

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.
THE PRIVACY OF YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT TO US.

This practice is required, by law, to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of your protected health information and to provide our patients with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your protected health information.

Disclosure of Your Health Care Information

Treatment

We may disclose your health care information to other health care professional within our practice for the purpose of treatment, payment or health care operations. (example)

“On occasion, it may be necessary to seek consultation regarding your condition from other health care providers associated with this practice.”

“It is our policy to provide a substitute health care provider, authorized by this practice to provide assessment and/or treatment to our patients, without advanced notice, in the event of your primary health care provider’s absence due to vacation, sickness, or other emergency situation.”

Payment

We may disclose your health information to your insurance provider for the purpose of payment or health care operations. (example)

“As a courtesy to our patients, we will submit an itemized billing statement to your insurance carrier for the purpose of payment to this practice for health care services rendered. If you pay for your health care services personally, we will, as a courtesy, provide an itemized billing to your insurance carrier for the purpose of reimbursement to you. The billing statement contains medical information, including diagnosis, date of injury or condition, and codes which describe the health care services received.”

Workers’ Compensation

We may disclose your health information as necessary to comply with State Workers’ Compensation Laws.

Emergencies

We may disclose your health information to notify or assist in notifying a family member, or another person responsible for your care about your medical condition or in the event of an emergency or of your death.

Public Health

As required by law, we may disclose your health information to the public health authorities for purposed related to: preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability, reporting child abuse or neglect, reporting domestic violence, reporting to the Food and Drug Administration problems with products and reactions to medications, and reporting disease or infection exposure.

Change of Ownership

In the event that this practice is sold or merged with another organization, your health information/record will become the property of the new owner.

Your Health Information Rights

- You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your health information. Please be advised, however, that this practice is not required to agree to the restrictions that you requested.
- You have the right to have your health information received or communicated through an alternative method or sent to an alternative location other than the usual method of communication or delivery, upon your request.
- You have the right to inspect and copy your health information.
- You have the right to request that this practice amend your protected health information. Please be advised, however, that this practice is not required to agree to amend your protected health information. If your request to amend your health information has been denied, you will be provided with an explanation of our denial reason(s) and information about how you can disagree with the denial.
- You have the right to receive an accounting of disclosures of your protected health information made by this practice.
- You have a right to a paper copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices at any time upon request.

Changes to this Notice of Privacy Practices

This practice reserves the right to amend this Notice of Privacy Practice at any time in the future, and will make the new provisions effective for all information that it maintains. Until such amendment is made, this practice is required by law to comply with this Notice.

This practice is required by law to maintain the privacy of your health information and to provide you with notice of its legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your health information. If you have questions about any part of this notice or if you want more information about your privacy rights, please contact our Privacy Officer by calling this office.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE

As required by the Privacy Regulations, I hereby acknowledge that I have received a current copy of this practice's "NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES."

As required by the Privacy Regulations, _____ from
Name of Staff Member
this practice has explained the "NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES" to my satisfaction.

As required by the Privacy Regulations, I am aware that this practice has included a provision that it reserves the right to change the terms of its notice and to make the new notice provisions effective for all protected health information that it maintains.

I understand that this office is not required to honor any changes to the "Notice of Privacy Practices." For example: If the patient changes the context of the Privacy Practices, such as changing how the referring doctor obtains the results of treatment ie: certified mail only, the practice is not required to honor that specific request.

Signature _____
Date

Print Name

(OFFICE USE ONLY)

Signed form received by: _____ Date: _____

Good faith effort to obtain receipt: (Describe) _____

