

Patient Consent & Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information

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Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Patient Authorization

I, _____, hereby authorize the release, use or disclosure of my health information as follows:

This authorization pertains to the following type of medical information about me:

I hereby authorize _____
Name of individual(s) and/or organization providing information

to release the above-described information to _____
Name of individual(s) and/or organization receiving this information

I understand that, per my request, this authorization will permit the above-named parties to use or disclose the identified health information for purposes beyond treatment, payment, or healthcare operations as provided by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time by providing written notification to:

The revocation will be effective on the date it has been received and processed by the above-named recipient. I understand that the revocation does not apply to actions taken in reliance upon this authorization prior to the effective date of revocation. I also understand that I do not have to sign this authorization in order to receive treatment, payment, or to enroll or be eligible for benefits.

Unless I request in writing otherwise, I understand that this authorization will expire on _____. If I do not
Expiration date or event
specify an expiration date or event, this authorization will expire ninety (90) days from the date on which I signed this authorization.

I understand that the information used or disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to redisclosure by the named recipient, and may no longer be protected by HIPAA's privacy rules after the authorized disclosure.

Patient or Personal Representative

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Name: _____
Please Print

Relationship to Patient: _____

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Received by: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Research

We may disclose your protected health information to researchers when their research has been approved by an institutional review board that has reviewed the research proposal and established protocols to ensure the privacy of your protected health information.

Criminal Activity

Consistent with applicable federal and state laws, we may disclose your protected health information, if we believe that the use or disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a person or the public. We may also disclose your protected health information if it is necessary for law enforcement authorities to identify or apprehend an individual.

Military Activity and National Security

When the appropriate conditions apply, we may use or disclose protected health information of individuals who are Armed Forces personnel (1) for activities deemed necessary by appropriate military command authorities; (2) for the purpose of a determination by the Department of Veterans Affairs of your eligibility for benefits, or (3) to foreign military authority if you are a member of that foreign military services. We may also disclose your protected health information to authorized federal officials for conducting national security and intelligence activities, including for the provision of protective services to the President or others legally authorized.

Workers' Compensation

Your protected health information may be disclosed by us as authorized to comply with workers' compensation laws and other similar legally-established programs.

Inmates

We may use or disclose your protected health information if you are an inmate of a correctional facility and your physician created or received your protected health information in the course of providing care to you.

For Data Breach Notification Purposes

We may use or disclose your protected health information to provide legally required notices of unauthorized acquisition, access, or disclosure of your health information. We may send notice directly to you or provide notice to the sponsor of your plan, if applicable, through which you receive coverage.

Required Uses and Disclosures

Under the law, we must make disclosures to you and when required by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to investigate or determine our compliance with the requirements of Section 164.500 et. seq.

Special Protections for HIV, Alcohol and Substance Abuse, Mental Health and Genetic Information

Certain federal and state laws may require special privacy protections that restrict the use and disclosure of certain health information, including HIV-related information, alcohol and substance abuse information, mental health information, and genetic information. For example, a health plan is not permitted to use or disclose genetic information for underwriting purposes. Some parts of this Notice of Privacy Practices may not apply to these types of information. If your treatment involves this information, you may contact our office for more information about these protections.

Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information Based Upon Your Written Authorization

Uses and disclosures of your protected health information that involve the release of psychotherapy notes (if any), marketing, sale of your protected health information, or other uses or disclosures not described in this notice will be made only with your written authorization, unless otherwise permitted or required by law. You may revoke this authorization at any time, in writing, except to the extent that this office has taken an action in reliance on the use or disclosure indicated in the authorization. Additionally, if a use or disclosure of protected health information described above in this notice is prohibited or materially limited by other laws that apply to use, it is our intent to meet the requirements of the more stringent law.

Your Rights Regarding Health Information About You

The following is a statement of your rights with respect to your protected health information and a brief description of how you may exercise these rights.

You have the right to inspect and copy your protected health information. This means you may inspect and obtain a copy of your protected health information that is contained in your designated file for as long as we maintain the protected health information. A "designated file" contains medical and billing records and any other records that your physician and the office uses for making decisions about you. Under federal law, however, you may not inspect or copy the following records; psychotherapy notes; information compiled in reasonable anticipation of, or use in, a civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, and protected health information that is subject to law that prohibits access to protected health information. You must make a written request to inspect and copy your designated file. We may charge a reasonable fee for any copies.

Additionally, if we maintain an electronic health record of your designated file, you have the right to request that we send a copy of your protected health information in an electronic format to you or to a third party that you identify. We may charge a reasonable fee for sending the electronic copy of your protected health information.

Depending on the circumstances, we may deny your request to inspect and/or copy your protected health information. A decision to deny access may be reviewable. Please contact our office if you have questions about access to your medical record.

Dr. Patrick Ferry
715 S. Broadway Ave, Bartow, FL 33830, 863-533-2185

Written Financial Policy

Thank you for choosing Dr. Patrick Ferry. Our primary mission is to deliver the best and most comprehensive dental care available. An important part of the mission is making the cost of optimal care as easy and manageable for our patients as possible by offering several payment options.

Payment Options:

You can choose from:

- Cash, Check, Visa, Mastercard or Discover Card

We offer a 5% courtesy accounting adjustment to patients who pay for their treatment with cash prior to completion of care for treatment plans of \$1500 or more.

- NO INTEREST¹ Payment Plans² from CareCredit

- o Allow you to pay over time with NO INTEREST¹
- o Convenient, low monthly payment plans² also available
- o No annual fees or pre-payment penalties

Please note:

Dr. Patrick Ferry requires payment prior to the completion of your treatment. If you choose to discontinue care before treatment is complete, your refund will be determined upon review of your case.

For plans requiring multiple appointments, alternative payment arrangements may be provided.

For patients with dental insurance we are happy to work with your carrier to maximize your benefit and directly bill them for reimbursement for your treatment.³

A fee of \$25 is charged for patients who miss or cancel more than 1 time in a calendar year without 24-hour notice.

Dr. Patrick Ferry charges \$25 for returned checks.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. We are here to help you get the dentistry you want or need.

Patient, Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Patient Name (Please Print)

¹If paid within the promotional period. Otherwise, interest assessed from purchase date. Minimum monthly payment required.

²Subject to credit approval

³However, if we do not receive payment from your insurance carrier within 90 days, you will be responsible for payment of your treatment fees and collection of your benefits directly from your insurance carrier.

Patient Acknowledgment of Receipt of Privacy Practices Notice

Please Print

I, _____, hereby acknowledge that I have reviewed and received a copy of this office's *Notice of Privacy Practices* explaining:

- How this office will use and disclose my protected health information.
- My privacy rights with regard to my protected health information.
- This office's obligations concerning the use and disclosure of my protected health information.

I understand that the *Notice of Privacy Practices* may be revised from time to time and that I am entitled to receive a copy of any revised *Notice of Privacy Practices* upon request.

I also understand that if I have any questions or complaints, I may contact:

You may also contact the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services with any concerns regarding our privacy and security policies and procedures. Please contact our office for information on how to contact the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Patient or Personal Representative

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Name: _____
Please Print

Relationship to Patient: _____

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We made a good-faith effort to obtain an acknowledgment of _____'s receipt of our *Notice of Privacy Practices*. In spite of these efforts, our office has been unable to obtain a signed acknowledgment of receipt for the following reasons (check all that apply):

- ☐ Patient refused to sign (date of refusal) ____/____/____.
- ☐ Communications barriers prohibited obtaining an acknowledgment.
- ☐ An emergency situation prevented us from obtaining an acknowledgment.
- ☐ Other _____

Attempt was made by: _____ Date: ____/____/____

You have the right to request a restriction of your protected health information. This means you may ask us not to use or disclose any part of your protected health information for the purposes of treatment, payment or healthcare operations. You may also request that any part of your protected health information not be disclosed to family members or friends who may be involved in your care or for notification purposes as described in this Notice of Privacy Practices. Your request must state the specific restriction requested and to whom you want the restriction to apply.

This office is not required to agree to a restriction unless you are asking us to restrict the use and disclosure of your protected health information to a health plan for payment or health care operation purposes and such information you wish to restrict pertains solely to a health care item or service for which you paid us out-of-pocket in full. If this office believes it is in your best interest to permit the use and disclosure of your protected health information, your protected health information will not be restricted. If this office does agree to the requested restriction, we may not use or disclose your protected health information in violation of that restriction unless it is needed to provide emergency treatment. With this in mind, please discuss any restriction you wish to request with your physician. You may request a restriction by contacting our office.

You have the right to restrict information given to your third party payer if you fully pay for the services out of your pocket. If you pay in full for services out of your own pocket, you can request that the information regarding the services not be disclosed to your third party payer since no claim is being made against the third party payer.

You have the right to request to receive confidential communications from us by alternative means or at an alternative location. We will accommodate reasonable requests. We may also condition this accommodation by asking you for information as to how payment will be handled or specification of an alternative address or other method of contact. We will not request an explanation from you as to the basis for the request. Please make this request in writing to our office.

You may have the right to have your physician amend your protected health information. This means you may request an amendment of protected health information about you in your designated file for as long as we maintain this information. In certain cases, we may deny your request for an amendment. If we deny your request for amendment, you have the right to file a statement of disagreement with us and we may prepare a rebuttal to your statement and will provide you with a copy of any such rebuttal. Please contact our office if you have questions about amending your medical record. Your request must be in writing and provide the reasons for the requested amendment.

You have the right to receive an accounting of certain disclosures we have made, if any, of your protected health information. This right applies to disclosures for purposes other than treatment, payment or healthcare operations as described in this Notice of Privacy Practices. It excludes disclosures we may have made to you, for a facility directory, to family members or friends involved in your care, or for notification purposes. The right to receive this information is subject to certain exceptions, restrictions and limitations. Additionally, limitations are different for electronic health records.

You have the right to obtain a paper copy of this notice from us, upon request, even if you have agreed to accept this notice electronically.

You have the right to receive notice of a security breach. We are required to notify you if your protected health information has been breached. The notification will occur by first class mail within 60 days of the event. A breach occurs when there has been an unauthorized use or disclosure under HIPAA that compromises the privacy or security of your protected health information. The notice will contain the following information: (1) a brief description of what happened, including the date of the breach and the date of the discovery of the breach; (2) the steps you should take to protect yourself from potential harm resulting from the breach; and (3) a brief description of what we are doing to investigate the breach, mitigate losses, and to protect against further breaches.

Complaints or Questions

You may complain to us or to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services if you believe your privacy rights have been violated by us. You may file a written complaint with us by notifying our office of your complaint. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint. You may reach our office by calling: _____

Telephone

If you have a question about this privacy notice, please contact our Privacy Officer at: _____

Telephone

Effective Date: This notice is effective as of 9/23/2013.



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