



PATIENT INFORMATION

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		M.I.	HOME PHONE
ADDRESS				WORK PHONE	
CITY, STATE		ZIP		MOBILE	
EMAIL				SEX	MARITAL STATUS
				M-F	M S W D
PATIENT'S EMPLOYMENT NAME				DATE OF BIRTH	
ADDRESS		OCCUPATION		SOCIAL SECURITY	

SPOUSE/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

SPOUSE/GUARDIAN FULL NAME		DATE OF BIRTH
		OCCUPATION

REFERRED BY (DOCTOR)	PHONE NUMBER
	FAX NUMBER

NAME OF NEAREST RELATIVE OR FRIEND - NOT LIVING WITH YOU (FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCY)

NAME	CONTACT NUMBER
ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS

I hereby authorize the above named doctor to furnish information to insurance carriers on my behalf concerning my illness, and I hereby irrevocably assign to the doctor all payments for medical services rendered. I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges not covered by my insurance benefits. On balances not paid within 90 days, I will be responsible for interest and penalties incurred at 10%

Patient/Guardian's Signature _____

Patient/Guardian's Print Name _____

DATE _____



Patient Partnership Plan

Dear Patient,

Welcome to our practice. We intend to provide you with the care and services that you expect and deserve. Achieving our best possible health requires a “partnership” between you and your doctor. As our “partner in health,” we ask you to help us in the following ways:

Schedule Visits with My Doctor for Routine Physical Exams and Other Recommended Health Screenings

I understand that my doctor will explain to me which regular health screenings are appropriate for my age, gender, and personal and family history. I understand I will need to complete these recommended health screenings (X-rays, Labs, EKG, MRIs, etc.). **These health screenings are tests that can help detect life-threatening diseases and conditions.** If I visit my doctor only for treatment of immediate problems and forget to arrange for regular health screenings, I put myself at risk of letting serious health problems go undetected. I will schedule visits with my doctor to complete recommended orders and to discuss these health screenings.

Keep Follow-up Appointments and Reschedule Missed Appointments

I understand that my doctor will want to know how my condition progresses after I leave the office. Returning to my doctor on time gives him the chance to check my condition and my response to treatment. During a follow-up appointment, my doctor might order tests, refer me to a specialist, prescribe medication, or even discover and treat a serious health condition. If I miss an appointment and don't reschedule, I run the risk that my physician will not be able to detect and treat a serious health condition. I will make every effort to reschedule missed appointments as soon as possible.

Call the Office When I DO NOT Hear the Results of Labs and Other Tests or Authorizations

I understand that my physician's goal is to report my lab and test results to me as soon as possible. However, if I do not hear from my physician's office within the time specified, it is my responsibility to call the office for my test results or any authorizations.

Inform My Doctor If I Decide NOT to Follow His Recommended Treatment Plan

I understand that after examining me, my doctor may make certain recommendations based on what he feels are best for my health. This might include prescribing medications, referring me to a specialist, ordering labs and tests, or even asking me to return to the office within a certain period of time. I understand that not following my treatment plan can have serious negative effects on my health. I will let my doctor know whenever I decide *not to follow his recommendations* so that he may fully inform me of any risks associated with my decision to delay or refuse treatment.

Thank you for your partnership. As our patient, you have the right to be informed about your health care. We invite you, at any time, to ask questions, report symptoms, or discuss any concerns you may have. If you need more information about your health or condition, please ask.

Patient Signature

Date

Physician Signature

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Office Financial & Statement Policy

Thank you for choosing the Orthopaedic, Sports, Spine & Pain (OSSP) Center . We are committed to the success of your treatment. We hope you understand the payment of your bill is considered part of your treatment. The following is a statement of our financial policy, which we require you to read, agree to and sign, prior to any treatment. This financial policy applies to all services rendered by doctor.

It is our policy that the patient, rather than the insurance company, is responsible for complete payment of our charges. All patients with insurance coverage are required to pay for non-covered services, any deductible amount not previously met, and any copay amount due at the time of services are rendered. For patients with dual insurance coverage, we will bill both the primary and secondary insurance if you have provided us with the necessary information.

Patients insured with plans which we are **NOT contracted** with or **DO NOT have insurance** will be required to pay as an "Out of Pocket Patient" for the initial consultation in full. For any follow up visits, patients will need to pay accordingly. There may be 30% or more down payment prior to any surgery needed.

We have financial interest in certain facilities at which we operate. There will be a fee of \$250 for any surgery cancellation. These fees will offset the surgical preparations which are separate from the surgical facilities.

If you are insured with a plan, which we ARE contracted with (including Medicare), you will need to pay for any non-covered services, any outstanding deductible and your copay amount at time of each visit.

There is a fee of \$40.00 or more for all disability, FMLA, and any other forms/paperwork that you need to have filled out by the physicians. We may ask that you make an appointment to complete these forms.

There is a fee for any reports or medical records requested by attorneys, insurance companies, disability companies, etc. This charge will be determined by the information requested.

For prescriptions,

If you are in need of a refill, please have your pharmacy fax a request to **714-861-4777**. (Please allow 48 to 72 hrs.)

No pain medication will be given to post operative patients after 90 days of surgery.

Our physician **DOES NOT** prescribe pain medications to chronic pain patients. Patients with chronic pain syndrome are referred to pain management specialists for long term management.

Failure to make payment arrangements, or pay outstanding balances within 60 days of notification of amount due, may result in termination of care from the OSSP Center or possible collection agency.

Our accepted methods of payment are VISA, MasterCard, Discover Card and American Express, cash and checks. There will be a \$45 fee for any bounced checks, thereafter, patients are required to pay with "cash". If requested, a short payment schedule may be arranged for those patients who have special financial conditions.

It is the patient's responsibility to verify his/her benefits for his/her particular plan and to make sure all proper authorizations have been obtained. Some insurance plans will reduce benefits if the insured is treating the doctors outside of the designated network or if the proper authorizations have not been obtained.

Again, thank you for trusting us with your medical care. If you have any questions regarding financial responsibility or payment, options, please contact our office.

"I have read, understood and agree to the provisions of this policy"

Signature (Patient/Guardian)

Date



HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices - Sample Acknowledgement of Receipt

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I hereby acknowledge that I received a copy of this medical practice's Notice of Privacy Practices. I further acknowledge that a copy of the current notice will be posted in the reception area, and that a copy of any amended Notice of Privacy Practices will be available at each appointment.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Telephone: _____

If not signed by the patient, please indicate relationship:

- parent or guardian of minor patient
- guardian or conservator of an incompetent patient

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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.

We understand the importance of privacy and are committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your medical information. We make a record of the medical care we provide and may receive such records from others. We use these records to provide or enable other health care providers to provide quality medical care, to obtain payment for services provided to you as allowed by your health plan and to enable us to meet our professional and legal obligations to operate this medical practice properly. We are required by law to maintain the privacy of protected health information and to provide individuals with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to protected health information. This notice describes how we may use and disclose your medical information. It also describes your rights and our legal obligations with respect to your medical information. If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact our Privacy Officer listed above.

How This Medical Practice May Use or Disclose Your Health Information

This medical practice collects health information about you and stores it in a chart and on a computer. This is your medical record. The medical record is the property of this medical practice, but the information in the medical record belongs to you. The law permits us to use or disclose your health information for the following purposes:

Treatment. We use medical information about you to provide your medical care. We disclose medical information to our employees and others who are involved in providing the care you need. For example, we may share your medical information with other physicians or other health care providers who will provide services which we do not provide. Or we may share this information with a pharmacist who needs it to dispense a prescription to you, or a laboratory that performs a test. We may also disclose medical information to members of your family or others who can help you when you are sick or injured.

Payment. We use and disclose medical information about you to obtain payment for the services we provide. For example, we give your health plan the information it requires before it will pay us. We may also disclose information to other health care providers to assist them in obtaining payment for services they have provided to you.

Health Care Operations. We may use and disclose medical information about you to operate this medical practice. For example, we may use and disclose this information to review and improve the quality of care we provide, or the competence and qualifications of our professional staff. Or we may use and disclose this information to get your health plan to authorize services or referrals. We may also use and disclose this information as necessary for medical reviews, legal services and audits, including fraud and abuse detection and compliance programs and business planning and management. We may also share your medical information with our "business associates," such as our billing service, that perform administrative services for us. We have a written contract with each of these business associates that contains terms requiring them to protect the confidentiality and security of your medical information. Although federal law does not protect health information which is disclosed to someone other than another healthcare provider, health plan or healthcare clearinghouse, under California law all recipients of health care information are prohibited from re-disclosing it except as specifically required or permitted by law. We may also share your information with other health care providers, health care clearinghouses or health plans that have a relationship with you, when they request this information to help them with their quality assessment and improvement activities, their efforts to improve health or reduce health care costs, their review of competence, qualifications and performance of health care professionals, their training programs, their accreditation, certification or licensing activities, or their health care fraud and abuse detection and compliance efforts. We may also share medical information about you with the other health care providers, health care clearinghouses and health plans that participate with us in "organized health care arrangements" (OHCAs) for any of the OHCAs' health care operations. OHCAs include hospitals, physician organizations, health plans, and other entities which collectively provide health care services.

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Appointment Reminders . We may use and disclose medical information to contact and remind you about appointments. If you are not home, we may leave this information on your answering machine or in a message left with the person answering the phone.

Sign In Sheet. We may use and disclose medical information about you by having you sign in when you arrive at our office. We may also call out your name when we are ready to see you.

Notification and Communication With Family. We may disclose your health information to notify or assist in notifying a family member, your personal representative or another person responsible for your care about your location, your general condition or in the event of your death. In the event of a disaster, we may disclose information to a relief organization so that they may coordinate these notification efforts. We may also disclose information to someone who is involved with your care or helps pay for your care. If you are able and available to agree or object, we will give you the opportunity to object prior to making these disclosures, although we may disclose this information in a disaster even over your objection if we believe it is necessary to respond to the emergency circumstances. If you are unable or unavailable to agree or object, our health professionals will use their best judgment in communication with your family and others.

Marketing. We may contact you to give you information about products or services related to your treatment, case management or care coordination, or to direct or recommend other treatments or health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you, or to provide you with small gifts. We may also encourage you to purchase a product or service when we see you. If you are currently an enrollee of a health plan, we may receive payment for communications to you in conjunction with our provision, coordination, or management of your health care and related services, including our coordination or management of your health care with a third party, our consultation with other health care providers relating to your care, or if we refer you for health care, but only to the extent these communications describe: 1) a provider's participation in the health plan's network, 2) the extent of your covered benefits, or 3) concerning the availability of more cost-effective pharmaceuticals. We will not accept any payment for other marketing communications without your prior written authorization unless you have a chronic and seriously debilitating or life-threatening condition and we are making the communication in conjunction with our provision, coordination, or management of your health care and related services, including our coordination or management of your health care with a third party, our consultation with other health care providers relating to your care, or if we refer you for health care. If we make these types of communications to you while you have a chronic and seriously debilitating or life-threatening condition, we will tell you who is paying us, and we will also tell you how to stop these communications if you prefer not to receive them. We will not otherwise use or disclose your medical information for marketing purposes without your written authorization, and we will disclose whether we receive any payments for any marketing activity you authorize.

Required by Law. As required by law, we will use and disclose your health information, but we will limit our use or disclosure to the relevant requirements of the law. When the law requires us to report abuse, neglect or domestic violence, or respond to judicial or administrative proceedings, or to law enforcement officials, we will further comply with the requirement set forth below concerning those activities.

Public Health. We may, and are sometimes required by law to disclose your health information to public health authorities for purposes related to: preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability; reporting child, elder or dependent adult abuse or neglect; reporting domestic violence; reporting to the Food and Drug Administration problems with products and reactions to medications; and reporting disease or infection exposure. When we report suspected elder or dependent adult abuse or domestic violence, we will inform you or your personal representative promptly unless in our best professional judgment, we believe the notification would place you at risk of serious harm or would require informing a personal representative we believe is responsible for the abuse or harm.

Health Oversight Activities . We may, and are sometimes required by law to disclose your health information to health oversight agencies during the course of audits, investigations, inspections, licensure and other proceedings, subject to the limitations imposed by federal and California law.

Judicial and Administrative Proceedings. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your health information in the course of any administrative or judicial proceeding to the extent expressly authorized by a court or administrative order. We may also disclose information about you in response to a subpoena, discovery request or other lawful process if reasonable efforts have been made to notify you of the request and you have not objected, or if your objections have been resolved by a court or administrative order.

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Law Enforcement. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your health information to a law enforcement official for purposes such as identifying or locating a suspect, fugitive, material witness or missing person, complying with a court order, warrant, grand jury subpoena and other law enforcement purposes.

Coroners. We may, and are often required by law, to disclose your health information to coroners in connection with their investigations of deaths.

Organ or Tissue Donation. We may disclose your health information to organizations involved in procuring, banking or transplanting organs and tissues.

Public Safety. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your health information to appropriate persons in order to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a particular person or the general public.

Specialized Government Functions. We may disclose your health information for military or national security purposes or to correctional institutions or law enforcement officers that have you in their lawful custody.

Worker's Compensation. We may disclose your health information as necessary to comply with worker's compensation laws. For example, to the extent your care is covered by workers' compensation, we will make periodic reports to your employer about your condition. We are also required by law to report cases of occupational injury or occupational illness to the employer or workers' compensation insurer.

Change of Ownership. In the event that this medical practice is sold or merged with another organization, your health information/record will become the property of the new owner, although you will maintain the right to request that copies of your health information be transferred to another physician or medical group.

Breach Notification. In the case of a breach of unsecured protected health information, we will notify you as required by law. In some circumstances our business associate may provide the notification. We may also provide notification by other methods as appropriate.

Research. We may disclose your health information to researchers conducting research with respect to which your written authorization is not required as approved by an Institutional Review Board or privacy board, in compliance with governing law.

Fundraising. We may use or disclose your demographic information and the dates that you received treatment in order to contact you for fundraising activities. If you do not want to receive these materials, notify the Privacy Officer listed at the top of this Notice of Privacy Practices and we will stop any further fundraising communications.

When This Medical Practice May Not Use or Disclose Your Health Information

Except as described in this Notice of Privacy Practices, this medical practice will not use or disclose health information which identifies you without your written authorization. If you do authorize this medical practice to use or disclose your health information for another purpose, you may revoke your authorization in writing at any time.

Your Health Information Rights

Right to Request Special Privacy Protections. You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your health information by a written request specifying what information you want to limit, and what limitations on our use or disclosure of that information you wish to have imposed. If you tell us not to disclose information to your commercial health plan concerning health care items or services for which you paid for in full out-of-pocket, we will abide by your request, unless we must disclose the information for treatment or legal reasons. We reserve the right to accept or reject any other request, and will notify you of our decision.

Right to Request Confidential Communications. You have the right to request that you receive your health information in a specific way or at a specific location. For example, you may ask that we send information to a particular e-mail account or to your work address. We will comply with all reasonable requests submitted in writing which specify how or where you wish to receive these communications.

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Right to Inspect and Copy. You have the right to inspect and copy your health information, with limited exceptions. To access your medical information, you must submit a written request detailing what information you want access to and whether you want to inspect it or get a copy of it. We will charge a reasonable fee, as allowed by California and federal law. We may deny your request under limited circumstances. If we deny your request to access your child's records or the records of an incapacitated adult you are representing because we believe allowing access would be reasonably likely to cause substantial harm to the patient, you will have a right to appeal our decision. If we deny your request to access your psychotherapy notes, you will have the right to have them transferred to another mental health professional. If your written request clearly, conspicuously and specifically asks us to send you or some other person or entity an electronic copy of your medical record, and we do not deny the request as discussed above, we will send a copy of the electronic health record as you requested, and will charge you no more than what it cost us to respond to your request.

Right to Amend or Supplement. You have a right to request that we amend your health information that you believe is incorrect or incomplete. You must make a request to amend in writing, and include the reasons you believe the information is inaccurate or incomplete. We are not required to change your health information, and will provide you with information about this medical practice's denial and how you can disagree with the denial. We may deny your request if we do not have the information, if we did not create the information (unless the person or entity that created the information is no longer available to make the amendment), if you would not be permitted to inspect or copy the information at issue, or if the information is accurate and complete as is. You also have the right to request that we add to your record a statement of up to 250 words concerning any statement or item you believe to be incomplete or incorrect.

Right to an Accounting of Disclosures. You have a right to receive an accounting of disclosures of your health information made by this medical practice, except that this medical practice does not have to account for the disclosures provided to you or pursuant to your written authorization, or as described in paragraphs 1 (treatment), 2 (payment), 3 (health care operations), 6 (notification and communication with family) and 16 (specialized government functions) of Section A of this Notice of Privacy Practices or disclosures for purposes of research or public health which exclude direct patient identifiers, or which are incident to a use or disclosure otherwise permitted or authorized by law, or the disclosures to a health oversight agency or law enforcement official to the extent this medical practice has received notice from that agency or official that providing this accounting would be reasonably likely to impede their activities. You have a right to a paper copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices, even if you have previously requested its receipt by e-mail. If you would like to have a more detailed explanation of these rights or if you would like to exercise one or more of these rights, contact our Privacy Officer listed at the top of this Notice of Privacy Practices.

Changes to this Notice of Privacy Practices

We reserve the right to amend this Notice of Privacy Practices at any time in the future. Until such amendment is made, we are required by law to comply with this Notice. After an amendment is made, the revised Notice of Privacy Protections will apply to all protected health information that we maintain, regardless of when it was created or received. A copy will be available upon request

Complaints

Complaints about this Notice of Privacy Practices or how this medical practice handles your health information should be directed to our Privacy Officer listed at the top of this Notice of Privacy Practices.

If you are not satisfied with the manner in which this office handles a complaint, you may submit a formal complaint to:

Region IX
Office for Civil Rights
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
90 7th Street, Suite 4-100 San Francisco, CA
94103 (415) 437-8310; (415) 437-8311 (TDD)
(415) 437-8329 FAX OCRMail@hhs.gov

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