

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT

I understand that **CASCADE INTERNAL MEDICINE SPECIALISTS** (referred to below as "This Practice") will use and disclose **health information** about

(Name of patient)

I understand that his/her **health information** may include information both created and received by the practice, may be in the form of written or electronic records or spoken words, and may include information about his/her health history, health status, symptoms, examinations, test results, diagnoses, treatments, procedures, prescriptions, and similar types of health-related information.

I understand and agree that This Practice may **use and disclose** his/her health information in order to:

- make decisions about and plan for his/her care and treatment;
- refer to, consult with, coordinate among, and manage along with other health care providers for his/her care and treatment;
- determine his/her eligibility for health plan or insurance coverage, and submit bills, claims and other related information to insurance companies or others who may be responsible to pay for some or all of his/her health care; and
- perform various office, administrative and business functions that support his/her physician's efforts to provide him/her with, arrange and be reimbursed for quality, cost-effective health care.

I also understand that I have the right to receive and review a written description of how This Practice will handle health information about him/her. This written description is known as a **Notice of Privacy Practices** and describes the uses and disclosures of health information made and the information practices followed by the employees, staff and other office personnel of This Practice, and his/her rights regarding his/her health information.

I understand that the Notice of Privacy Practices may be revised from time to time, and that I am entitled to receive a copy of any revised Notice of Privacy Practices. I also understand that a copy or a summary of the most current version of This Practice's Notice of Privacy Practices in effect will be posted in waiting/reception area.

I understand that I have the right to ask that some or all of his/her health information not be used or disclosed in the manner described in the Notice of Privacy Practices, and I understand that This Practice is not required by law to agree to such requests.

By signing below, I agree that I have reviewed and understand the information above and that I have received a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices.

By: _____ (PATIENT OR GUARDIAN)	Date: _____
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-OR-

By: _____ (Patient representative)	Date: _____
Description of Representative's Authority:	