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IMPORTANT!!

It is <u>critical</u> that we know <u>all</u> medications that you are taking.

Please bring a <u>complete</u> list of your current medications (including strength and how many you take a day) to your appointment.

If you are unable to bring a list, then bring all of your medications in a bag and our staff will make a list for the doctor.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT BILLING INFORMATION?

Please make sure you have your current insurance cards with you at the time of check in.



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HIPAA / NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES – Page 1

In accordance with HIPAA laws, this notice describes how your health information may be used or disclosed and how you, the patient, can access this information. Please review the following carefully.

The law permits us to use or disclose your health information to the following:

- Another specialist or physician who is involved in your care.
- Your insurance company, for the purpose of obtaining payment for our services.
- Our staff, for the purpose of entering your information into our computerized system
- Other entities during the course of your treatment, in order to obtain authorizations, referral visits, scheduling of tests, etc. Much of this information is sent via fax which is a permitted use allowed by law. We have on file with these sources verification for the confidentiality of the fax used and its limited access by authorized personnel.
- If this practice is sold, your health information will become the property of the new owner.
- We may release some or all of your health information when required by law. Except as described above, this practice will not use or disclose your health information without your prior written authorization.

Federal and State law allows us to use and disclose our patients' protected health information in order to provide health care services to them, to bill and collect payments for those services, and in connection with our health care operations.

We also use a shared Electronic Medical Record that allows both our physicians and staff and certain of the participating physicians of the Muir Medical Group IPA and their staffs' access to our patients' health information. The purpose for this access is to expedite the referral of patients within the Muir Medical Group IPA systems and to assist in providing and managing their care in a coordinated way. Information in the Electronic Medical Record can be released outside the Muir Medical Group IPA system only with the patient's express authorization or as otherwise specifically permitted or required by law.

The law also establishes patient rights and our responsibility to inform you of those rights. These include:

- You have the right to request in writing any uses or disclosures we make with your health information beyond the normal uses referenced above.
- You have the right to limit the use or restrict the use disclosure of your health information. Our office will follow any restrictions notated by you on the reverse side of this form.
- You have the right to request in writing to inspect and/or receive a copy of your health information.* Our office may charge a reasonable fee to cover copying and mailing of these records to you.
- You have the right to request an alternate means or location to receive communications regarding your health information.*
- You have the right to request in writing an amendment or change to your health information. Our office may agree or disagree with your written request, but we will be happy to include your statement as part of your records. If an agreement to amend or change is acceptable, please be advised that previous documentation is considered a legal document and cannot be deleted or removed. Our office will simply notate the amendment and the reason for it and add it to your records.
- * Conditions and limitations may apply; obtain additional information from our Privacy Officer.



HIPAA / NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES – Page 2

We may use your information to contact you. For example call you with information regarding your care. If you are not answering machine or with the person who answered the phinformation to a family member or another person designate our offices CAN disclose your health information to by OK to Spouse: OK to ALL family members: Please list nat	ot at home, this information may be left on your none. In an emergency, we may disclose your health ed responsible for your care. Please designate who checking the boxes below:
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☐ DO NOT RELEASE ANY INFORMATION☐ DO NOT RELEASE TO	
We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and the connotice. In the event of changes, an updated notice will be posted writing. You have the right to file a complaint with the Departm Avenue, S.W., Room 509F, Washington, DC 20201. Our office However, before filing a complaint, or for more information or a please contact our office, at (925) 932-6330.	d and our office will notify you of the changes in nent of Health and Human Services, 200 Independent will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.
This notice goes into effect as of July 28, 2011.	
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	
This acknowledges that you have received and read a condocument is not a contract, authorization, release, or consof your records.	
Signed:	Date:
Patient's Name:	Date of Birth:
If person signing is not patient please provide:	
Name:	
Relationship to patient:	



CONSENT FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

We at Bass Medical Group are committed to providing you with convenient and efficient healthcare services, including electronic communication options. Please read this form carefully and indicate your consent below.

Purpose:

This form outlines your agreement to receive electronic communications from Bass Medical Group and its affiliated healthcare providers, including but not limited to:

- Appointment Reminders
- Test Results (when appropriate and permitted by law, including California laws regarding disclosure of sensitive information).
- · Billing Statements and Payment reminders
- Health information and educational materials
- · General announcements and updates from practice
- · Patient satisfaction surveys, including post-appointment feedback.
- Health screening reminders based on patient demographics.

These communications are supplemental to physician/patient encounters. BASS Medical Group will not provide diagnosis or treatment based solely on electronic communications.

Types of Electronic Communications:

We may use the following method to communicate with you Electronically:

- Email Sent to email address you provide to us.
- SMS/Text Messages: Sent to the mobile phone number you provide to us.
- Patient Portal/Website: Secure online portal accessible through our website.

Risks of Electronic Communications:

While we take precautions to protect your privacy, there are inherent risks associated with electronic communications, including:

- Unauthorized Access: Although we use secure methods to communicate with you, there is a risk that unauthorized
 individuals or entities could access your information.
- Misdelivery: Emails or text messages could be sent to the wrong address or phone number if the number or email
 address we have in our file for you is incorrect or changed without notice to us.
- System Errors: Technical issues could prevent you from receiving or accessing electronic communications.

Your Responsibilities:

- Provide us with accurate and up-to-date contact information (email address and phone number).
- Promptly notify us of any changes to your contact information.
- Check your email, text messages, and patient portal regularly.
- Understand that electronic communication is not a substitute for in-person or phone communication in urgent situations. For urgent medical matters, please call our office directly and if you have an emergency medical situation, dial 911 or seek immediate medical attention at a nearby healthcare facility.
- Understand that you can withdraw this consent at any time and for questions or concerns, please contact our clinic.

California Privacy and Security:

- We are committed to protecting the privacy and security of your health information, including compliance with the California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act (CMIA) and HIPAA.
- We use secure methods to transmit and store electronic communications. We will not sell, rent, or lease your protected health information.

Certain health information is considered sensitive under California law (e.g., mental health records, substance abuse treatment, HIV/AIDS status, genetic testing). We will take extra precautions when communicating such information electronically, including obtaining specific authorization when required by law.



Withdrawal of Consent:

- You may withdraw your consent to receive electronic communications at any time by notifying us in writing or through the patient portal.
- Withdrawal of consent will not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.
- Opting out will not affect your healthcare or your relationship with BASS Medical Group or your individual healthcare provider.
- You can opt out of these communications at any time using one of the following methods:
 - For text messages: Reply "STOP" to any message
 - For emails: Click the "OPT OUT" button at the bottom of any email
 - Send a letter via physical mail to: BASS Medical Group 2637 Shadelands Drive Walnut Creek, CA 94598

Electronic Communications Consent:

I hereby consent to receiving messages as indicated above from Bass Medical Group, its affiliates and affiliated providers. These parties may use the provided information to contact me by e-mail, live agent, voice mail, text message or pre-recorded message, including by using an auto-dialer or other computer assisted technology, patient portal, or by any other electronic communication for purposes that include appointment and follow-up health care reminders, pre-registration, surveys, prescription information, health-related products or services that may be of interest, my account(s), assignment of benefits, and financial responsibility. I understand that depending on my phone plan, I could be charged for these calls or text messages. I also understand that providing this contact information and consent are not conditions to receiving health care services. With respect to text messages, I understand that I can opt-out at any time by replying "STOP" to the text message from my mobile device.

This consent applies to communications from BASS Medical Group and its affiliated healthcare providers, regardless of your primary care provider.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and understand this consent form, including the potential risks and limitations of electronic communication

Print Name: _	
Signature:	 ,
Date:	

HIPAA / NOTICE OF PRIVACY & CONSENT FORM

MAIN OFFICE

2637 Shadelands Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

PHONE NUMBER

925-627-3424

FAX NUMBER

925-627-3560

PATIENT/RESPONSIBLE PARTY FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

I, the responsible party, certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges regardless of delays in insurance payment or denial of insurance coverage. While Bay Area Surgical Specialists, Inc. (BASS Medical Group) strives to provide the highest quality of care and a positive patient experience, I understand that I remain responsible for all charges for services rendered. I agree to promptly notify BASS Medical Group, the provider, or office staff at the time of service if I have any concerns, so that BASS Medical Group may address them in a timely manner. Dissatisfaction with services does not relieve me of my financial obligations.

It is my responsibility to understand and have personally verified if my insurance is contracted with this practice and/or the doctor I am seeing.

I hereby authorize BASS Medical Group to apply for benefits and receive payments directly on my behalf for covered services rendered. They may also disclose any or all parts of my clinical record to any insurance company covering services for the purpose of satisfying charges billed.

I further agree to pay all collection costs, attorney fees and any other collection costs that may be incurred in the attempt to collect outstanding patient responsibility amounts.

I also understand, that if any insurance payments are sent directly to me, it is my responsibility to send these monies directly to BASS Medical Group immediately upon receipt.

I, the patient or the patient's representative, understand that all medical doctors at BASS Medical Group are licensed and regulated by the Medical Board of California. I can verify this by contacting the Medical Board at (800) 633-2322 or via the internet at their website: www.mbc.ca.gov.

I, the patient or the patient's representative, understand that BASS Medical Group adheres to Section 1785.27 of the Civil Code and will not furnish any information related to my medical debt to a consumer credit reporting agency.

Notice Required by California Law – Civil Code § 1785.27(c)(1):

"A holder of this medical debt contract is prohibited by Section 1785.27 of the Civil Code from furnishing any information related to this debt to a consumer credit reporting agency. In addition to any other penalties allowed by law, if a person knowingly violates that section by furnishing information regarding this debt to a consumer credit reporting agency, the debt shall be void and unenforceable."

Signature of Patient, Parent or Legal Guardian	Relationship to Patient	Date