PATIENT REGISTRATION

ID: _____ Chart ID: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Patient Is: ☐ Policy Holder ☐ Responsible Party Preferred Name: _____

Responsible Party (if someone other than the patient)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Address: _____ Address 2: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Pager: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Ext: _____ Cellular: _____

Birth Date: _____ Soc Sec: _____ Drivers Lic: _____

☐ Responsible Party is also a Policy Holder for Patient ☐ Primary Insurance Policy Holder ☐ Secondary Insurance Policy Holder

Patient Information

Address: _____ Address 2: _____

City: _____ State / Zip: _____ Pager: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Ext: _____ Cellular: _____

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐ Widowed

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____ Soc Sec: _____ Drivers Lic: _____

E-mail: _____ ☐ I would like to receive correspondences via e-mail.

Section 2

Employment Status: ☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time ☐ Retired

Student Status: ☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time

Medicaid ID: _____ Pref. Dentist: _____

Employer ID: _____ Pref. Pharmacy: _____

Carrier ID: _____ Pref. Hyg: _____

Section 3

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Contact # _____

Primary Insurance Information

Name of Insured: _____ Relationship to Insured: ☐ Self ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other

Insured Soc. Sec: _____ Insured Birth Date: _____

Employer: _____ Ins. Company: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Address 2: _____ Address 2: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Rem. Benefits: _____ Rem. Deduct: _____

Secondary Insurance Information

Name of Insured: _____ Relationship to Insured: ☐ Self ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other

Insured Soc. Sec: _____ Insured Birth Date: _____

Employer: _____ Ins. Company: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Address 2: _____ Address 2: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Rem. Benefits: _____ Rem. Deduct: _____

Time 9:56 AM

William J Twohig DDS

Date 1/9/2018

Medical History

Patient Name:

Birth Date:

Date Created:

Although dental personnel primarily treat the area in and around your mouth, your mouth is a part of your entire body. Health problems that you may have, or medication that you may be taking, could have an important interrelationship with the dentistry you will receive. Thank you for answering the following questions.

Are you under a physician's care now?	Yes No	If yes	
Have you ever been hospitalized or had a major operation?	Yes No	If yes	
Have you ever had a serious head or neck injury?	Yes No	If yes	
Do you take, or have you taken, Phen-Fen or Redux?	Yes No	If yes	
Have you ever taken Fosamax, Boniva, Actonel or any other medications containing bisphosphonates?	Yes No	If yes	
Are you on a special diet?	Yes No		
Do you use tobacco?	Yes No		
Do you use controlled substances?	Yes No	If yes	
Do you require pre-medication prior to your dental appointment?	Yes No	If yes	
Are you taking any medications, pills, or drugs? Please List Below:	Yes No		

Women: Are you...

☐ Pregnant/Trying to get pregnant? ☐ Nursing? ☐ Taking oral contraceptives?

Are you allergic to any of the following?

☐ Aspirin	☐ Penicillin	☐ Codeine	☐ Acrylic
☐ Metal	☐ Latex	☐ Sulfa Drugs	☐ Local Anesthetics

Other? ☐ If yes

Do you have, or have you had, any of the following?

AIDS/HIV Positive	Yes No	Cortisone Medicine	Yes No	Hemophilia	Yes No	Radiation Treatments	Yes No
Alzheimer's Disease	Yes No	Diabetes	Yes No	Hepatitis A	Yes No	Recent Weight Loss	Yes No
Anaphylaxis	Yes No	Drug Addiction	Yes No	Hepatitis B or C	Yes No	Renal Dialysis	Yes No
Anemia	Yes No	Easily Winded	Yes No	Herpes	Yes No	Rheumatic Fever	Yes No
Angina	Yes No	Emphysema	Yes No	High Blood Pressure	Yes No	Rheumatism	Yes No
Arthritis/Gout	Yes No	Epilepsy or Seizures	Yes No	High Cholesterol	Yes No	Scarlet Fever	Yes No
Artificial Heart Valve	Yes No	Excessive Bleeding	Yes No	Hives or Rash	Yes No	Shingles	Yes No
Artificial Joint	Yes No	Excessive Thirst	Yes No	Hypoglycemia	Yes No	Sickle Cell Disease	Yes No
Asthma	Yes No	Fainting Spells/Dizziness	Yes No	Irregular Heartbeat	Yes No	Sinus Trouble	Yes No
Blood Disease	Yes No	Frequent Cough	Yes No	Kidney Problems	Yes No	Spina Bifida	Yes No
Blood Transfusion	Yes No	Frequent Diarrhea	Yes No	Leukemia	Yes No	Stomach/Intestinal Disease	Yes No
Breathing Problems	Yes No	Frequent Headaches	Yes No	Liver Disease	Yes No	Stroke	Yes No
Bruise Easily	Yes No	Genital Herpes	Yes No	Low Blood Pressure	Yes No	Swelling of Limbs	Yes No
Cancer	Yes No	Glaucoma	Yes No	Lung Disease	Yes No	Thyroid Disease	Yes No
Chemotherapy	Yes No	Hay Fever	Yes No	Mitral Valve Prolapse	Yes No	Tonsillitis	Yes No
Chest Pains	Yes No	Heart Attack/Failure	Yes No	Osteoporosis	Yes No	Tuberculosis	Yes No
Cold Sores/Fever Blisters	Yes No	Heart Murmur	Yes No	Pain in Jaw Joints	Yes No	Tumors or Growths	Yes No
Congenital Heart Disorder	Yes No	Heart Pacemaker	Yes No	Parathyroid Disease	Yes No	Ulcers	Yes No
Convulsions	Yes No	Heart Trouble/Disease	Yes No	Psychiatric Care	Yes No	Venereal Disease	Yes No
Yellow Jaundice	Yes No						

Have you ever had any serious illness not listed above? Yes No If yes

Comments:

To the best of my knowledge, the questions on this form have been accurately answered. I understand that providing incorrect information can be dangerous to my (or patient's) health. It is my responsibility to inform the dental office of any changes in medical status.

Signature of Patient, Parent or Guardian:

X

Date:_____

welcome

PATIENT NUMBER

Patient's Name _____
Last First Initial Date of Birth

1. Purpose of initial visit _____
2. Are you aware of a problem? _____
3. How long since your last dental visit? _____
4. What was done at that time? _____
5. Previous dentist's name _____
   Address: _____ Tel. _____
6. When was the last time your teeth were cleaned? _____

CIRCLE THE APPROPRIATE ANSWER. IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE CORRECT ANSWER, PLEASE WRITE "DON'T KNOW" ON THE LINE AFTER THE QUESTION.

7. Have you made regular visits? ..... YES NO
   How often: _____
8. Were dental x-rays taken? ..... YES NO
9. Have you lost any teeth or have any teeth been removed? ..... YES NO
   Why? _____
10. Have they been replaced? ..... YES NO
11. How have they been replaced?
    a. Fixed bridge _____ Age _____
    b. Removable bridge _____ Age _____
    c. Denture _____ Age _____
    d. Implant _____ Age _____
12. Are you unhappy with the replacement? ..... YES NO
    If yes, explain _____
13. Would you like to know about permanent replacements? ..... YES NO
14. Have you ever had any problems or complications with previous dental treatment? .... YES NO
    If yes, explain: _____
15. Do you clench or grind your teeth? ..... YES NO
16. Does your jaw click or pop? ..... YES NO
17. Have you experienced any pain or soreness in the muscles or your face or around your ear? ..... YES NO
18. Do you have frequent headaches, neckaches or shoulder aches? ..... YES NO
19. Does food get caught in your teeth? ..... YES NO
20. Are any of your teeth sensitive to: ☐ Hot? ☐ Cold? ☐ Sweets? ☐ Pressure?
21. Do your gums bleed or hurt? ..... YES NO
    When? _____
22. Do you experience dry mouth? ..... YES NO
23. How often do you brush your teeth? _____ When? _____
24. Do you use dental floss? ..... YES NO
    How often? _____
25. Are any of your teeth loose, tipped, shifted or chipped? ..... YES NO
26. Are you unhappy with the appearance of your teeth? ..... YES NO
27. How do you feel about your teeth in general? _____
28. Do you feel your breath is offensive at times? ..... YES NO
29. Have you ever had gum treatment or surgery? ..... YES NO
    What? _____
    Where? _____
    When? _____
30. Have you had any orthodontic work? _____
31. Have you had any unpleasant dental experiences or is there anything about dentistry that you strongly dislike? _____
32. Do you have any questions or concerns? ..... YES NO

COMMENTS

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE

PATIENT'S / GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

DENTIST'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

ANEST.

MED. ALERT

Form No. T150DH

DENTAL HISTORY

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FINANCIAL OPTIONS

CASH, CHECK or CREDIT CARD, MASTERCARD, VISA, DISCOVER OR AMERICAN EXPRESS.
We accept these major credit cards to allow you the most convenience in taking care of your account.

PRE-PAYMENT OPTION.
Get a 5% Pre-Pay Discount on treatment totaling **$500 or more** if payment is received 7 days prior to your scheduled appointment. If selecting this option, **payment must be made by either CASH or Check.**

FOR PATIENTS WITH AN ACTIVE DENTAL INSURANCE POLICY.
To help you in maximizing your dental benefits, we'll gladly assist in submitting your dental claim forms to your primary dental insurance provider. However, please be advised we are an Out of Network dental provider and patient balances are due at the time services are rendered.

ACCEPTED & OFFERED OUTSIDE FINANCING OPTION.
For our patients that prefer to pay overtime, we've made special arrangements with our friends at **CARE CREDIT & LENDING CLUB**. Both entities have a variety of payment options that allow you to carry on with your dental care while making comfortable monthly payments. One of our team members will be happy to assist you with any questions.

DESIGNATED FINANCIAL OPTIONS

***If choosing to pay by Credit/ Debit Card, please fill in the information below.**
***If choosing to pay by Care Credit Card, please provide the below information and make sure to present your card at the time of service.**

☐ **CASH/ CHECK** ☐ **CARE CREDIT** ☐ **DISCOVER** ☐ **MASTERCARD** ☐ **VISA** ☐ **AMERICAN EXPRESS**

_____ _____
Card Number **Expiration Date**

I have read and understand my financial options. I understand that any and/or all expenses incurred must be paid for at the time services are rendered. I understand that my dental insurance claims, if applicable, will be submitted on my behalf but it is my responsibility to provide accurate and up to date insurance information prior to my scheduled appointment.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Dr. William J. Twohig D.D.S

Initial Patient Sleep Screening Form

Patient Name (PRINT) _____

Section 1: Epworth Sleepiness Scale

Please indicate how likely you are to doze off or fall asleep in the following situations:
(0=never, 1=slight, 2=moderate, 3=high chance of dozing) – CIRCLE ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH QUESTION

Sitting and reading……	0	1	2	3
Watching television……	0	1	2	3
Sitting in a public place……..0		1	2	3
As a passenger in a car for one hour……..0		1	2	3
Driving a car stopped for a few minutes in traffic……..0		1	2	3
Sitting & talking to someone……0		1	2	3
Sitting down quietly after lunch without alcohol…… 0		1	2	3
Lying down to rest in the afternoon……0		1	2	3

Total Score: _____

Section 2: Patient Evaluation

Fill in the blanks, circle one yes or no response for each question

			No(0)	Yes(1)
BMI (See Attached Chart):	_____	Is it greater than or equal to 30?	0	1
Neck Circumference	_____	Is it >17" (Men) or >15"(Women)?	0	1
Have you gained at least 15lbs in the past 6 months?			0	1

Total Score: _____

Section 3: Subjective Sleep Evaluation

Please circle one yes or no response for each question	No(0)	Yes(1)
Do you snore?.....	0	1
You, or your spouse, would consider your snoring louder than a person talking….	0	1
Your snoring occurs almost every night……..	0	1
Your snoring is bothersome to your bed partner…….....	0	1
Do you feel that in some way your sleep is not refreshing or restful?.....	0	1
Do you wake up at night or in the mornings with headaches?.....	0	1
Do you experience fatigue during the day and have difficulty staying awake?.....	0	1
Do you have trouble remembering things or paying attention during the day?.....	0	1
Do you have high blood pressure?.....	0	1

Total Score: _____

Section 4: Prior Diagnosis

	No(0)	Yes(1)
Have you previously been diagnosed with sleep apnea?	0	1

If Yes:

When were you diagnosed? (Approx mo/yr) _____

Were you put on CPAP Therapy for treatment? _____

Are you still using your CPAP every night? _____

Total Score: _____

Notes: (Please insert any notes for the doctor regarding snoring, sleep patterns or sleep apnea that you feel may be appropriate use back of page if necessary.)

Patient Signature:_____ **Date:** ____/____/_____

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Advanced screening criteria, if yes to any below pt should be scheduled for advanced OSA screening.

_____ ESS Score ≥ 8? _____ Pt. Eval ≥ 2? _____ Subjective Sleep Eval ≥ 3? _____ Prior OSA Diagnosis ≥ 1?

Body Mass Index Table

	Normal						Overweight					Obese										Extreme Obesity															
BMI	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54
Height (inches)	5 ft= 60inches, 6ft = 72inches											Body Weight (pounds)																								
58	91	96	100	105	110	115	119	124	129	134	138	143	148	153	158	162	167	172	177	181	186	191	196	201	205	210	215	220	224	229	234	239	244	248	253	258
59	94	99	104	109	114	119	124	128	133	138	143	148	153	158	163	168	173	178	183	188	193	198	203	208	212	217	222	227	232	237	242	247	252	257	262	267
60	97	102	107	112	118	123	128	133	138	143	148	153	158	163	168	174	179	184	189	194	199	204	209	215	220	225	230	235	240	245	250	255	261	266	271	276
61	100	106	111	116	122	127	132	137	143	148	153	158	164	169	174	180	185	190	195	201	206	211	217	222	227	232	238	243	248	254	259	264	269	275	280	285
62	104	109	115	120	126	131	136	142	147	153	158	164	169	175	180	186	191	196	202	207	213	218	224	229	235	240	246	251	256	262	267	273	278	284	289	295
63	107	113	118	124	130	135	141	146	152	158	163	169	175	180	186	191	197	203	208	214	220	225	231	237	242	248	254	259	265	270	278	282	287	293	299	304
64	110	116	122	128	134	140	145	151	157	163	169	174	180	186	192	197	204	209	215	221	227	232	238	244	250	256	262	267	273	279	285	291	296	302	308	314
65	114	120	126	132	138	144	150	156	162	168	174	180	186	192	198	204	210	216	222	228	234	240	246	252	258	264	270	276	282	288	294	300	306	312	318	324
66	118	124	130	136	142	148	155	161	167	173	179	186	192	198	204	210	216	223	229	235	241	247	253	260	266	272	278	284	291	297	303	309	315	322	328	334
67	121	127	134	140	146	153	159	166	172	178	185	191	198	204	211	217	223	230	236	242	249	255	261	268	274	280	287	293	299	306	312	319	325	331	338	344
68	125	131	138	144	151	158	164	171	177	184	190	197	203	210	216	223	230	236	243	249	256	262	269	276	282	289	295	302	308	315	322	328	335	341	348	354
69	128	135	142	149	155	162	169	176	182	189	196	203	209	216	223	230	236	243	250	257	263	270	277	284	291	297	304	311	318	324	331	338	345	351	358	365
70	132	139	146	153	160	167	174	181	188	195	202	209	216	222	229	236	243	250	257	264	271	278	285	292	299	306	313	320	327	334	341	348	355	362	369	376
71	136	143	150	157	165	172	179	186	193	200	208	215	222	229	236	243	250	257	265	272	279	286	293	301	308	315	322	329	338	343	351	358	365	372	379	386
72	140	147	154	162	169	177	184	191	199	206	213	221	228	235	242	250	258	265	272	279	287	294	302	309	316	324	331	338	346	353	361	368	375	383	390	397
73	144	151	159	166	174	182	189	197	204	212	219	227	235	242	250	257	265	272	280	288	295	302	310	318	325	333	340	348	355	363	371	378	386	393	401	408
74	148	155	163	171	179	186	194	202	210	218	225	233	241	249	256	264	272	280	287	295	303	311	319	326	334	342	350	358	365	373	381	389	396	404	412	420
75	152	160	168	176	184	192	200	208	216	224	232	240	248	256	264	272	279	287	295	303	311	319	327	335	343	351	359	367	375	383	391	399	407	415	423	431
76	156	164	172	180	189	197	205	213	221	230	238	246	254	263	271	279	287	295	304	312	320	328	336	344	353	361	369	377	385	394	402	410	418	426	435	443

Source: Adapted from *Clinical Guidelines on the Identification, Evaluation, and Treatment of Overweight and Obesity in Adults: The Evidence Report.*

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Office & Financial Policies

Appointments

One of our team members will notify you of your scheduled appointment 2 weeks prior to the date via email or text message. To receive this type appointment reminder, you must provide a valid email address, cell phone number, or both. For those patients that would prefer a phone call reminder for their upcoming appointment you will be notified 1 week prior. No matter your preferred method of contact, **ALL** appointments must be confirmed either by replying to your email or text message notification or by calling our office to verbally confirm your scheduled date and time. If you have a conflict with a scheduled appointment or are unable to make it to your scheduled appointment you must call the office to notify our staff. We ask that you do **NOT** notify us by email or by replying to our automated confirmation service as we may not receive the message in time.

We understand that sometimes things happen that would prevent you from being able to keep your scheduled appointment. But please keep in mind that when scheduling your appointment, that specific time is reserved only for you. If you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment we ask that you please notify us 48 hours prior to so that we may offer that appointment time to another patient. **Short notice cancelations (less than 48 hours) or No Shows may result in a missed appointment charge that ranges in fees of $75 to $150.** There are few exceptions to this policy but we do understand sudden illnesses and unforeseen situations.

We ask that patients with scheduled appointments please arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. For patients that will be visiting us for the first time we ask that you arrive 20 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time as there are a few forms that, by law, need to be completed upon your arrival at the office. If you know that you will be running late for your appointment we encourage you to please call our office and inform us of the situation. We reserve the right to reschedule your appointment if we feel that the appointments of other patients will be affected.

Insurance & Financials

Our dental practice works with most dental insurance plans; however, we are a non-contracted provider and encourage our patients to please familiarize themselves with their insurance plan. As a courtesy to our patients we will submit your insurance claim but it is your responsibility to follow up regarding benefit payments. Because we are a non-contracted provider some insurance plans do send the benefit payment to the policy holder.

We ask that payments for any and all services be made the day of your appointment. If we are submitting to your insurance provider we do expect the patient portion to be paid at the time services are rendered. Services that will not be covered by your insurance plan must be paid for that same day as well. We accept cash, check, all major credit cards, Care Credit and Lending Club. If you are unfamiliar with Care Credit or Lending Club one of our helpful team members would be happy to help answer your questions. We do not offer in house payment plans or financing.

Patient Name: _____
(Please Print)

Patient Signature: _____
(Signature of Patient, Parent, or Guardian)

Date: _____

Dr. William J Twohig DDS
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.

I. Dental Practice Covered by this Notice

This Notice describes the privacy practices of **William J. Twohig DDS**. "We" and "our" means the Dental Practice. "You" and "your" means our patient.

II. How to Contact Us/Our Privacy Official

If you have any questions or would like further information about this Notice, you can contact **William J Twohig's** Privacy Official at:

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(920)867-3101
(920)867-3108
front2@drtwohig.com

III. Our Promise to You and Our Legal Obligations

The privacy of your health information is important to us. We understand that your health information is personal and we are committed to protecting it. This Notice describes how we may use and disclose your protected health information to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations and for other purposes that are permitted or required by law. It also describes your rights to access and control your protected health information. Protected health information is information about you, including demographic information, that may identify you and that relates to your past, present or future physical or mental health or condition and related health care services.

We are required by law to:

- Maintain the privacy of your protected health information;
- Give you this Notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to that information; and
- Abide by the terms of our Notice that is currently in effect.

IV. Last Revision Date

This Notice was last revised on **November 28, 2017**

V. How We May Use or Disclose Your Health Information

The following examples describe different ways we may use or disclose your health information. These examples are not meant to be exhaustive. We are permitted by law to use and disclose your health information for the following purposes:

A. Common Uses and Disclosures

- **Treatment.** We may use your health information to provide you with dental treatment or services, such as cleaning or examining your teeth or performing dental procedures. We may disclose health information about you to dental specialists, physicians, or other health care professionals involved in your care.
- **2. Payment.** We may use and disclose your health information to obtain payment from health plans and insurers for the care that we provide to you.

- **3. Health Care Operations.** We may use and disclose health information about you in connection with health care operations necessary to run our practice, including review of our treatment and services, training, evaluating the performance of our staff and health care professionals, quality assurance, financial or billing audits, legal matters, and business planning and development.
- **4. Appointment Reminders.** We may use or disclose your health information when contacting you to remind you of a dental appointment. We may contact you by using a postcard, letter, phone call, voice message, text or email.
- **5. Treatment Alternatives and Health-Related Benefits and Services.** We may use and disclose your health information to tell you about treatment options or alternatives or health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you.
- **6. Disclosure to Family Members and Friends.** We may disclose your health information to a family member or friend who is involved with your care or payment for your care if you do not object or, if you are not present, we believe it is in your best interest to do so.
- **7. Disclosure to Business Associates.** We may disclose your protected health information to our third-party service providers (called, "business associates") that perform functions on our behalf or provide us with services if the information is necessary for such functions or services. For example, we may use a business associate to assist us in maintaining our practice management software. All of our business associates are obligated, under contract with us, to protect the privacy of your information and are not allowed to use or disclose any information other than as specified in our contract.

B. Less Common Uses and Disclosures

- **Disclosures Required by Law.** We may use or disclose patient health information to the extent we are required by law to do so. For example, we are required to disclose patient health information to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services so that it can investigate complaints or determine our compliance with HIPAA.
- **2. Public Health Activities.** We may disclose patient health information for public health activities and purposes, which include: preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability; reporting births or deaths; reporting child abuse or neglect; reporting adverse reactions to medications or foods; reporting product defects; enabling product recalls; and notifying a person who may have been exposed to a disease or may be at risk for contracting or spreading a disease or condition.
- **3. Victims of Abuse, Neglect or Domestic Violence.** We may disclose health information to the appropriate government authority about a patient whom we believe is a victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence.
- **4. Health Oversight Activities.** We may disclose patient health information to a health oversight agency for activities necessary for the government to provide appropriate oversight of the health care system, certain government benefit programs, and compliance with certain civil rights laws.
- **5. Lawsuits and Legal Actions.** We may disclose patient health information in response to (i) a court or administrative order or (ii) a subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process that is not ordered by a court if efforts have been made to notify the patient or to obtain an order protecting the information requested.
- **6. Law Enforcement Purposes.** We may disclose your health information to a law enforcement official for a law enforcement purposes, such as to identify or locate a suspect, material witness or missing person or to alert law enforcement of a crime.
- **7. Coroners, Medical Examiners and Funeral Directors.** We may disclose your health information to a coroner, medical examiner or funeral director to allow them to carry out their duties.
- **8. Organ, Eye and Tissue Donation.** We may use or disclose your health information to organ procurement organizations or others that obtain, bank or transplant cadaveric organs, eyes or tissue for donation and transplant.
- **9. Research Purposes.** We may use or disclose your information for research purposes pursuant to patient authorization waiver approval by an Institutional Review Board or Privacy Board.
- **10. Serious Threat to Health or Safety.** We may use or disclose your health information if we believe it is necessary to do so to prevent or lessen a serious threat to anyone's health or safety.
- **11. Specialized Government Functions.** We may disclose your health information to the military (domestic or foreign) about its members or veterans, for national security and protective services for the President or other heads of state, to the government for security clearance reviews, and to a jail or prison about its inmates.

- **12. Workers' Compensation.** We may disclose your health information to comply with workers' compensation laws or similar programs that provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness.

VI. Your Written Authorization for Any Other Use or Disclosure of Your Health Information

Uses and disclosures of your protected health information that involve the release of psychotherapy notes (if any), marketing, sale of your protected health information, or other uses or disclosures not described in this notice will be made only with your written authorization, unless otherwise permitted or required by law. You may revoke this authorization at any time, in writing, except to the extent that this office has taken an action in reliance on the use of disclosure indicated in the authorization. If a use or disclosure of protected health information described above in this notice is prohibited or materially limited by other laws that apply to use, we intend to meet the requirements of the more stringent law.

VII. Your Rights with Respect to Your Health Information

You have the following rights with respect to certain health information that we have about you (information in a Designated Record Set as defined by HIPAA). To exercise any of these rights, you must submit a written request to our Privacy Official listed on the first page of this Notice.

❖ Right to Access and Review

You may request to access and review a copy of your health information. We may deny your request under certain circumstances. You will receive written notice of a denial and can appeal it. We will provide a copy of your health information in a format you request if it is readily producible. If not readily producible, we will provide it in a hard copy format or other format that is mutually agreeable. If your health information is included in an Electronic Health Record, you have the right to obtain a copy of it in an electronic format and to direct us to send it to the person or entity you designate in an electronic format. We may charge a reasonable fee to cover our cost to provide you with copies of your health information.

❖ Right to Amend

If you believe that your health information is incorrect or incomplete, you may request that we amend it. We may deny your request under certain circumstances. You will receive written notice of a denial and can file a statement of disagreement that will be included with your health information that you believe is incorrect or incomplete.

❖ Right to Restrict Use and Disclosure

You may request that we restrict uses of your health information to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations or to your family member or friend involved in your care or the payment for your care. We may not (and are not required to) agree to your requested restrictions, with one exception: If you pay out of your pocket in full for a service you receive from us and you request that we not submit the claim for this service to your health insurer or health plan for reimbursement, we must honor that request.

❖ Right to Confidential Communications, Alternative Means and Locations

You may request to receive communications of health information by alternative means or at an alternative location. We will accommodate a request if it is reasonable and you indicate that communication by regular means could endanger you. When you submit a written request to the Privacy Official listed on the first page of this Notice, you need to provide an alternative method of contact or alternative address and indicate how payment for services will be handled.

❖ Right to an Accounting of Disclosures

You have a right to receive an accounting of disclosures of your health information for the six (6) years prior to the date that the accounting is requested except for disclosures to carry out treatment, payment, health care operations (and certain other exceptions as provided by HIPAA). The first accounting we provide in any 12-month period will be without charge to you. We may charge a reasonable fee to cover the cost for each subsequent request for an accounting within the same 12-month period. We will notify you in advance of this fee and you may choose to modify or withdraw your request at that time.

- **Right to a Paper Copy of this Notice**

You have the right to a paper copy of this Notice. You may ask us to give you a paper copy of the Notice at any time (even if you have agreed to receive the Notice electronically). To obtain a paper copy, ask the Privacy Official.

- **Right to Receive Notification of a Security Breach**

We are required by law to notify you if the privacy or security of your health information has been breached. The notification will occur by first class mail within sixty (60) days of the event. A breach occurs when there has been an unauthorized use or disclosure under HIPAA that compromises the privacy or security of your health information.

The breach notification will contain the following information: (1) a brief description of what happened, including the date of the breach and the date of the discovery of the breach; (2) the steps you should take to protect yourself from potential harm resulting from the breach; and (3) a brief description of what we are doing to investigate the breach, mitigate losses, and to protect against further breaches.

VIII. Special Protections for HIV, Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Mental Health and Genetic Information

Certain federal and state laws may require special privacy protections that restrict the use and disclosure of certain health information, including HIV-related information, alcohol and substance abuse information, mental health information, and genetic information. For example, a health plan is not permitted to use or disclose genetic information for underwriting purposes. Some parts of this HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices may not apply to these types of information. If your treatment involves this information, you may contact our office for more information about these protections.

IX. Our Right to Change Our Privacy Practices and This Notice

We reserve the right to change the terms of this Notice at any time. Any change will apply to the health information we have about you or create or receive in the future. We will promptly revise the Notice when there is a material change to the uses or disclosures, individual's rights, our legal duties, or other privacy practices discussed in this Notice. We will post the revised Notice on our website (if applicable) and in our office and will provide a copy of it to you on request. The effective date of this Notice is

X. How to Make Privacy Complaints

If you have any complaints about your privacy rights or how your health information has been used or disclosed, you may file a complaint with us by contacting our Privacy Official listed on the first page of this Notice.

You may also file a written complaint with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights. We will not retaliate against you in any way if you choose to file a complaint.