

## **Consent to Treatment**

I, the undersigned, understand that methods of treatment used in this practice may include, but are not limited to, acupuncture, moxibustion, cupping, electrical stimulation, tuina massage, and Qi Gong. Treatment will be performed by C. Fritz Froehlich, M.S., Dipl. Ac., L.Ac.

I understand that acupuncture; moxibustion, electrical stimulation, cupping and pricking are all safe methods of treatment. Potential risks include temporary bruising, swelling, bleeding, numbness and tingling, and soreness at the needling site that may last a few days. Unusual risks of acupuncture include dizziness, fainting or nerve damage. Infection is possible, although the clinic uses alcohol and sterile disposable needles and maintains a safe and clean environment. Potential risks of moxibustion heat therapy are burns, blistering, or scarring. Temporary bruising or redness lasting a few days is a common side effect of cupping and gua sha, or spooning.

I also understand that acupuncture is not a substitute for conventional medical diagnosis and treatment. I fully understand that there is no implied or stated guarantee of success or effectiveness of a specific treatment or series of treatments. Certain medications and social habits may decrease the beneficial affects of acupuncture.

I will notify the acupuncturist should I become pregnant or if I am in the process of trying to get pregnant so that my practitioner can avoid points and herbs that could induce miscarriage. Otherwise, Chinese medicine treatment can be very beneficial in the pregnancy and birthing process.

I understand that my acupuncturist may review my medical records and lab reports, but all my records will be kept confidential. If it becomes necessary to share my health information, this will be handled in accordance with the stipulations detailed in the Notice of Privacy Practices document that has been provided to me, and of which I have acknowledged receipt.

I understand that I can discuss risks and benefits further with my practitioner before signing if I so choose. However, I do not expect my practitioner to be able to anticipate and explain all possible risks and complications of treatment. I rely on the practitioner to exercise his or her judgment in my best interest during the course of treatment, based upon the facts then known.

I recognize that scheduling an appointment involves the reservation of time specifically for me, and that consequently, a minimum of 24 hours notice is required to reschedule or cancel an appointment. Unless otherwise agreed to in advance, the full fee will be charged for sessions missed without such advance notification. I understand that most insurance companies do not reimburse for missed sessions.

In signing this form, I acknowledge any inherent risks, and give my consent for treatment, payment and healthcare operations received, incurred or carried out at this practice. I intend this consent form to cover the entire course of treatment for my present condition and for any future condition(s) for which I seek treatment by their office, its practitioners and therapists.

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Patient Signature

Date