

Consent to Communicate via E-mail

Email is a very popular and convenient way to communicate for many people, so in their latest modification to the HIPAA act, the federal government provided guidance on email and HIPAA. The information is available in a pdf (page 5634) on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-01-25/pdf/2013-01073.pdf> The guidelines state that if a patient has been made aware of the risks of unencrypted email, and that same patient provides consent to receive health information via email, then a health entity may send that patient personal medical information via unencrypted email.

By signing, you clearly understand that by sending or receiving unencrypted email there is a risk that the information could be read by a third party. PR Orthotics & OT is NOT responsible for unauthorized access of protected health information while in transmission to you based on this request. Further, PR Orthotics & OT, LLC, is NOT responsible for safeguarding information once delivered to the you. By signing below, you are confirming that e-mail communications are acceptable to you.

I understand that authorized personnel from PR Orthotics & OT may communicate with me regarding scheduling, treatment being provided, educational information including new letters as it relates to health-related services available at PR Orthotics & OT, or alternative treatments, locations, or providers. I hereby authorize PR Orthotics & OT, through its appropriate personnel, to communicate with me regarding scheduling, treatment and billing and payment for services rendered on my child's behalf.

Option 1 – Allow unencrypted email. I understand the risks of unencrypted email and hereby give permission to PR Orthotics & OT, LLC to send me personal health information via unencrypted email.

Email Address: _____

Please print email address (parent or guardian if patient is a minor)

Signature of parent

Date

Option 2 – Do not allow email communications.

Signature of parent

Date