

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.

Do you have a primary care doctor?  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

Are you taking any medications, pills, or drugs?  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

Emergency Contact:  Yes  No If yes

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

Do you use controlled substances?  Yes  No If yes

Other?  If yes

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

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

Have you ever had any serious illness not listed  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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for choosing us as participants in your healthcare. We are fully committed to providing the highest level of healthcare to you. Please read our financial policy as outlined below and sign prior to your treatment.

If you have insurance:

If we are participating providers of your insurance plan, you will be responsible only for that portion of the bill that your insurance indicates is your responsibility. Co-Payments are due at the time of your service. Any additional charges due after receipt of the insurance payment will be billed to you. It is your responsibility to understand the coverage and benefits of your contract. If payment is not received in a timely fashion or payment arrangements are not made, the balance will be forwarded to a collection agency.

If we do not participate:

We will bill your carrier as a courtesy, but the full balance due is your responsibility. Please be sure to fully understand your insurance coverage.

It is your responsibility to inform our office of any changes in your insurance coverage.

Payment Arrangements:

We accept cash, check, or credit cards. Special arrangements may be made in the case of financial hardship. Please contact our office for more information.

Fee Schedule:

Our fees are based on the usual and customary fees charged in this area. Patients are responsible for any and all balances owed.

24 Hour Policy and Broken appointments:

There will be a \$50.00 charge added to your account if you do NOT cancel appointment 24 hours in advance. This fee also applies to NO show visits as well.

I have read the above and understood the financial policy. I agree to the terms outlined above.

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

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_



# GENERAL DENTISTRY INFORMATION FORM

Dentist: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Dentistry is not an exact science and reputable practitioners cannot properly guarantee results. Despite the most diligent care and precaution, unanticipated complications or unintended results, although rare, may occur. Guarantees and assurances cannot be made by anyone regarding the dental treatment which you have requested and authorized. It is essential that you keep your appointments and cooperate in your treatment to help insure the best possible result. Please read the following and initial and sign where noted.

## SERVICES THAT MAY BE PROVIDED INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

### **1. FILLINGS**

Care must be exercised in chewing on filled teeth, especially on large fillings and during the first 24 hours, to avoid breakage. A more extensive restorative procedure than originally diagnosed may be necessary, due to more decay than anticipated. Sensitivity can occur following a newly placed filling and will usually go away with time. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

### **2. CROWNS, BRIDGES AND LAMINATES**

These restorations involve permanent alteration of the tooth structure. It is not always possible to match the color of the natural teeth exactly with artificial teeth. Temporary restorations may come off easily. Care must be taken to insure that they are kept on until the permanent restorations are delivered. The final opportunity to make changes to the new crowns, bridges or laminates (including the shape, fit, size and color) will be before cementation. It is necessary to keep the appointment for permanent cementation. Excessive delays may allow for tooth movement, necessitating the remaking of the restoration and additional charges may be incurred. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

### **3. DENTURES (FULL AND PARTIAL)**

The wearing of dentures can be difficult. Sore spots, altered speech and difficulty in eating are common problems. Due to jaw ridge loss, retention of full dentures can be a problem. Immediate dentures may require considerable adjusting and several relines. A permanent reline will be needed later (this is not included in the denture fee). You are responsible to return for delivery of the dentures. Failure to do so may result in poorly fitting dentures and remakes will require additional charges. Failure to wear partial dentures every day will likely lead to tooth movement, resulting in a partial that no longer fits. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

### **4. PERIODONTAL DISEASE**

Periodontal disease affects the gums and bone which support the teeth. It is a serious, progressive infection, causing breakdown of the gums and bone and eventual loss of teeth. It is best treated in its early stage. Treatment options may include gum surgery, extractions and replacements. Undertaking any dental procedure may have a future adverse effect on the periodontia. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

### **5. ENDODONTIC TREATMENT (ROOT CANAL)**

Although over 90% effective, there is no guarantee that root canal treatment will succeed and complications can occur from the treatment. Occasionally, root canal material may extend beyond the root tip, which does not necessarily affect the success of treatment. Endodontic files and reamers are very fine instruments and can separate during use. Additional surgical procedures may be necessary following root canal treatment. Despite all efforts to save it, the tooth may still be lost. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

### **6. REMOVAL OF TEETH (EXTRACTIONS)**

Teeth may need to be extracted for various reasons, such as non-restorability, lack of bone support, part of orthodontic treatment, impactions, etc. There are alternatives to the removal of treatable teeth and these options include root canal treatment, periodontal treatment and crowns. Removal of teeth does not always remove the infection, if present, and further treatment may be necessary. There are risks involved in having teeth removed, including, but not limited to pain, swelling, spread of infection, dry socket, loss of feeling in the teeth, lips, tongue and surrounding tissues (that can last for an indefinite period of time) and jaw fracture. If complications arise during or following treatment, referral to a specialist may be needed, requiring further treatment and additional cost. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

### **7. DRUGS, MEDICATIONS, AND ANESTHETICS**

Antibiotics, analgesics, and other medications can cause allergic reactions such as redness and swelling of tissues, pain, itching, vomiting and/ or anaphylactic shock. Injections of local anesthetics can cause paresthesia (numbness) of teeth, lips and surrounding tissues. Though quite rare, this numbness can sometimes be permanent. Studies have shown that Bisphosphonate (ex. Fosomax) therapy for osteoporosis can actually cause bone loss in the jawbone, which can consequently compromise certain dental treatments. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

### **8. CHANGES IN TREATMENT PLAN**

A treatment plan is based on the best evidence available during the examination. There is no guarantee that this plan will not change. During treatment, it may be necessary to change or add procedures because of conditions that were not evident during examination, but were found during the course of treatment. For example, root canal treatment may be needed during routine restorative procedures. (Initials \_\_\_\_\_)

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Signature of Patient

Date

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Signature of Dentist

Date



Effective date of notice: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
**NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**  
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**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.**

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We respect our legal obligation to keep health information that identifies you private. We are obligated by law to give you notice of our privacy practices. This Notice describes how we protect your health information and what rights you have regarding it.

**TREATMENT, PAYMENT, AND HEALTH CARE OPERATIONS**

The most common reason why we use or disclose your health information is for treatment, payment or health care operations. Examples of how we use or disclose information for treatment purposes are: setting up an appointment for you; examining your teeth; prescribing medications and faxing them to be filled; referring you to another doctor or clinic for other health care or services; or getting copies of your health information from another professional that you may have seen before us. Examples of how we use or disclose your health information for payment purposes are: asking you about your health or dental care plans, or other sources of payment; preparing and sending bills or claims; and collecting unpaid amounts (either ourselves or through a collection agency or attorney). "Health care operations" mean those administrative and managerial functions that we have to do in order to run our office. Examples of how we use or disclose your health information for health care operations are: financial or billing audits; internal quality assurance; personnel decisions; participation in managed care plans; defense of legal matters; business planning; and outside storage of our records.

We routinely use your health information inside our office for these purposes without any special permission. If we need to disclose your health information outside of our office for any reasons.

**USES AND DISCLOSURES FOR OTHER REASONS WITHOUT PERMISSION**

In some limited situations, the law allows or requires us to use or disclose your health information without your permission. Not all of these situations will apply to us; some may never come up at our office at all. Such uses or disclosures are:

- when a state or federal law mandates that certain health information be reported for a specific purpose;
- for public health purposes, such as contagious disease reporting, investigation or surveillance; and notices to and from the federal Food and Drug Administration regarding drugs or medical devices;
- disclosures to governmental authorities about victims of suspected abuse, neglect or domestic violence;
- uses and disclosures for health oversight activities, such as for the licensing of doctors; for audits by Medicare or Medicaid; or for investigation of possible violations of health care laws;
- disclosures for judicial and administrative proceedings, such as in response to subpoenas or orders of courts or administrative agencies;
- disclosures for law enforcement purposes, such as to provide information about someone who is or is suspected to be a victim of a crime; to provide information about a crime at our office; or to report a crime that happened somewhere else;

- disclosure to a medical examiner to identify a dead person or to determine the cause of death; or to funeral directors to aid in burial; or to organizations that handle organ or tissue donations;
- uses or disclosures for health related research;
- uses and disclosures to prevent a serious threat to health or safety;
- uses or disclosures for specialized government functions, such as for the protection of the president or high ranking government officials; for lawful national intelligence activities; for military purposes; or for the evaluation and health of members of the foreign service;
- disclosures of de-identified information;
- disclosures relating to worker's compensation programs;
- disclosures of a "limited data set" for research, public health, or health care operations;
- incidental disclosures that are an unavoidable by-product of permitted uses or disclosures;
- disclosures to "business associates" who perform health care operations for us and who commit to respect the privacy of your health information;

Unless you object, we will also share relevant information about your care with your family or friends who are helping you with your dental care.

### **APPOINTMENT REMINDERS**

We may call or write to remind you of scheduled appointments, or that it is time to make a routine appointment. We may also call or write to notify you of other treatments or services available at our office that might help you. Unless you tell us otherwise, we will mail you an appointment reminder on a post card, and/or leave you a reminder message on your home answering machine or with someone who answers your phone if you are not home.

### **OTHER USES AND DISCLOSURES**

We will not make any other uses or disclosures of your health information unless you sign a written "authorization form." The content of an "authorization form" is determined by federal law. Sometimes, we may initiate the authorization process if the use or disclosure is our idea. Sometimes, you may initiate the process if it's your idea for us to send your information to someone else. Typically, in this situation you will give us a properly completed authorization form, or you can use one of ours. If we initiate the process and ask you to sign an authorization form, you do not have to sign it. If you do not sign the authorization, we cannot make the use or disclosure. If you do sign one, you may revoke it at any time unless we have already acted in reliance upon it. Revocations must be in writing. Send them to the office contact person named at the beginning of this Notice.

### **YOUR RIGHTS REGARDING YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION**

The law gives you many rights regarding your health information. You can:

- ask us to restrict our uses and disclosures for purposes of treatment (except emergency treatment), payment or health care operations. We do not have to agree to do this, but if we agree, we must honor the restrictions that you want. To ask for a restriction, send a written request to the office contact person at the address, fax or E Mail shown at the beginning of this Notice.
- ask us to communicate with you in a confidential way, such as by phoning you at work rather than at home, by mailing health information to a different address, or by using E mail to your personal E Mail address. We will accommodate these requests if they are reasonable, and if you pay us for any extra cost. If you want to ask for confidential communications, send a written request to the office contact person at the address, fax or E mail shown at the beginning of this Notice.
- ask to see or to get photocopies of your health information. By law, there are a few limited situations in which we can refuse to permit access or copying. For the most part, however, you will be able to review or have a copy of your health information within 30 days of asking us (or sixty days if the information is stored off-site). You may have to pay for photocopies in advance. If we deny your request, we will send you a written explanation, and instructions about how to get an impartial review of our denial if one is legally available. By law, we can have one 30 day extension of the time for us to give you access or photocopies if we send you a written notice of the extension. If you want to review or get photocopies of your health information, send a written



request to the office contact person at the address, fax or E mail shown at the beginning of this Notice.

- ask us to amend your health information if you think that it is incorrect or incomplete. If we agree, we will amend the information within 60 days from when you ask us. We will send the corrected information to persons who we know got the wrong information, and others that you specify. If we do not agree, you can write a statement of your position, and we will include it with your health information along with any rebuttal statement that we may write. Once your statement of position and/or our rebuttal is included in your health information, we will send it along whenever we make a permitted disclosure of your health information. By law, we can have one 30 day extension of time to consider a request for amendment if we notify you in writing of the extension. If you want to ask us to amend your health information, send a written request, including your reasons for the amendment, to the office contact person at the address, fax or E mail shown at the beginning of this Notice.
- get a list of the disclosures that we have made of your health information within the past six years (or a shorter period if you want). By law, the list will not include: disclosures for purposes of treatment, payment or health care operations; disclosures with your authorization; incidental disclosures; disclosures required by law; and some other limited disclosures. You are entitled to one such list per year without charge. If you want more frequent lists, you will have to pay for them in advance. We will usually respond to your request within 60 days of receiving it, but by law we can have one 30 day extension of time if we notify you of the extension in writing. If you want a list, send a written request to the office contact person at the address, fax or E mail shown at the beginning of this Notice.
- get additional paper copies of this Notice of Privacy Practices upon request. It does not matter whether you got one electronically or in paper form already. If you want additional paper copies, send a written request to the office contact person at the address, fax or E mail shown at the beginning of this Notice.

#### **OUR NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

By law, we must abide by the terms of this Notice of Privacy Practices until we choose to change it. We reserve the right to change this notice at any time as allowed by law. If we change this Notice, the new privacy practices will apply to your health information that we already have as well as to such information that we may generate in the future. If we change our Notice of Privacy Practices, we will post the new notice in our office, have copies available in our office, and post it on our Web site.

#### **COMPLAINTS**

If you think that we have not properly respected the privacy of your health information, you are free to complain to us or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights. We will not retaliate against you if you make a complaint. If you want to complain to us, send a written complaint to the office contact person at the address, fax or E mail shown at the beginning of this Notice. If you prefer, you can discuss your complaint in person or by phone.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

If you want more information about our privacy practices, call or visit the office contact person at the address or phone number shown at the beginning of this Notice.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT**

I acknowledge that I received a copy of Dr. Christopher Walsh's Notice of Privacy Practices.

Patient name \_\_\_\_\_

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