Welcome To Breast Care Specialists!

Please read and complete this packet PRIOR to your visit to avoid delays at the time of your appointment. If your insurance policy requires a referral to see our doctors, please ensure that your PCP office has completed the referral and sent a copy to our office prior to your visit. Failure to have the referral may result in a delay of your appointment.

Please arrive at our office 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time.

We are pleased to welcome you to our practice. Our practice is very unique in that we can diagnose and treat most breast problems in one or two visits. However, in order to accomplish your diagnosis and treatment properly, we must have certain information at the time you check in.

- 1. PLEASE COMPLETE ALL PATIENT INFORMATION AND HEATLH SURVEY FORMS ENCLOSED.
 - Please fill them out and bring them with you to your first visit.
 - If you experience difficulty understanding or answering any of the questions on the Health Survey form, please leave the answer section to the question blank. We will be please to assist you with anything you did not understand when you come in.
- 2. PLEASE BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT ANY MAMMOGRAM, ULTRASOUND FILMS AND REPORTS TAKEN AT ANTOHER IMAGING FACILITY.
 - You probably cannot be seen if you arrive without these films and reports since they are necessary for the doctor to use in making her diagnosis.
 - Films mailed to ultrasound may take three weeks to arrive. If films were taken at a facility in town, please pick them up and bring them with you. Films coming from out of town may be sent via an express carrier mail if your appointment is less than 3-4 weeks away. To check whether films have arrived with ultrasound, please call and speak with our film librarian, 404-255-8086, ext. 266.
- 3. IF YOU HAVE AN HMO OR POS TYPE OF INSURANCE PLAN YOU MAY BE REQUIRED BY YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY TO OBTAIN A REFERRAL AUTHORIZATION TO BE SEEN AT OUR OFFICE.
 - Some plans allow the referring physician to issue the referral. Other plans require the referral to come from the patient's primary care physician. You should contact your insurance carrier if you are uncertain which kind of plan you have.
 - Please note, WE DO NOT PERFORM "ROUTINE" OR "SCREENING" MAMMOGRAMS. "Preventive care" mammogram benefits, usually, do NOT apply to services received in our office. If you call to speak with a representative at your insurance company, be sure the person you speak with understands this is a DIAGNOSTIC facility and that we perform only diagnostic mammograms and sonograms (ultrasound).
 - If you do need a referral authorization, please ask your physician's staff to fax a copy to our office AND send a copy to you to BRING WITH YOU. (We have experienced delays with faxed referrals). Our contracts with managed-care insurers do not allow ultrasound to see you without an appropriate referral authorization. If you arrive for your appointment without a referral, your insurer may not cover the cost of treatment for a diagnosis, including cancer, made during a non-referred visit. Should you have questions about what should be included in your referral, our referral coordinator will be glad to help you. You can reach her at telephone extension 208.

Please allow plenty of time for your appointment, usually 3 hours. We are a diagnostic center and serve only high-risk patients. Often, imaging and examination reveal problems requiring immediate, unscheduled procedures. Please be assured that you will receive the same time and attention as the patient before you.

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Dear Patients of Breast Care Specialists,

The physicians at Breast Care Specialists, are closely monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak via the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) and World Health Organization (WHO). The virus and protocols around it are changing quickly, and we are working to mitigate any impact on our providers, staff and patients.

Patient Name:
Patient Date of Birth:
Today's Date:
Please answer the following questions:
Have you been tested for Coronavirus (Covid-19)?
If you have been tested, what was the date of the test?
Have you traveled outside of the United States within the last 14 days?
If yes, where did you travel?
Do you have any of these symptoms:
Fever
Cough
Shortness of breath
Thank you

PLEASE BE ADVISED: We are a diagnostic facil plan may not cover a diagnostic mammogram at 10	e Specialists lity that specializes in breast care. Your Insurance 10% as it does for a screening mammogram. Please 10% estions about your coverage for diagnostic services. (Please Initial)
PATIENT INI	FORMATION
Name:	Email Address:
c/o (if a minor):	Cell Phone#:
Address 1:	Home Phone#:
Address 2:	Work Phone#:
City:	Employer:
State: Zip:	Emergency Contact:
Date of Birth:	Emergency Phone#:
Sex (circle one): M F Marital Status (circle one): M S D W	Emergency Relationship:
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Primary Insurance:	Secondary Insurance:
ID Number:	ID Number:
Group Number:	Group Number:
Group Name:	Group Name:
Subscriber Name:	Subscriber Name:
Subscriber Date of Birth:	Subscriber Date of Birth:
REFERRAL IN	JEORMATION
Referred by Doctor (First and last name):	Referred by Other (family,friend,etc):
Phone Number:	
Does your insurance require an authorization #	
from your primary care physician? Yes or No Primary Care Physician:	
Phone Number:	
I acknowledge that the physicians of BCS may not be a part of it is my responsibility to verify this information with my insure obtain an authorization number from my primary care physical Unless prior arrangements have been made with our business service. I hereby authorize the physicians of BCS to furnish the necess company and I hereby assign to the physicians, all payments understand I am responsible for obtaining my coverage information responsible for any amount not covered by my insurance. Your signature serves as notice to treat a child if the patient is pattern.	rance company. I also acknowledge it is my responsibility to ian if required by my insurance plan. office, payment for services rendered are due at the time of sary information concerning my illness to my insurance for medical services rendered to myself or my dependents. I mation from my insurance plan and I also understand I am
Date:Signature:	Relationship:

PATIENT AUTHORIZATION FOR USE BY BREAST CARE SPECIALISTS AND DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (PHI)

By signing, I authorize BREAST CARE SPECIALISTS, LLC to use and/or disclose certain protected health information (PHI) about me to the physicians listed below or any other physician that you would like to receive a copy of your medical record (PHI) generated as part of your establishment as a patient of BREAST CARE SPECIALISTS, LLC. Failure to authorize release of PHI may prevent the exchange of vital information associated with care delivery.

Referrin	g Physician:	Name		Address	Phone	Fax
	Care (Internist, Family Doct					
OB/GYN	;					
Other: _						
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	Print Patient's Name		me of Lenel Co	uardian if anniles		

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Privacy Notice Acknowledgement

tient or Personal Representative's Signature	Patient or Personal Representative's N	name Printed Patient's Date of Birth
rsonal Representative's Relation to Patient	Date	
	Documentation of Good Fai	th Effort
The patient identified above was pr date. A good faith effort has been n Summary Privacy Notice, However	nade to obtain a written acknowl	
Patient refused to sign th	e Summary Privacy notice Ac	knowledgement
Patient was unable to sig	n because	
There was a Medical Em	ergency. Provider will attemp	t to obtain acknowledgement as
soon as is practical.		
Other reason:		
Employee's Name	Employee's Signature	Date
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	cialists, LLC to discuss any of m	y medical care needs
Aut I hereby authorize Breast Care Spe	cialists, LLC to discuss any of montinuing care, treatments, etc.) v	y medical care needs vith the following people:

Our Financial Policy

We are committed to providing you with the best possible care and we are pleased to discuss our financial policy at any time. Please ask us if you have any questions about our financial policy or your financial responsibility. All new patients are asked to complete a Patient Information Form prior to being seen by the provider. We ask that you complete all of the information including your insurance information. We will also ask to make a copy of a picture i.d. and your insurance card to remain a permanent part of your chart.

INSURANCE COVERAGE & PATIENT RESPONSIBILITY

You are responsible for co-payments, co-insurance, non-covered services, or any patient responsible balance at the time of service. If you are covered by a plan in which we participate as a provider, we will file your insurance claim. In the event your insurance company does not pay the full balance, we will notify you so that you may contact your insurance carrier to resolve your account. Be advised that some insurance companies treat coverage for diagnostic imaging differently than screening imaging and it may be subject to your plan deductible. Please refer to your specific plan document and coverages for your benefits. Please remember payment responsibility rests with the patient, if no coverage exists for services performed.

- All non-covered patients are expected to pay for services in full at the time services are rendered.
- Please advise the office personnel of any changes in your insurance or mailing address.
- Payment arrangements can be negotiated prior to services being rendered. Please ask for assistance, if required.

Should it ever become necessary to use the services of an outside collection agency to collect your account, you could be responsible for any costs incurred for that purpose.

REFERRALS

If your visit requires a referral from a primary care provider, we will alert you via phone prior to your visit and offer our assistance. *IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A REFERRAL FOR TODAY'S VISIT...* you should reschedule immediately. Should you choose to be seen without a referral, you understand that the charges incurred may be uncovered and that any diagnosis resulting from the encounter may also be uncovered and may prevent future services from coverage (i.e. surgery).

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS

I hereby authorize Breast Care Specialists, LLC to bill my insurance company directly for the services rendered. I understand that I am financially responsible for charges not covered by my insurance company. I authorize any holder of medical or other information about me to release to the Social Security Administration, intermediaries, other providers of treatment or procedures, or intermediaries needed for this or a related claim. I permit a copy of this authorization to be used in place of the original and request for payment of medical benefits either to myself or to the party who accepts assignment of benefits.

WORKERS COMPENSATION

Worker's compensation patient will be seen only after the proper authorization and documentation has been received.

UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

The parents or guardians will be responsible for the full payment unless covered by a participating managed care plan. Authorization to treat an unaccompanied minor must be on file.

We thank you for carefully reading this financial policy. We trust that you understand its contents. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Please sign below to indicate your understanding and acknowledgment of this policy.

Responsible Party Signature Patient Name (Please Print)

Date



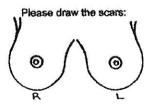
METHODS OF PAYMENT

Name [Date of Birth _		Today's Date	Page
REVIEW OF SYSTEM				
MEDICATIONS				
This is very important. Please list or obtain a list of all	medicines you	are takin	g with the exact dose and sche	dule:
Medication Dosage	Sche	dule (take	n how often?)	
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Name of the state				
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Do you have any allergies to any drugs or medical proc			If yes, please list:	
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PLEASE CIRCLE ANY SYMPTOMS YOU ARE HAVIN	G AND ELA	BORATE	AS NEEDED:	
CONSTITUTION		PULMON	ARY	
Fever or chills Weight loss		Pneumon		
weight loss		Emphyse Asthma	IIIa	
ENT		Wheezing	1	
Cough			of Breath	
Cold		Lung ope		
Sinus infection		Lung prot Tuberculo		
CARDIOVASCULAR			of tobacco or other substances	
Shortness of breath or decreased exercise tolerance			How long	
If yes, how may flights of stairs can you climb without stopp	oing		low many packs per day	
Heart problems				
Hearth attack		NEUROL		
Valve problems Blood clots anywhere		Numbnes	s - Location	
Rheumatic fever		Ingling - Stroke	Location	
Take antibiotics before dental procedures			s of extremity	
Abnormal heart rhythm			or seizures	
Take Digoxin		Other		
High blood pressure			N. 9207	
GASTROINTESTINAL / RENAL		ENDOCR		
Liver problems		Thyroid p	roblems	
Gallstones		Diabetes Steroid us	2070	
Jaundice			Other	
Hepatitis		,	3016	
Stomach ulcer or peptic ulcer		BLOOD /	LYMPHATICS	
Colon cancer		Hemophil		
Alcohol consumption			ts – Location	
If yes, how much per week			Bleeding problems	
How long Skin problems			age more than once a week	
Renal or kidney problems?			ood thinners such as Coumadir	Υ
Kidney failure / dialysis		Anemia	town town town	
Recurrent burning on urination or infections		Enlarged Lymphed	lymph nodes ema	
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Date Initials Date Initials			HISTORY (First degree relative	s)
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		Diabetes	d pressure	
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Breast Care Specialists

Health Survey Form SP NRR REF OV MG US BX

the best	e to Breas possible o	t Care Specialists. Please read and complete these pages carefully. They are necessary for us to be able to provide you with are. Some information may seem redundant, but the format is necessary for completeness. This format requires short rds in bold type are choices to be circled when appropriate.
Date _ Height		REFERRING PHYSICIANS: (please include all physicians whom you would like to receive a report of today's visit) Primary Care (Internist, Family doctor):
Date o	f Rieth	OB/GYN:
Date 0	, Dil (1)	Other:
SECTION	ON #1	E CORRECT ANSWER IN BOLD TYPE OR FILL IN THE BLANK ng to Breast Care Specialists:
Yes Yes	No No	Have you had a recent mammogram or ultrasound which had an abnormal finding? Can you or your doctor feel a definite lump or thickening? If yes, where? Left Right Place "x" at location of lump on the diagram to the left. When was it first noticed? Has it changed since onset? Yes No If yes, how? Smaller Bigger More / Less prominent Changes with cycle How large? BB Pea Grape Lemon
Yes	No	Have you previously had a lump like this? Yes No Do you have breast pain? If yes: Cyclical Constant Irregular Where? Left Right Both Is it the Whole Breast or a Specific spot (where?) How long have you had it? What improves / worsens the pain? Menstrual period Foods
Yes	No	Medicines Other Do you have discharge from your nipples? If yes, where? Right Left Both Is it Bloody Watery Like urine cloudy / milky green other Just one nipple duct hole or multiple holes
Yes	No	Does it come out by itself without squeezing your breast? Do you have problems with infertility? Do you have any skin changes? If yes: Left Right Place a small circle at the location of the change in the breast diagram above. How long?
Yes Yes	No No	Circle words which best describe the changes: Thickening Dimpling Redness Scaliness Do you have problems with infertility? Have you had a baby in the past year? If yes, when?
SECTIO	1N #2 F	AST BREAST HEALTH
Yes Yes	No No	Do you have implants? Right Left Both Date
		Right Left Right Left



Name				-	Date of Birth	Page 2
Yes	No	Have you ever been diag			without ultrasound guida	anco? Ves No
Yes	No	Have you ever been diag	gnosed with fibroad	denomas or multip		
Yes	No	Have you ever had radia				
Yes	No	Have you ever been diag				
		If no, you may skip to \$				
Yes	No	Have you ever had chem When	notherapy for breas	st cancer?		
		What type Other Physician	Cytoxan	Adriamycin	Taxol Methotrexa	te 5 fluorouracil
Yes	No	Have you ever had radia When	tion treatments to			
V	M-	Physician				
Yes Yes	No No	Have you had problems	with arm / hand sw	velling in the side	that has had the Axillary	dissection?
Yes	No	Do you have shortness of		of her oth 2		
Yes	No	Do you have new or prog Do you have new or prog				
Yes	No	Do you have any new or			n your abdoman?	
Yes	No	Are you on Tamoxifen			or other anti-c	ancer
		Medication		Dates	0. 0	
		MAGING HISTORY				
Yes	No	Have you ever had a bre Where?				
Yes	No	Have you ever had a bre Where?				
Yes	No	Have you ever had other	breast imaging?	MRI	Sestamibi scan	Other
SECTION	`N #4 F	RISK FACTORS				
Yes	No	Has your mother / fathe	r I daughter Lees	a / cictor / brotho	er haan disanasad with h	reast cancer?
		If yes, please list relation	shin	i i sistei i biotile	and ane	diagnosis was made
	The abo	If yes, please list relation ove relatives are primary fa	mily relatives and	re important in de	etermining vour risk	oldgrioolo wao wao
Yes	No	Do you have any other re	elatives that have l	peen diagnosed v	vith breast cancer?	
		If yes, please list relation	ship	out, dag.	and age	diagnosis was made.
	These a	are secondary relatives an	d are relatively les	s important in det	ermining your risk.	
Yes	No	Do you have a family his	tory of ovarian car	ncer?		
		If yes, list relationship			and age	diagnosis was made.
Yes	No	Were you age 12 or unde	er when you starte	d menstruating?	At what age did you	start?
	Starting	your menstrual cycle earl	ier does slightly in	crease your risk o	of developing breast can	cer.
Di	p		4			
Please	list the a	iges and sex of your chil	dren:			
-						
Yes	No	Have you breast fed any	child for areater th	an siv wooks?		
		feeding decreases your ris	k of breast cancer	sliahtly		
Yes	No	Were you 30 years of ag	e or older when vo	ou first gave birth.	or never pregnant?	
		Please give your age at I	irst live birth of chi	ld:	o	
	Not hav	ring a pregnancy before 30	years of age is as	ssociated with a s	lightly higher risk of brea	ast cancer.
Yes	No	Have you ever had a mis	carriage (spontan	eous abortion) or	surgical abortion?	
Yes	No	N/A Did your menstr	ual periods persis	tafter age 54? P	lease state age of meno	pause
	An olde	r age of menopause has b	een associated w	ith a slightly highe	er risk of breast cancer.	
Yes	No	Do you now or have you	ever smoked for le	onger than one ve	ar?	
	Tobacc	o smoking is associated w	ith a slightly highe	r risk of breast ca	ncer.	
Yes	No	Do you drink alcohol? If	yes, please list dri	nks per week		<u>-</u>
	Even m	oderate alcohol usage has	s been associated	with a slightly hig	her risk of breast cancer	•
Yes Yes	No	Have you ever been diag	nosed with any ca	ancer? If yes, plea	ase list	
V 00	No	Has anyone in your famil	wayne hoos disas	anad with annua	2 If you plance list	

Name	-		Date of Birth	Page 3		
SECT	ION #5 _	- PAST MEDICAL HISTORY / PROCEDURE RISKS				
Yes	No		ases such as henatitis or AIDS?			
Yes	No	Have you had or been exposed to any blood borne diseases such as hepatitis or AIDS? Have you ever used intravenous drugs (other than a hospital or doctor's office)?				
Yes	No	Have you tested positive for hepatitis or AIDS?				
Yes	No	Do you take aspirin, Motrin or other pain relievers on a regular basis?				
		If yes, please list How ma	ny times in one week			
		Do you know that you should discontinue any pain medi	icines, excluding Tylenol, at least or	ne week prior to a		
		breast biopsy? If you have further questions, please dis	cuss these with the physician.			
Yes	No	Do you take Warfarin, Coumadin or other blood-thinners		otting?		
ŭ		If yes, please list	Dosage	·····		
Yes	No	Have you ever had a blood clot in your legs, lungs or els	sewhere? If yes, where	when		
Yes	No	Do you have long-term swelling in your extremities for w				
Yes	No	Do you have serious health problems with your liftyes, please circle which organ system is affected and		ou have;		
Yes	No	Do you have diabetes? If yes, do you take insulin? Y	es No	ACCURATION OF THE PARTY OF THE		
Yes	No	Do you take antibiotics before dental procedures because	se of your heart?			
Yes	No	Have you ever been diagnosed with any cancer? If yes	, please elaborate			
			The contract of the contract o			
SECT	ION #6 -	OB/GYN HISTORY				
Pleas	e circle v	whether you are: Premenopausal (regular periods) (40s to 50s irr		Postmenopausal		
Yes	No	If you are premenopausal, do you have an irregular mer	regular, not flashes, etc.)	o periods for years)		
Yes	No	Are you currently pregnant? If yes, please inform the do	octor and nurse as some procedure	es we perform and		
		some drugs that we use may be harmful to an unborn of	nild.			
Yes	No	Have you had a hysterectomy? Partial (Cervix remains	ains) Total (All of uterus removed	d)		
Yes	No	Have you had your ovaries removed? One or	r Both			
Yes	No	Are you currently taking or have you in the past taken: Oral contraceptives or infertility drugs?	Hormone replacement the			
			If yes, please give informati ow long Date quit			
Yes	No	Do you have a personal history of osteoporosis?				
Yes	No	Do you have risk factors for osteoporosis? Slight fran	ne post menopausal sed	entary lifestyle		
Yes	No	Do you have a family history of osteoporosis?				
SECT	ION #7	- EDUCATION MATERIAL NEEDS				
Yes	No	Do you perform regular monthly breast self examination	s?			
Yes	No	Do you feel comfortable with your performance of a regu	ular examination of your breasts?			
Yes	No	Would you like more information on Breast Self Examina	ation?			
Yes	No	Do you understand that some breast cancers are very s	mall and may not be felt by your he	alth professional or		
		seen by any imaging tests (mammography, ultrasound,	etc.) because they may look and fe	el like normal		
Yes	No	breast tissue?	ala ala basetta et fau data atlam a basa	ak aam aa 40		
Yes	No	Do you understand that a mammogram is currently the s Do you know that the risk to your health from a mammo	single best test for detecting a brea	st cancer?		
		amount of radiation from a mammogram is approximate	ly equal to that of an aimlane flight	across the county?		
Yes	No	Would you like more information on radiation risk?	iy equal to that of all amplette might	across the county;		
Yes	No	Do you understand that for certain high-risk patients the	re are now methods proven to redu	ice the risk of		
		breast cancer, including tamoxifen and prophylactic mas	stectomy?			
Yes	No	Would you like more information on risk reduction for his	ph-risk patients?			
Yes	No	Do you understand that for certain high-risk patients ger	netic counseling is available to see	if you and your		
Vac	M-	family carry a specific gene, making you more likely to g	et cancer?	159		
Yes Yes	No	Would you like more information on genetic counseling?				
. 43	No	Do you understand that participation in a breast cancer	screening routine consisting of mai	mmogram, physical		
		exam and breast self exam is the best way to detect a b	reast cancer, although it may not d	etect all breast		
		cancers when they are early?				

Summary of Privacy Notice

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION.

PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY. THE PRIVACY OF YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION IS IMPORTANT TO US.

OUR LEGAL DUTY

We are required by applicable federal and state law to maintain the privacy of your health information. We are also required to give you this Notice about our privacy practices, our legal duties, and your rights concerning your health information. We must follow the privacy practices that are described in this Notice while it is in effect. This Notice takes effect April 14, 2003 and will remain in effect until we replace it.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and the terms of this Notice at any time, provided such changes are permitted by applicable law. We reserve the right to make changes in our privacy practices and the new terms of our Notice effective for all health information that we maintain, including health information we created or received before we made the changes. Before we make a significant change in our privacy practices, we will change this Notice and make the new Notice available upon request.

You may request a copy of our Notice at any time. For more information about our privacy practices, or additional copies of this Notice, please contact us using the information listed at the end of this Notice.

USES AND DISCLOSURES OF HEALTH INFORMATION

We use and disclose health information about you for treatment, payment and healthcare operations. For example:

Treatment: We may use or disclose your health information to a physician or other healthcare provider providing treatment to you.

Payment: We may use and disclose your health information to obtain payment for services we provide to you.

Healthcare Operations: We may use and disclose your health information in connection with our healthcare operations. Healthcare operations include quality assessment and improvement activities, reviewing the competence or qualifications of healthcare professionals, evaluating practitioner and provider performance, conducting training programs, accreditation, certification, licensing or credentialing activities.

Your Authorization: In addition to our use of your health information for treatment, payment or healthcare operations, you may give us written authorization to use your health information or to disclose it to anyone for any purpose. If you give us an authorization, you may revoke it in writing at any time. Your revocation will not affect any use or disclosures permitted by your authorization while it was in effect. Unless you give us written authorization, we cannot use or disclose your health information for any reason except those described in this Notice.

To Your Family and Friends: We must disclose your health information to you, as described in the Patient Rights section of this Notice. We may disclose your health information to a family member, friend or other person to the extent necessary to help with your healthcare or with payment for your healthcare, but only if you agree that we may do so.

Persons Involved in Care: We may use or disclose health information to notify, or assist in the notification of (including identifying or locating) a family member, your personal representative or another person responsible for your care, of your location, your general condition, or death. If you are present, then prior to use or disclosure of your health information, we will provide you with an opportunity to object to such uses and disclosures. In the event of your incapacity or emergency circumstances, we will disclose health information based on a determination using our professional judgment disclosing only health information that is directly relevant to the person's involvement in your healthcare. We will also use our professional judgment and our experience with common practice to make reasonable inferences of your best interest in allowing a person to pick up filled prescriptions, medical supplies, x-rays or other similar forms of health information.

Marketing Health-Related Services: We will not share your health information for marketing communications without your written authorization.

Required by Law: We may use or disclose your health information when we are required to do so by law.

Abuse or Neglect: We may disclose your health information to appropriate authorities if we reasonably believe that you are a possible victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence or the possible victim of other crimes. We may disclose your health information to the extent necessary to avert a serious threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of others.

National Security: We may disclose to military authorities the health information of Armed Forces personnel under certain circumstance. We may disclose to authorized federal officials health information required for lawful intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities. We may disclose to correctional institution or law enforcement official having lawful custody of protected health information of inmate or patient under certain circumstances.

Appointment Reminders: We may use or disclose your health information to provide you with appointment reminders (such as voicemail messages, postcards or letters.)

PATIENT RIGHTS

Access: You have the right to inspect and obtain a copy of your protected health information, with limited exceptions. If you request a copy of your information, we may charge you a fee for the costs of copying, mailing, or other costs incurred by us as a result of complying with your request. Requests for access to your protected health information must be made in writing.

Disclosure Accounting: You have the right to receive a list of instances in which we or our business associates disclosed your health information for purposes, other than treatment, payment, healthcare operations and certain other activities, for the last six years, but not before April 14, 2003. You must make your request in writing. If you request this accounting more than once in a 12 month period, we may charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee for responding to these additional requests.

Restriction: You have the right to request that we place additional restrictions on our use or disclosure of your health information. We are not required to agree to these additional restrictions, but if we do, we will abide by our agreement (except in an emergency). You must make your request in writing.

Alternative Communication: You have the right to request that we communicate with you about your health information by alternative means or to alternative locations. (You must make your request in writing.) Your request must specify the alternative means or location, and provide a satisfactory explanation of how payments will be handled under the alternative means location you request.

Amendment: You have the right to request that we amend your health information. (Your request must be in writing, and it must explain why the information should be amended.) We may deny your request under certain circumstances.

Right to Express Complaints: You have the right to express complaints to us and to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services if you believe that your privacy rights have been violated. If you wish to complain to us, you must do so in writing, and direct your complaint to the Privacy Leader.

You have the right to Obtain a Paper Copy of this Privacy Summary Notice as well as the full Privacy Notice.

QUESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS

If you want more information about our privacy practices, or have questions or concerns, please contact us.

If you are concerned that we may have violated your privacy rights, or disagree with a decision we made about access to your health information or in response to a request you made to amend or restrict the use or disclosure of your health information or to have us communicate with you by alternative means or at alternative locations, you may complain to us using the contact information listed at the end of this Notice. You also may submit a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We will provide you with the address to file your complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services upon request.

We support your right to the privacy of your health information. You will not be penalized in any way if you choose to file a complaint with us and/or with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Contact Officer: Office Manager/Privacy Leader