



# Welcome

## Thank you for selecting us.

To help us meet all your healthcare needs, please fill out this form completely in ink. If you have any questions or need assistance, please ask us and we will be happy to help.

### Patient Information (Confidential)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 SS#/SIN \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/P.C. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check Appropriate Box:  Minor  Single  Married  Separated  Divorced  Widowed  
 If Student, Name of School/College \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  Full Time  Part Time  
 Patient or Parent/Guardian's Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/P.C. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse or Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Whom May We Thank for Referring You? \_\_\_\_\_

Person to Contact in Case of Emergency \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Responsible Party

Name of Person Responsible for this Account \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Patient \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Institution \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ SS#/SIN \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is this Person Currently a Patient in our Office?  Yes  No

For your convenience, we offer the following methods of payment. Please check the option you prefer. Payment in full at each appointment.  
 Cash  Personal Check  Credit Card  VISA  MasterCard  I wish to discuss the office's payment policy.

### Insurance Information

Name of Insured \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Patient \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ SS#/SIN \_\_\_\_\_ Date Employed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Union or Local # \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/P.C. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_ Policy/ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ins. Co. Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/P.C. \_\_\_\_\_  
 How Much is Your Deductible? \_\_\_\_\_ How Much Have You Used? \_\_\_\_\_ Max. Annual Benefit \_\_\_\_\_

**Do You Have Any Additional Insurance?**  Yes  No If Yes, Complete the Following

Name of Insured \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Patient \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ SS#/SIN \_\_\_\_\_ Date Employed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Union or Local # \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/P.C. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_ Policy/ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ins. Co. Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/P.C. \_\_\_\_\_  
 How Much is Your Deductible? \_\_\_\_\_ How Much Have You Used? \_\_\_\_\_ Max. Annual Benefit \_\_\_\_\_

# Patient Medical History

Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Last Exam \_\_\_\_\_

- |   | Yes                      | No                       |  | Yes                      | No                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Are you under medical treatment now?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Are you allergic to or have you had any reactions to the following:   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Have you ever been hospitalized for any surgical operation or serious illness within the last 5 years? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Local Anesthetics (e.g. Novocain)  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, please explain _____  |                          |                          | Penicillin or any other Antibiotics  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Are you taking any medication(s) including non-prescription medicine?                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sulfa Drugs  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If yes, what medication(s) are you taking? _____  |                          |                          | Barbiturates   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Have you ever taken Fen-Phen/Redux?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sedatives  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you use tobacco?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Iodine   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Do you use controlled substances?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Aspirin  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Are you wearing contact lenses?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Any Metals (e.g. nickel, mercury, etc.)  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Do you have or have you had any of the following?  |                          |                          | Latex Rubber   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   |                          |                          | Other _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   |                          |                          | 10. Do you have a persistent cough or throat clearing not associated with a known illness (lasting more than 3 weeks)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   |                          |                          | 11. Women Only:  |                          |                          |
|   |                          |                          | Are you pregnant or think you may be pregnant?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   |                          |                          | Are you nursing?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   |                          |                          | Are you taking oral contraceptives?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
High Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heart Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chest Pains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heart Attack	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cardiac Pacemaker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Easily Winded	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rheumatic Fever	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heart Murmur	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stroke	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swollen Ankles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Angina	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hay Fever/Allergies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fainting/Seizures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequently Tired	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tuberculosis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anemia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Radiation Therapy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emphysema	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glaucoma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Epilepsy/Convulsions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recent Weight Loss	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leukemia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arthritis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Liver Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joint Replacement or Implant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heart Trouble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kidney Diseases	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hepatitis/Jaundice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Respiratory Problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
AIDS or HIV Infection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sexually Transmitted Disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitral Valve Prolapse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thyroid Problem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stomach Troubles/Ulcers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Patient Dental History

Name of Previous Dentist and Location \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Last Exam \_\_\_\_\_

- |   | Yes                      | No                       |   | Yes                      | No                       |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Do your gums bleed while brushing or flossing?                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Do you have frequent headaches?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Are your teeth sensitive to hot or cold liquids/foods?               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Do you clench or grind your teeth?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Are your teeth sensitive to sweet or sour liquids/foods?             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Do you bite your lips or cheeks frequently?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Do you feel pain to any of your teeth?                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. Have you ever had any difficult extractions in the past?                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you have any sores or lumps in or near your mouth?                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Have you ever had any prolonged bleeding following extractions?                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Have you had any head, neck or jaw injuries?                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 13. Have you had any orthodontic treatment?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Have you ever experienced any of the following problems in your jaw? |                          |                          | 14. Do you wear dentures or partials?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Clicking  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | If yes, date of placement _____   |                          |                          |
| Pain (joint, ear, side of face)   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 15. Have you ever received oral hygiene instructions regarding the care of your teeth and gums? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Difficulty in opening or closing  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 16. Do you like your smile?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Difficulty in chewing   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |                          |                          |

# Authorization and Release

I certify that I have read and understand the above information to the best of my knowledge. The above questions have been accurately answered. I understand that providing incorrect information can be dangerous to my health. I authorize the dentist to release any information including the diagnosis and the records of any treatment or examination rendered to me or my child during the period of such Dental care to third party payors and/or health practitioners. I authorize and request

my insurance company to pay directly to the dentist or dental group insurance benefits otherwise payable to me. I understand that my dental insurance carrier may pay less than the actual bill for services. I agree to be responsible for payment of all services rendered on my behalf or my dependents.

X  
Signature of patient (or parent/guardian if minor) \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Jorge Larrondo, DDS**  
**Appointments and Financial Options**

Welcome to our practice. Please take a moment to read over our Appointment Information and Financial Options. Your understanding of our appointment and financial options will allow us to concentrate on your dental work. Our office provides quality dentistry and many treatment alternatives.

### **Appointments**

Your initial appointment will consist of a cleaning by the Hygienist, an exam performed by the Doctor and a full set of x-rays. Cleanings are recommended every 6 months and check up x-rays once year.

Dr. Larrondo performs a new patient/periodic exam at every Hygiene appointment. Diagnosed procedures are recorded in your treatment plan. Fees associated with procedures are dependent upon your insurance plan, or if no insurance, our standard fee list. Insurance fees and our standard fees may adjust each January. If you received a treatment plan from the previous year, fees may have changed with the passing of a new year. Please ask our front desk staff if fees have changed. We have two full time Hygienists. If you prefer to have the same Hygienist, please inform our front desk staff for future appointment scheduling. If you do not have a preference, we will schedule you with either Hygienist.

Please understand our business is appointment driven. We will do everything to make sure that you do not forget your dental appointment. When appointments are made, time is set aside specifically for you. It is critical that we confirm your appointment. Our front office staff will call you the day before your appointment. Your appointment may be cancelled if we are unable to reach you. If you are planning to be away the day before your appointment, please call us to confirm your appointment so we do not cancel you. If you are unable to keep your appointment time, please contact our office at least 24 hours (in some instances, 48 hours) before the appointment time. Forty-eight (48) hours notice is required for cancellation of appointments over an hour's length. If you miss the appointment without the required notice, a cancellation fee of \$35 may be charged based upon the appointment length.

If your treatment plan exceeds \$5,000 there will be a 25% deposit that is required to be paid the day your appointment is made. If you are unable to keep this appointment, a 48hours notice must be given for cancellation(s). Failure to cancel the appointment without appropriate notice may result in the loss of the deposit. Our offices are closed weekends. Weekends are not included in the notice period. Leaving a message on our answering machine during the weekend to cancel an appointment for Monday is not appropriate notice. Exceptions may be made for cancellations without required notice.

We also understand that your time is valuable, and that you expect to be seen on time. We strive to ensure that our schedule is planned appropriately. While we schedule according to the treatment being performed, we cannot foresee things happening during the procedure that may require more time. In addition, sometimes emergencies arise and these patients must be seen right away, without an appointment. When possible, we will make every attempt to contact you to let you know we are running late, so you do not rush to be here on time. We ask that you understand that the most important patient at the time is the patient in the chair, and we must attend to those needs. We will provide the same careful individual attention to you.

### **Financial Options**

Before starting any dental treatment, we will explain your treatment plan and the associated costs. We will ask that you sign the treatment plan to document our office explaining the treatment/costs. Signing your treatment plan does not obligate you to do any work. The purpose is only to document that you were provided the plan and are aware of the fees should you decide to begin any work during the current calendar year.

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**Appointments and Financial Options**

**Patients with Insurance**

If you have dental insurance, we will provide you with your estimated co-payment for each treatment, as well as an estimate of what your insurance will pay. However, we do not provide a 100% guaranty of insurance company payment. Each company is different, and the decision to pay is theirs. Please be aware that the contract of insurance is between you and your insurance company. We will do our utmost to provide you with accurate estimates. While we only charge what your insurance company allows, if for some reason they do not pay for a specific procedure, it is important to understand that you will ultimately be responsible for the final bill. If you prefer to be 100% sure of the insurance company payment, we will send a pre-determination to your insurance company. It usually takes anywhere from three to eight weeks for them to reply. Estimated co-payments are due the day of the treatment. Our office does not bill for co-payments, or extend time payments. We will only bill the Insurance Company for their portion. Should you require denture(s), partial(s) or crown(s), your full co-payment will be due at the first visit, which is the impression, and when any associated lab work begins.

Statements are mailed out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month, whether your insurance has paid or not. A statement is necessary if the insurance company does not cover a portion of the procedure(s) performed as estimated, or if we under estimated your co-payment. Do not be alarmed if your statement shows that your balance is over 90 days old. It may take this long to receive the insurance company's final payment. Your account is not "delinquent". Statement balances are due 15 days after receipt, unless our office is contacted and other arrangements made. A fee of 1% per month may be added to your account after the 15-day period.

**Patients without Insurance**

For clients without insurance, full payment is due the day of treatment. Should you require denture(s), partial(s) or crown(s), your full payment will be due at the first visit, which is the impression, and when any associated lab work begins.

**Payment Options**

We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, and Personal Checks. We are pleased to offer our patients an extended monthly payment plan option through Care Credit. Please see our front office staff for more details on how to apply for these options. There is a \$25 service charge for any returned personal checks. If a check is returned unpaid, Cash, Credit or Cashier's Checks are required for any future payment to the office. We will require a copy of your driver's license or other picture ID to insure proper identity for all patients.

Our appointment information and financial options are designed to keep our fees as low as possible. Our goal is to stay competitive and offer the best quality dental care to everyone. Please help us achieve our goal by a mutual respectful relationship. We look forward to a long happy relationship with you. Please do not hesitate to ask our staff for anything that might make your visit more enjoyable.

Dr. Jorge Larrondo and Staff

I have read and understand the above appointment information and financial options.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





Dear Patient:

This notice is not meant to alarm you. Quite the opposite! It is our desire to communicate to you that we are taking seriously Federal law (HIPAA—Health Insurance Portability And Accountability Act) enacted to protect the confidentiality of your health information. We do not ever want you to delay treatment because you are afraid your personal health history might be unnecessarily made available to others outside our office.

### Why do you have a privacy policy? Very good question!

The Federal government legally enforces the importance of the privacy of health information largely in response to the rapid evolution of computer technology and its use in healthcare. The government has appropriately sought to standardize and protect the privacy of the electronic exchange of your health information. This has challenged us to review not only how your health information is used within our computers but also with the Internet, phone, faxes, copy machines, and charts. We believe this has been an important exercise for us because it has disciplined us to put in writing the policies and procedures we follow to protect your health information when we use it.

We want you to know about these policies and procedures which we developed to make sure your health information will not be shared with anyone who does not require it. Our office is subject to State and Federal law regarding the confidentiality of your health information and in keeping with these laws, we want you to understand our procedures and your rights as our valuable patient.



We will use and communicate your HEALTH INFORMATION only for the purposes of providing your treatment, obtaining payment, conducting health care operations, and as otherwise described in this notice.

### How your HEALTH INFORMATION may be used To Provide Treatment

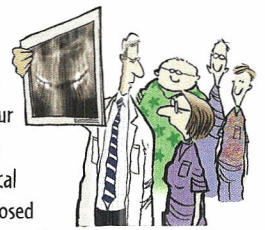
We will use your HEALTH INFORMATION within our office to provide you with dental care. This may include administrative and clinical office procedures designed to optimize scheduling and coordination of care between hygienist, dental assistant, dentist, and business office staff. In addition, we may share your health information with physicians, referring dentists, clinical and dental laboratories, pharmacies or other health care personnel providing you treatment.

### To Obtain Payment

We may include your health information with an invoice used to collect payment for treatment you receive in our office. We may do this with insurance forms filed for you in the mail or sent electronically. We will be sure to only work with companies with a similar commitment to the security of your health information.

### To Conduct Health Care Operations

Your health information may be used during performance evaluations of our staff. Some of our best teaching opportunities use clinical situations experienced by patients receiving care at our office. As a result, health information may be included in training programs for students, interns, associates, and business and clinical employees. It is also possible that health information will be disclosed during audits by insurance companies or government appointed agencies as part of their quality assurance and compliance reviews. Your health information may be reviewed during the routine processes of certification, licensing or credentialing activities.



### In Patient Reminders

Because we believe regular care is very important to your oral and general health, we will remind you of a scheduled appointment or that it is time for you to contact us and make an appointment. Additionally, we may contact you to follow up on your care and inform you of treatment options or services that may be of interest to you or your family. These communications are an important part of our philosophy of partnering with our patients to be sure they receive the best preventive and restorative care modern dentistry can provide. They may include postcards, folding postcards, letters, telephone reminders or electronic reminders such as email (unless you tell us that you do not want to receive these reminders).

### To Business Associates

We have contracted with one or more third parties (referred to as a business associate) to use and disclose your health information to perform services for us, such as billing services. We will obtain each business associate's written agreement to safeguard your health information.

### NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

Federal law generally permits us to make certain uses or disclosures of health information without your permission. Federal law also requires us to list in the Notice each of these categories of uses or disclosures. The listing is below.

### As Required By Law

We may use or disclose your health information as required by any statute, regulation, court order or other mandate enforceable in a court of law.



### Abuse or Neglect

We may disclose your health information to the responsible government agency if (a) the Privacy Official reasonably believes that you are a victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence, and (b) we are required or permitted by law to make the disclosure. We will promptly inform you that such a disclosure has been made unless the Privacy Official determines that informing you would not be in your best interests.

### Public Health and National Security

We may be required to disclose to Federal officials or military authorities health information necessary to complete an investigation related to public health or national security. Health information could be important when the government believes that the public safety could benefit when the information could lead to the control or prevention of an epidemic or the understanding of new side effects of a drug treatment or medical device.

### For Law Enforcement

As permitted or required by State or Federal law, we may disclose your health information to a law enforcement official for certain law enforcement purposes, including, under certain limited circumstances, if you are a victim of a crime or in order to report a crime.

### Family, Friends and Caregivers

We may share your health information with those you tell us will be helping you with your home hygiene, treatment, medications, or payment. We will be sure to ask your permission first. In the case of an emergency, where you are unable to tell us what you want, we will use our best judgment when sharing your health information only when it will be important to those participating in providing your care.

**Jorge Larrondo, DDS**

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## Workers' Compensation Purposes

We may disclose your health information as required or permitted by State or Federal workers' compensation laws.

## Judicial and Administrative Proceedings

We may disclose your health information in an administrative or judicial proceeding in response to a subpoena or a request to produce documents. We will disclose your health information in these circumstances only if the requesting party first provides written documentation that the privacy of your health information will be protected.

## Incidental Uses and Disclosures

We may use or disclose your health information in a manner which is incidental to the uses and disclosures described in this Notice.



### Health Oversight Activities

We may disclose your health information to a government agency responsible for overseeing the health care system or health-related government benefit program.

### To Avert A Serious Threat To Health or Safety

We may use or disclose your health information to reduce a risk of serious and imminent harm to another person or to the public.

## To The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

We may disclose your health information to HHS, the government agency responsible for overseeing compliance with federal privacy law and regulations regulating the privacy and security of health information.

## For Research

We may use or disclose your health information for research, subject to conditions. "Research" means systemic investigation designed to contribute to generalized knowledge.

## In Connection With Your Death Or Organ Donation

We may disclose your health information to a coroner for identification purposes, to a funeral director for funeral purposes, or to an organ procurement organization to facilitate transplantation of one of your organs.

If applicable State law does not permit the disclosure described above, we will comply with the stricter State law.

## Authorization to Use or Disclose Health Information

Other than is stated above or where Federal, State or Local law requires us, we will not disclose

## Patient Acknowledgment

Patient Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

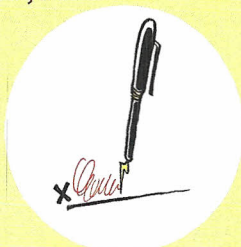
Thank you very much for taking time to review how we are carefully using your health information. If you have any questions we want to hear from you. If not, we would appreciate very much your acknowledging your receipt of our policy by signing and returning this card. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Signature

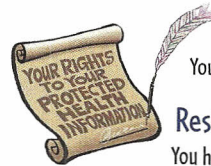
Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

For additional information about the matters discussed in this notice, please contact our Privacy Officer.

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_



your health information other than with your written authorization. You may revoke that authorization in writing at any time.



## PATIENT RIGHTS

You have the following rights related to your health information.

### Restrictions

You have the right to request restrictions on the use or disclosure of your health information for treatment, payment, or health care operations in addition to the restrictions imposed by federal law. Our office is not required to agree to your request, but we will endeavor to honor reasonable requests. We generally are not required to agree to a requested restriction. Our office will honor your request that we not disclose your health information to a health plan for payment or healthcare operation purposes if the health information relates solely to a health care item or service for which you have paid us out-of-pocket in full.

### Confidential Communications

You have the right to request that we communicate with you by alternative means or at an alternative location. You may, for example, request that we communicate your health information only privately with no other family members present or through mailed communications that are sealed. We will honor your reasonable requests for confidential communications.



### Inspect and Copy Your Health Information

You have the right to read, review, and copy your health information, including your complete chart, x-rays and billing records. If you would like a copy of your health information, please let us know. We may need to charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee to duplicate and assemble your copy. If there will be a charge, we will first contact you to determine whether you wish to modify or withdraw your request.

### Amend Your Health Information

You have the right to ask us to update or modify your records if you believe your health information records are incorrect or incomplete. We will be happy to accommodate you as long as our office maintains this information. In order to standardize our process, please provide us with your request in writing and describe the information to be changed and your reason for the change.

Your request may be denied if the health information record in question was not created by our office, is not part of our records or if the records containing your health information are determined to be accurate and complete. If we deny your request, we will provide you with a written explanation of the denial.

### Accounting of Disclosures of Your Health Information

You have the right to ask us for a description of how and where your health information was disclosed. Our documentation procedures will enable us to provide information on health information disclosures that we are required to disclose to you. Please let us know in writing the time period for which you are interested. Thank you for limiting your request to no more than six years at a time. We will provide the first accounting during any 12-month period without charge. We may charge a reasonable, cost-based fee for each additional accounting during the same 12-month period. If there will be a charge, the Privacy Official will first contact you to determine whether you wish to modify or withdraw your request.

### Request a Paper Copy of this Notice

You have the right to obtain a copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices directly from our office at any time. Stop by or give us a call and we will mail or email a copy to you.

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your health information and to provide to you or your personal representative with this Notice of our Privacy Practices. We are required to practice the policies and procedures described in this notice but we do reserve the right to change the terms of our Notice. If we change our privacy practices we will be sure all of our patients receive a copy of the revised Notice. You have the right to express complaints to us or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services if you believe your privacy rights have been compromised. We encourage you to express any concerns you may have regarding the privacy of your information. We will not retaliate against you for submitting a complaint. Please let us know of your concerns or complaints in writing by submitting your complaint to our Privacy Officer.