

CONSENT AND UNDERSTANDING

This consent is required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 to inform you of your rights for privacy with respect to your health care information.

Consent Related to Privacy Notice:

I have had a chance to review the Practice Privacy Notice as part of this registration process. I understand that the terms of the Privacy Notice may change and I may obtain these revised notices by contacting the practice by phone or in writing. I understand I have the right to request how my protected health information (PHI) has been disclosed. I also have the right to restrict how this information is disclosed, but this practice is not required to agree to my restrictions. If it does agree to my restrictions on PHI use, it is bound by that agreement.

Consent for Care:

I, with my signature, authorize (this practice), and any employee working under the direction of the physician, to provide medical care for me, or to this patient for which I am the legal guardian. This medical care may include services and supplies related to my health (or the identified person) and may include (but not limited to) preventative, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, maintenance, palliative care, counseling, assessment or review of physical or mental status/function of the body and the sale or dispensing of drugs, devices, equipment or other items required and in accordance with a prescription. This consent includes contact and discussion with other health care professionals for care and treatment.

Consent for Release of Information and Assignment of Benefits:

I also authorize this practice to furnish information to the identified insurance carrier(s) for any and all payment activities. I consent to assign all payments for services directly to this practice. I further consent to the use for any practice operational needs as identified in the Practice Privacy Notice.

Financial Policy:

We appreciate you choosing us for your healthcare. We will adhere to the following financial policy in order to consistently deliver high quality care and services. The patient/responsible party assumes responsibility to ensure that the financial obligation is fulfilled for the health care services received.

- I understand that I am responsible for all co-payments, amounts applied to deductibles, and other amounts that may be deemed my responsibility by the payment sources, as required by my contract with my insurance plan and state regulations.
- I understand that if I have an insurance co-payment, I am expected to make payment when checking in for my appointment.
- I understand that my contract with my insurance entity may or may not cover some services. All insurance policies are not the same. They vary by employer group. Consultants in Gastroenterology, Inc. is not responsible or able to know every policy available. It is my responsibility to verify applicable coverage prior to receiving the services. For example, not all health plans include screenings as a benefit. If I seek care outside of the contract terms, I am aware that I may be responsible for all charges that are incurred.

Consultants in Gastroenterology, Inc. is a physician owned and operated facility.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this policy. It is our privilege to provide your medical care.

I have read and understand the Consents and Financial Policy stated above and agree to accept full responsibility as described above.

Patient/Responsible Party

Date

Patient name if different from Responsible Party: _____