
Subscriber Employer	Subscriber Birth Date

Relationship of Patient to Subscriber

Patient Name:



## **Authorization to Release Protected Health Information to Your Health Insurance Carrier**

Your authorization is required to perform the following tasks with your	r health insurance	carrier:
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•	Initiate a rec	mest for pre	e-determinat	ion of be	nefits

- Submit claims for services to your carrier either electronically or on hardcopy claim form
- Initiate pre-certification for proposed procedures
- Follow-up on the status of claims
- Appeal denied claims and pre-certifications

r our signature belo carrier.	w authorizes the release of demographic, financial, a	na protected neatth inform	ation to your insurance
Print Name	Signature of Patient or Legal Guardian	Date	
	Medical Record Photogra	nhic Consent	

I understand that photographs and/or videos will be taken at the time of my consultation, as well as during and after my procedure. I understand that these photographs and/or videos will be kept strictly confidential and maintained as part of medical records. Photographs may be submitted to insurance carriers for the purpose of coverage determinations. No further use of my photographs and/or videos will be performed without my written consent. I understand that photos sent to Spiro Plastic surgery, LLC will be at my own will and discretion.

Print Name	Signature of Patient or Legal Guardian Date	

# Notice of Privacy Practices Acknowledgement Receipt

I acknowledge receipt of the Notice of Privacy Practices, amended July 1, 2018.

Print Name Signature of Patient or Legal Guardian Date

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# MEDICATION/SUPPLEMENT WARNING!

For a minimum of *THREE (3) WEEKS* prior to any surgical procedure, please avoid the following medications, dietary supplements and herbal teas/remedies. Please disclose EVERY prescription/non-prescription medication, supplement, suspension, oil, etc. that you consume.

PLEASE NOTE: If you take aspirin, Lovaza, an antidepressant, or any other medication under the direction of a physician, check with your doctor *prior* to stopping any medication. Do not resume taking these substances after your surgery until approved by the doctor.

# PLEASE CIRCLE ANY YOU ARE TAKING

Common Over-The-Counter/ Prescription Pain Relievers

- \* Advil
- \* Motrin
- \* Aleve
- \* Aspirin
- \* Bufferin
- \* Excedrin
- \* Exceuiii
- \* Ibuprofen\* Naprosyn
- \* Ketaprofin capsules
- \* Alka-Seltzer

**Common Vitamins** 

- \* Multi-Vitamins
- \* Vitamin E

Herbals and Other

- \* Alfalfa
- \* Appetite Suppressants -i.e. Phentermine
- \* Berdock Tea
- \* Bildberry
- \* Biotin
- \* Chamomile Tea
- \* Cayenne
- \* CBD Oil

- \* Chinese Herbs
- \* Chinese Herbal Teas
- \* Chinese root extract
- \* Coenzyme Q10 (CoQ-10)
- \* Colon Cleanse
- \* Damiana Tea
- \* Dandelion Tea
- \* Dong Quai Root
- \* Energy Drinks
- \* Fennel Tea
- \* Feverfew
- \* Fish Oil (Alpha Omega)
- \* Flax Seed Supplement
- \* Garlic (allium sativum)
- \* Ginger
- \* Gingko
- \* Gingkobiloba
- \* Glucosamine
- \* Goldenseal
- \* Green Tea
- \* Guarana
- \* Hawthorn Tea
- \* Herbal Supplements
- \* Herbal Teas
- \* Holistic Medications
- \* Horse Chestnut
- \* Hydroxycut

- \* Kava Tea
- \* Lavender/ Valerian Root
- Licorice Root
- \* Licorice Tea
- \* Lovaza
- \* Ma Huang (Ephedra)
- \* Melatonin
- \* Natural Medications
- \* Papaya
- \* Protein Supplements with Vitamins in them (without vitamins is okay)
- \* Selenium
- \* Seroquel
- \* Skull Cap Tea
- \* St. John's Wart Tea
- \* System Detox
- \* Willow Bark
- \* Yellow Root
- \* Yarrow Tea
- \* Yohimbe (The Natural Viagra)
- \* Sumatra Coffee (Starbucks)

Any Additional

Aspirin and aspirin-containing products, some dietary supplements, "nutraceuticals", and even teas have all been linked to prolonged bleeding which complicates surgery, delays healing, produces more bruising, and may lead to <u>emergent reoperation</u> for continued bleeding after surgical procedures. If you need to take an aspirin-free fever reducer/pain reliever prior to your procedure, we recommend Tylenol, or the generic equivalent Acetaminophen.

**Alcohol** – Patients should not consume any alcoholic beverages for a minimum of ten (10) days prior to any surgical procedure.

**Hormones-** Hormones such as estrogen and progesterone from birth control, intrauterine devices, and bioidentical hormones, hormone replacement therapy, selective estrogen replacement modulators, and aromatase inhibitors can increase your risk of blood clots during surgery and contribute to complications like Deep Venous Thrombosis and Pulmonary Embolism. We recommend hormones be discontinued for 4 weeks prior to surgery with the consent of your prescribing physician.

Patient	Initials	
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Patient Name:

PLEASE LIST ANY OTHER PERTINENT MEDICAL INFORMATION OR CONDITIONS NOT LISTED BELOW:

Patient Name:	
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# **Coagulation Questionnaire**

Part of the normal healing process after surgery involves an interaction with your coagulation system. It is important that we understand how your coagulation system will respond to surgery. Therefore, please take a moment and complete the following checklist.

1) Do you have a history of varicose veins?		Yes	/	No		
2) Do you have a history of inflammatory bow	el disease? (No	t Irritable Bowel)	Yes	/	No	
3) Do you currently have swollen legs?			Yes	/	No	
4) Have you ever been diagnosed with congest	ive heart failure	?	Yes	/	No/	NA
If YES, explain						
5) Have you been diagnosed with sepsis within	n the last 6 mont	ths?	Yes	/	No	
If YES, explain						
6) Have you been diagnosed with pneumonia	within the last 6	months?	Yes	/	No	
If YES, explain						
7) Have you ever been diagnosed with abnorm	al pulmonary fu	unction including COPD or emphysema?	Yes	/	No	
If YES, explain						
8) Do you have a central venous access port?			Yes	/	No	
9) Do you have a history of deep venous thrombody? <b>If YES, explain</b>			s anyv <b>Yes</b>			e in your
10) Do you have a family history of DVT, PE,	or any other clo	otting issues including excessive bleeding?	Yes	/ :	No	
11) Have you ever been diagnosed with any of	the following:					
Factor V Leiden? Prothrombin 20210A? Elevated serum homocysteine levels? Positive lupus anticoagulant?	Yes / No Yes / No Yes / No Yes / No	Elevated anticardiolipin antibodies? Heparin-induced Thrombocytopenia (HI Congenital or Acquired thrombophilia? Any other type of abnormal clotting?			Yes Yes	/ No / No / No / No
12) Have you had a hip, pelvis, or leg fracture	within the last n	nonth?	Yes	/	No	
13) Have you had a stroke or transient ischemic attack within the last month?			Yes	/	No	
14) Are you currently taking oral contraceptive	es or hormone re	eplacement therapy?	Yes	/	No/	NA
15) Have you ever had any miscarriages?	How ma	any?	Yes	/	No/	NA
16) Do you have a history of unexplained still abortion/miscarriage (>3), premature birth wit		•	Yes	/	No/	NA
17) Are you currently taking any medications anti-platelet medications, Warfarin, Pradaxa, A or Homeopathic substances?					ions, <b>No</b>	
18) Are you currently taking an SSRI or MAO	I (anti-depression	on medication)?	Yes	/	No	
19) Have you ever required a blood transfusion because of excessive bleeding?			Yes	/	No	
20) Do you commonly have heavy menses?			Yes	/	No/	NA
21) Do you experience nosebleeds more often than several times a year?			Yes	/	No	



#### **Nicotine and Marijuana Policy**

Nicotine, marijuana, and marijuana related products negatively impact healing and can cause unwanted and avoidable surgical complications. Because of this, we have a NO NICOTINE and NO MARIJUANA USE POLICY.

Patients must be nicotine and marijuana free for AT LEAST SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO SURGERY.

You must avoid all smoking, vaping, and use of edibles or oils. You may not use any nicotine replacement therapy such as nicotine patches, nicotine chewing gum, nicotine lozenges, vapes, or hookahs. You must refrain from using ecigarettes and herbal cigarettes, even if they do not have nicotine in them. You must also avoid second and third hand smoke. If you are able to smell it, you must avoid it.

There are medications that can help you quit smoking that we may approve you to use, but these would need to be prescribed from your primary care physician. Please contact us or your primary doctor for more information.

We understand that some patients may have prescriptions for medical marijuana, however it still can negatively impact your surgical outcome. Patients with prescriptions for medical marijuana must let our staff know and will also need to contact their prescribing physician for an alternative.

Please be aware that our office requires random nicotine and THC testing as frequently as once a week. These visits take about 10 minutes to complete. We understand that our patients lead busy lives and we typically will grant our patients 48 hours to comply with a request for an in-office screening, but we do require that you have a scheduled appointment.

- As part of our policy, you may be required to under three (3) or more random THC and/or nicotine tests administered and interpreted by our office prior to your scheduled surgery. Fees will be collected by our office at the time we designate it necessary for your upcoming procedure and are separate from your surgical fees. The following are the fees:
  - Up to three (3) nicotine tests: \$25.00
  - Up to three (3) THC tests \$25.00
  - Up to three (3) nicotine and THC tests: \$50.00

If testing is positive, your surgery may need to be postponed to help reduce your risk of complications.

By lack of disclosing nicotine or marijuana use, you are putting yourself at risk for adverse events including the risk of hospitalization and re-operation.

By signing below, you are acknowledging our policy.

Print Name	Signature of Patient or Legal Guardian Date	



#### Financial Policy Agreement for Scott A. Spiro, M.D., F.A.C.S.

<u>CONSULTATION FEES:</u> Patients who wish to discuss multiple surgical procedures and/or treatment of multiple body regions may be charged an additional fee. Consultations that are functional in nature may be submitted to insurance and subject to deductible, coinsurance, and co-pay. If consultations are both cosmetic and functional, they may be subject to both an out-of-pocket consultation fee as well as a billable charge to your insurance carrier.

• <u>CONSULTATION CANCELLATION POLICY:</u> Patients who cancel their consultation within 24 hours of their appointment will be subject to a pre-payment for rescheduling a future consultation, which will be non-refundable.

**ACCEPTED METHODS OF PAYMENTS:** for services provided by our office, we accept cash, bank checks, money orders, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express. Personal checks are only accepted three weeks prior to the date services are rendered. There is a fee of \$30.00 for returned checks.

<u>IN-NETWORK/PARTICIPATING INSURANCE:</u> Dr. Spiro participates with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey and all covered services rendered by Spiro Plastic Surgery, LLC will apply toward your in-network benefits. Please note that Dr. Spiro does NOT participate with Horizon NJ Health or Horizon Medicare Advantage Plans. Please advise our front desk staff if you have one of these plan types.

#### • COVERED SERVICES:

Approved Surgeries: If you meet the criteria for coverage, we will initiate all pre-certifications/pre-determinations
required for medically necessary procedures prior to your surgery and notify you of the outcome. Prior to your approved
procedure, we will collect your in-network co-pays, deductible, and co-insurance per the terms of your plan. We will
submit all approved procedures to your insurance carrier on your behalf.

## • NON-COVERED SERVICES:

O Non-Covered Surgeries: If your procedure does not meet criteria for coverage under your plan provisions, we will collect 100% of the surgical fee in advance of your procedure, due three (3) weeks prior to surgery. Although we may be participating with your plan, this does not mean that all services rendered by Spiro Plastic Surgery, LLC are covered under the terms of your plan provisions. All procedures that are submitted to insurance and denied as a non-covered service will be your financial responsibility.

OUT-OF-NETWORK/NON-PARTICIPATING: Your insurance is a contract between you and your insurance company; our office is not a party to that contract. This contract may include limitations or exclusions of coverage. We strongly recommend that all patients obtain a complete copy of their insurance documents and become familiar with the provisions of their plan. Regardless of whether the services provided by our office are covered by your insurance plan, you are ultimately responsible for 100% of our total billed charges. Our office does not have to accept what your insurance company determines to be the "allowed amount" for a claim. Dr. Spiro is a non-participating provider with all health insurance plans except Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. Therefore, any eligible healthcare claims would be processed under the out-of-network provisions of your policy.

- <u>FEES:</u> Our fees may not be considered usual, customary and reasonable (UCR) by your insurance company. Dr. Spiro is an experienced surgeon, highly specialized in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Accordingly, his fees may be higher than some providers in the region. We encourage you to contact your insurance carrier to determine approximately what your out-of-pocket expense will be.
- OUT-OF-NETWORK INSURANCE SUBMISSIONS: As a courtesy to our patients, our office will submit a letter of predetermination, initiate a pre-certification, and/or file a claim on your behalf with your commercial/private insurance plan as appropriate. You must provide our office with all necessary information, including demographic information on the patient and the insured party/subscriber, addresses, telephone numbers, a copy of your current insurance identification card, etc. Our office may require your cooperation with obtaining insurance correspondence such as (but not limited to) explanation of benefits and claim submissions.
  - COSMETIC PROCEDURES: Procedures deemed cosmetic in nature will not be submitted for pre-certifications or predeterminations to your insurance carrier.
- MEDICARE: Effective April 1, 2011 Dr. Spiro has "opted out" of the Medicare system and may enter into private contracts with Medicare beneficiaries. As such, patients must accept full responsibility for payment of Dr. Spiro's fees for all services rendered. Medicare limiting charges do not apply to Dr. Spiro's services. Our office cannot submit claims to Medicare for services provided by Dr. Spiro. Similarly, Medigap plans and other supplemental plans may elect not to make payment for services rendered by Dr. Spiro as he is opted out of Medicare.

• <u>MEDICAID</u> – Dr. Spiro does not participate with Medicaid or any Medicaid plans administered through other carriers. Please advise our office if you have a primary or secondary Medicaid plan.

<u>INSURANCE PAYMENTS</u>: Our practice may be notified by your insurance carrier that you have received an insurance check/ACH payment. Should you receive an insurance payment for services rendered by Spiro Plastic Surgery, LLC, you will be responsible for reimbursing our office within seven (7) days of receipt with a copy of the explanation of benefits. If you have not received any insurance correspondence, it is your responsibility to follow-up with the insurance carrier immediately. Non-payment to our practice may result in default of your account and subsequent placement with an attorney or bonded collection agency.

**COLLECTIONS:** In the event a patient balance exceeds 90 days, the undersigned authorizes Spiro Plastic Surgery, LLC and/or their authorized agent to verify any information provided in the Patient Information Sheet/Online Medical History, now or in the future, and/or obtain additional information by securing data from a credit reporting agency. In addition, the undersigned agrees to pay a thirty percent collection fee in the event of default on their account, if the account is placed with an attorney or bonded collection agency.

<u>CREDIT CARD DISPUTES:</u> If you engage your credit card company by disputing a charge, you are hereby authorizing Spiro Plastic Surgery, LLC to share details regarding appointments, treatments, and purchases with your credit card company, thereby relinquishing your HIPAA rights as it pertains to the financial dispute.

# APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING FEES, LATE FEES, AND CANCELLATION FEES:

Spiro Plastic Surgery LLC collects fees for scheduling an appointment. **Scheduling fees** are collected prior to scheduling the appointment and will be applied towards your consultation fee or service fee. Please read the following carefully.

#### o SCHEDULING FEE FOR DR. SPIRO:

The scheduling fee for Dr. Spiro is \$200. Balances for consultation fees will be collected at the time of the appointment. The scheduling fee will be assessed and retained as a cancellation fee for appointments that are cancelled or rescheduled within 24 hours of an appointment and "no shows."

#### SCHEDULING FEE FOR SKIN CARE SERVICES INCLUDING INJECTABLES:

The scheduling fee for skin care services is \$50. Balances for skin care treatments will be collected at the time of the appointment. **The scheduling fee will be assessed and retained as a cancellation fee** for appointments that are cancelled or rescheduled within 24 hours of an appointment and "no shows."

#### SCHEDULING FEE FOR COOLSCULPTING:

o The scheduling fee for Coolsculpting treatments is \$250 per treatment cycle. The balance for treatment cycles is due prior to treatment on the day of the appointment. **The scheduling fee will be assessed and retained as a cancellation fee** for appointments that are cancelled or rescheduled within 24 hours of an appointment and "no shows."

## LATE FEES AND CANCELLATION FEES:

- A late fee will be assessed for appointments with Dr. Spiro, for skin care services, and for Coolsculpting treatments for
  patients who do not arrive on time for their appointment. If you are late and we cannot accommodate you, your
  appointment will be subject to cancellation. The scheduling fee will be assessed and retained as your late fee charge.
- o If you are late and our office is able to accommodate you, **the scheduling fee will be assessed and retained as a late fee charge** and **will not** be applied towards the balance of your consultation or treatment. The full amount of the service will be due at the time of the appointment.

## **COMPLIMENTARY SKINCARE TREATMENT CANCELLATION:**

We ask that if you need to reschedule your post-operative complimentary HydraFacial that you provide at least 24 hours notice. Patients who do not provide notice or "no show" for their appointment will lose the opportunity to receive this treatment as complimentary.

**PRODUCT REFUND POLICY:** Due to COVID-19, we are unable to accept any products for returns or exchanges (even if unopened). If a patient has a documented skin reaction within three weeks of the purchase date of the product, a credit for the product may be issued. Credits may be used towards future products and/or services within Spiro Plastic Surgery, LLC. No credits will be issued after three weeks from the purchase date. All credits expire one year from the date issued.

By signing below, you are agreeing that you read and understand our financial policy. If you have any questions about our financial policies, please feel free to ask for additional clarification from our Billing Manager, Kristina Bisceglia. We are here to assist you in any way possible. Thank you for choosing Spiro Plastic Surgery, LLC.



#### **NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

Any questions or concerns regarding information contained in this document should be directed to:

Marybeth Lascari, Privacy Officer

101 Old Short Hills Road, Suite 510

West Orange, NJ 07052 Telephone (973) 736-5907

We Have a Legal Duty to Safeguard Your Protected Health Information (PHI).

This includes information that can be used to identify you that we have created or received about your past, present, or future health condition, the provision of health care to you, or the payment for this health care. We must provide you with this notice regarding our privacy practices that explains how, when, and why we use and disclose your PHI. With some exceptions, we may not use or disclose any more of your PHI than is necessary to accomplish the purpose of the use and disclosure. We are legally required to follow the privacy practices that are described in this notice. However, we reserve the right to change the terms of this notice at any time. Any changes will apply to the PHI we already have. We will promptly post the revised policy in our office waiting room. You may also request a copy of this notice from the individual named above at any time.

#### How We May Use and Disclose Your Protected Health Information:

We use and disclose health information for many reasons. Below we describe the different uses and disclosures. Uses and disclosures which do not require your authorization:

- Treatment We will use your health information for treatment. We may provide your information to hospitals, anesthesiologists, and other physicians involved in your care, nurses and technicians.
- Payment We may use and disclose your PHI in order to bill and collect payment for the treatment and services provided to you. A bill may be sent to you, a third-party payer, or collection agency. The information on or accompanying the bill may include information that identifies you, as well as your diagnosis and procedures.
- Health Care Operations We may disclose your PHI in order to operate this practice. We may use your information in order to evaluate the quality of health care services our office provides. We may also provide your PHI to our accountants, attorneys, consultants, and others in order to make certain we are complying with laws that apply to our practice.
- Federal, State, or Local Law, Judicial or Administrative Proceedings, or Law Enforcement We may disclose your information when a law requires that we report information to government agencies and law enforcement personnel about victims of abuse, neglect, domestic violence, or when ordered in a judicial or administrative proceeding.
- Business Associates There are some services provided in our practice through contacts with business associates. Examples include radiology, anesthesiology, laboratory diagnostics, hospital and surgical facilities, etc. When these services are contracted, we may disclose your health information to our business associate so that they can perform the job we've asked them to do and bill you or your third-party payer when necessary. So that your health information is protected, however, we require the business associate to appropriately safeguard your information.
- Public Health Activities We may report information to government officials in charge of collecting information about various diseases, infections, and medical products. We may disclose to the FDA health information relative to adverse events with respect to food, supplements, product and product defects or post marketing surveillance

information to enable product recalls. We may provide coroners, medical examiners, and funeral directors any necessary information.

- Health Oversight Activities We will provide information to assist the government when it conducts an audit or investigation of a physician or medical practice.
- Tissue/Organ Donation We may contact tissue procurement organizations to assist them in donations and transplants.
- Research We may disclose information to researchers when their 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. We will always ask for your specific written permission if the researcher will have access to any information that reveals who you are, such as your name, address or other patient identifying information.
- To Avoid Harm In order to avoid a serious threat to the health and safety or a person or the public, we may provide your information to law enforcement personnel or persons able to prevent or lessen such harm.
- Specific Government Functions We may disclose information on military personnel or veterans in certain situations. We may disclose information for national security purposes or conducting intelligence operations.
- Workers' Compensation We may provide information to comply with applicable workers' compensation laws.
- Appointment Reminders and Health Related Benefits or Services We may use information to advise you of future appointments, treatment alternatives, or other health care services or benefits we offer.
- Incidental Uses and Disclosures An incidental use and disclosure is a secondary use that cannot reasonably be prevented, is limited in nature, and that occurs as a by-product of an otherwise permitted use or disclosure. Such uses are permitted only to the extent that we have applied reasonable safeguards and do not disclose any more of your information than is necessary to accomplish the permitted disclosure.

#### Uses and disclosures where you have the opportunity to object:

Disclosures to Family, Friends, and Others – Health professionals, using their best judgment, may disclose to a family member, other relative, close personal friend or any other person you identify, health information relevant to that person's involvement in your care or payment related to your care. You may object in whole or in part to these disclosures.

Other uses and disclosures of medical information not covered by this policy or applicable laws will only be made with your prior written approval. You may revoke that permission, in writing, at any time. Revoking your permission does not require us to take back any disclosures we have previously made with your permission.

#### Your Rights Regarding Your Protected Health Information

Although your health record is the physical property of the healthcare practitioner, the information belongs to you. You have the right to:

- Obtain a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices upon request.
- Request a restriction on certain uses and disclosures of your information as provided by 45 CFR 164.522. This request must be made in writing to the attention of the Privacy Officer and must include what information that patient wants to limit and to whom the limits apply. We will consider your request but are not legally required to accept it.
- Inspect and copy your health record as provided for in 45 CFR 164.524. This request must be made in writing to the attention of the Privacy Officer. We will respond to you within 30 days of receiving your written notice. We may charge a fee for the costs of copying, mailing, faxing, reproducing photographs, or other expenses associated with a patient's request.
- Choose how we send health information to you. You may request that we send information to you at an alternative address or by alternate means.
- Request an amendment of your health record if you feel the information, we have is incomplete or incorrect as provided in 45 CFR 164.528. Requests must be made in writing to the attention of the Privacy Officer and must include a valid reason to support the request. We will respond within 60 days of receiving your written request.
- Obtain an accounting of disclosures of your health information as provided in 45 CFR 164.528. This list will not include disclosures you have already consented to such as those made for treatment, payment, or health care

operations, or disclosures made prior to the effective date of this policy. This request must be made in writing and must state a period of no longer than six years. We will respond within 60 days of receiving your written request.

# For More Information or to Report a Problem

If you have any questions or would like additional information, you may contact Marybeth Gabriel, Privacy Officer at (973) 736-5907. If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with our Privacy Officer or with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. There will be no retaliation for filing a complaint. All complaints must be made in writing.

#### **Revisions of Privacy Policy**

We reserve the right to change our Privacy Practices at any time and to make the new provisions effective for all protected health information we maintain. You may request a copy of any revisions made to our Notice of Privacy Practices either by mail, telephone, or in person.

Policy Effective Date: July	1, 2018	
Print Name	Signature of Patient or Legal Guardian	Date