

## Form 1A NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

(Effective April 14, 2003)

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.

## USES AND DISCLOSES OF YOUR MEDICAL INFORMATION

For Treatment: We may use medical information about you to provide you with medical treatment or services. For Payment: We may use and disclose medical information about you so that the treatment and services you receive at our practice may be billed to and payment may be collected from you, an insurance company, or a third party. For Health Care Operations: We may use and disclose health information about you for operations of our health care practice. For individuals Involved in Your Care or Payment for Your Care: We may release medical information about you to a friend or family member who is involved in your medical care. For Health-Related Services and Treatment Alternatives: We may use and disclose health information to tell you about health-related services or recommend possible treatment options or alternatives that may be of interest to you. As Required By Law: We will disclose medical information about you when required to do so by federal, state, or local law. To Avert a Serious Threat to Health or Safety: We may use and disclose medical information about you when necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health and safety or the health and safety of the public or another person. For Military and Veterans: If you are a member of the armed forces, we may release medical information about you as required by military command authorities. For Worker's Compensation: We may release medical information about you for worker's compensation or similar programs. For Public Health Risks: We may disclose medical information about you for public health activities.

For Health Oversight Activities; We may disclose medical information to health oversight agency for activities authorized by law.

For Lawsuits and Disputes: If you are involved in a lawsuit or a dispute, we may disclose medical information about you in response to a court or administrative order. For Law Enforcement: We may release medical information if asked to do so by law enforcement officials. For Coroners, Medical Examiners, and Funeral Directors: We may release medical information to a coroner or medical examiner.

For National Security and Intelligence Activities: We may release medical information about you to authorized federal officials for intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities authorized by law. For Protective Services for the President and

**Others:** We may disclose medical information about you to authorized federal officials so they may provide protection to the President, other authorized persons or foreign heads of state or conduct special investigations. **For Inmates:** If you are an inmate of a correctional institution or under the custody of a law enforcement official, we may release medical information about you to the correctional institution or law enforcement official.

## YOUR RIGHTS REGARDING YOU MEDICAL INFORMATION

YOUR RIGHT TO INSPECT AND COPY: To inspect and copy of your medical information, you must submit your request in writing. We may deny your request to inspect and copy, in limited circumstances. If you are denied access to medical information, you may request in writing, that the denial be reviewed. Your Right to Amend: If you feel that medical information we have about you is incorrect or incomplete, you may request an amendment in writing. Your request may be denied if you do not include a reason to support the request. Your Right to an Accounting of Disclosures: You have the right to request in writing, a list accounting for any disclosure of your medical information we have made, except for uses and disclosers for treatment, payment, and health care operations as previously described.

Your Right to Request Restrictions: You have the right to request a restriction or limitation on the medical information we use or disclose about you for treatment, payment, or health care operations. We are not required to agree to your request. Your Right to Request Confidential Communications: You have the right to request in writing that we communicate with you about medical matters in a certain way or at a certain location. Your Right to a Paper Copy of This Notice: You have the right to a paper copy of this notice at any time.

CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE: We reserve the right to change this notice, and will post the current notice in our facility.

**COMPLAINTS:** If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with the practice or with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

**OTHER USES OF MEDICAL INFORMATION:** Other uses and disclosures of medical information not covered by this notice or the laws that apply to us will be made only with your written permission. If you provide us permission to use or disclose medical information about you, you may revoke that permission, in writing, at any time. If you revoke your permission, we will no longer use or disclose medical information about you for the reasons covered by you written authorization. You understand that we are unable to take back any disclosures we have already made with your permission, and that we are required to retain our records of the care that we provided to you.

See other side for Form 1B "ARBITRATION AGREEMENT"

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## ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

(Effective June 1, 2014)

**Article 1**: Agreement to Arbitrate: It is understood that any dispute as to medical malpractice, that is as to whether any medical services rendered under this contract were unnecessary or unauthorized or were improperly, negligently or incompetently rendered, will be determined by submission to arbitration as provided by California law, and not by a lawsuit or resort to court process except as state and federal law provides for judicial review of arbitration proceedings. Both parties to this contract, by entering into it, are giving up their constitutional right to have any such dispute decided in a court of law before a jury, and instead are accepting the use of arbitration.

Article 2: All Claims Must be Arbitrated: It is also understood that any dispute that does not relate to medical malpractice, including disputes as to whether or not a dispute is subject to arbitration, will also be determined by submission to binding arbitration. It is the intention of the parties that this agreement bind all parties as to all claims, including claims arising out of or relating to treatment or services provided by the health care provider including any heirs or past, present or future spouse(s) of the patient in relation to all claims, including loss of consortium. This agreement is also intended to bind any children of the patient whether born or unborn at the time of the occurrence giving rise to any claim. This agreement is intended to bind the patient and the health care provider and/or other licensed health care providers or preceptorship interns who now or in the future treat the patient while employed by, working or associated with the serving as a back-up for the health care provider, including those working at the health care provider's clinic or office or any other clinic or office whether signatories to this form or not.

**Article 3**: Procedures and Applicable Law: A demand for arbitration must be communicated in writing to all parties. Each party shall select an arbitrator (party arbitrator) within thirty days and a third arbitrator (neutral arbitrator) shall be selected by the arbitrators appointed by the parties within thirty days thereafter. The neutral arbitrator shall then be the sole arbitrator and shall decide the arbitration. Each party to the arbitration shall pay such party's pro rata share of the expenses and fees of the neutral arbitrator, together with other expenses of the arbitration, incurred or approved by the neutral arbitrator, not including counsel fees, witness fees, or other expenses incurred by a party for such party's own benefit.

Either party shall have the absolute right to bifurcate the issues of liability and damage upon written request to the neutral arbitrator. The parties consent to the intervention and joinder in this arbitration of any person or entity that would otherswise be a proper additional party in a court action, and upon such intervention and joinder any existing court action against such additional person or entity shall be stayed pending arbitration.

The parties agree that provisions of the California Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act shall apply to disputes within this arbitration agreement, including, but not limited to, sections establishing the right to introduce evidence of any amount payable as a benefit to the patient as allowed by law (Civil Code 3333.1), the limitation on recovery for non-economic losses (Civil Code 3333.2), and the right to have a judgment for future damages conformed to periodic payments (CCP 667.7). The parties further agree that the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association shall govern any arbitration conducted pursuant to this Arbitration Agreement.

Article 4: General Provision: All claims based upon the same incident, transaction or related circumstances shall be arbitrated in one proceeding. A claim shall be waived and forever barred if (1) on the date notice thereof is received, the claim, if asserted in a civil action, would be barred by the applicable legal statute of limitations, or (2) the claimant fails to pursue the arbitration claim in accordance with the procedures prescribed herein with reasonable diligence.

**Article 5**: Revocation: This agreement may be revoked by written notice delivered to the health care provider within 30 days of signature and if not revoked will govern all professional services received by the patient and all other disputes between the parties. **Article 6**: Retroactive Effect: If patient intends this agreement to cover services rendered before the date it is signed (for example, emergency treatment) patient should initial here. \_\_\_\_\_. Effective as the date of first professional services.

If any provision of this Arbitration Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and shall not be affected by the invalidity of any other provision. I understand that I have the right to receive a copy of this Arbitration Agreement. By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have received a copy.

NOTICE: BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT YOU ARE AGREEING TO HAVE ANY ISSUE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE DECIDED BY NEUTRAL ARBITRATION AND YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR RIGHT TO A JURY OR COURT TRIAL. SEE ARTICLE 1 OF THIS CONTRACT.

Patient Signature X	Date
(Or Patient Representative)	(indicate relationship if signing for patient)
Office Signature <b>X</b>	Date

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