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PATIENT CONSENT FORM

The department of Health & Human Services has established a "Privacy Rule" to help insure the personal health care information is protected for privacy. The Privacy Rule was also created in order to provide a standard for certain health care providers to obtain their patients' consent for uses and disclosure of health information about the patient to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations.

As our patient, we want you to know that we respect the privacy of your personal medical records and we will do all we can to secure and protect that privacy. We strive to always take reasonable precautions to protect your privacy. When it is appropriate and necessary, we provide the minimum necessary information to only those we feel are in need of your health care information and information about treatment, payment or healthcare operations, in order to provide health care that is in your best interest.

We also want you to know that we support your full access to your personal medical records. We may have indirect treatment relationships with you (such as laboratories that only interact with doctors and not patients), and may have to disclose personal health information for purposes of treatment, payment, or health care operations. These entities are most often not required to obtain patient consent.

You may refuse to consent to the use or disclosure of your Personal Health Information (PHI), but this must be in writing. Under this law, we have the right to refuse to treat you should you choose to refuse to disclose your PHI. If you choose to give your consent to this document, at some future time you may request to refuse all or part of your PHI. You may not revoke actions that have already been taken which relies on this or a previously signed agreement.

If you have any objections to this form, please ask to speak with our HIPAA Compliance Officer.

You have the right to review our privacy notice, to request restrictions and revoke consent in writing after you have reviewed our privacy notice.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____