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**HIPAA Consent Form**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), established a Privacy Rule to help insure that 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 disclosures 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 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 or necessary, we provide the minimum necessary information only to those we feel are in need of your health care information regarding treatment, payment or health care operations, in order to provide health care that is in your best interest.

We fully support your access to your personal medical records. We may have indirect treatment relationships with you (such as laboratories that only interact with the physician 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, but this must be done in writing. Under this law, we have the right to refuse to treat you should you choose to refuse to disclose your Personal Health Information. If you choose to give consent in this document, at some future time you may request to refuse all or part of your Personal Health Information. You may not revoke actions that have already been taken which relied on this or a previously signed consent.

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 (Compliance Assurance Notification to Our Patients), to request restrictions and revoke consent in writing.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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