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CONSENT TO USE OR DISCLOSE INFORMATION FOR TREATMENT, PAYMENT OR HEALTH CARE OPERATIONS

The Patient hereby consents to the use or disclosure of his/her individually identifiable health information ("protected health information") and patient medical record information by **Internal Medicine Specialists, Inc.** (the "Practice") in order to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations. The Patient should review the Practice's Notice of Privacy Practices for a more complete description of the potential uses and disclosures of such information, and the Patient has the right to review such Notice prior to signing this Consent Form.

The Practice reserves for itself the right to change the terms of its Notice of Privacy Practices at any time. If the Practice does change the terms of its Notice of Privacy Practices, Patient may obtain a copy of the revised Notice.

Patient retains the right to request that the Practice further restrict how his/her protected health information is used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment, or health care operations. The Practice is not required to agree to such requested restrictions; however, if the Practice does agree to Patient's requested restriction(s), such restrictions are then binding on the Practice.

Patient acknowledges and agrees that the Practice may disclose Patient's protected health information and patient medical record information to the following individuals who are either the Patient's family members, legal representatives, guardian, health care surrogates, or have power of attorney on behalf of the Patient: **(Patient must fill out) Name/Relationship:** _____

The Patient agrees that the Practice may disclose the following types of information contained in the Patient's medical records (please **initial, do not check**, the appropriate categories listed below):

<u>Restrictions</u>	<u>Restrictions</u>
_____ HIV/AIDS Information _____	_____ Mental Health Information _____
_____ Substance Abuse Information _____	_____ If Patient is under the age of eighteen (18), Pregnancy information _____
_____ Sexually Transmitted Disease Information _____	

Patient agrees and consents to the Practice releasing information to Patient in the following alternative manners (please **initial, do not check** the appropriate spaces below):

- _____ Via e-mail to the Patient's designated e-mail address which is: _____.
- _____ Via Regular Mail with any envelopes being marked personal and confidential and addressed to Patient.
- _____ Via telephone, if Patient contacts the Practice and provides the appropriate information (including the Patient's name, social security number and date of birth.)

At all times, Patient retains the right to revoke this Consent. Such revocation must be submitted to the Practice in writing. The revocation shall be effective *except* to the extent that the Practice has already taken action in reliance on the Consent. If you revoke this consent, Internal Medicine Specialists will only continue to treat you on an emergency basis, and in that case for 30 days.

The Practice may refuse to treat Patient if he/she (or an authorized representative) does not sign this Consent Form. If Patient (or authorized representative) signs this Consent and then revokes it, the Practice has the right to refuse to provide further treatment to Patient as of the time of revocation (except to the extent that the Practice is required by law to treat individuals).

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION IN THIS CONSENT. I MAY RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS CONSENT, AND I AM THE PATIENT OR AM AUTHORIZED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE PATIENT TO SIGN THIS SEALED DOCUMENT VERIFYING CONSENT TO THE ABOVE STATED TERMS.

Date: _____ Time: _____ AM / PM

Signature of Patient/Authorized Representative*

Please Print Name

*Please explain Representative's Relationship to Patient and include a description of Representative's Authority to act on behalf of the Patient. Please attach proof of guardianship with a court document.

