

CONSENT TO ROUTINE PROCEDURES & TREATMENTS

Important: Do not sign this form without reading and understanding its contents.

During the course of my care and treatment, I understand that various types of tests, diagnostic or treatment procedures ("Procedures") may be necessary. These Procedures may be performed by physicians, nurses, technologists, technicians, physician assistants or other healthcare professionals ("Healthcare Professionals").

While routinely performed without incident, there may be material risks associated with each of these Procedures. I understand that it is not possible to list every risk for every Procedure and that this form only attempts to identify the most common material risks and the alternatives (if any) associated with the Procedures. I also understand that various Healthcare Professionals may have differing opinions as to what constitutes material risks and alternative Procedures.

The Procedures may include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1) **Needle Sticks**, such as shots, injections, intravenous lines, or intravenous injections (IVs). The material risks associated with these types of Procedures include, but are not limited to, nerve damage, infection, infiltration (which is fluid leakage into surrounding tissue), disfiguring scar, loss of limb function, paralysis or partial paralysis or death. Alternatives to Needle Sticks (if available) include oral, rectal, nasal, or topical medications (each of which may be less effective) or refusal of treatment.
- 2) **Physical tests, assessments and treatments** such as vital signs, internal body examinations, wound cleansing, wound dressing, range of motion checks, and other similar procedures. The material risks associated with these types of Procedures include, but are not limited to, allergic reactions, infection, severe loss of blood, muscular-skeletal or internal injuries, nerve damage, loss of limb function, paralysis or partial paralysis, disfiguring scar, worsening of the condition and death. Apart from using modified Procedures and/or refusal of treatment, no practical alternatives exist.
- 3) **Administration of Medications** whether orally, rectally, topically or through my eye, ear or nose. The material risks associated with these types of Procedures include, but are not limited to, perforation, puncture, infection, allergic reaction, brain damage or death. Apart from varying the method of administration and/or refusal of treatment, no practical alternatives exist.
- 4) **Drawing Blood, Bodily Fluids or Tissue Samples** such as that done for laboratory testing and analysis. The material risks associated with this type of Procedure include, but are not limited to, paralysis or partial paralysis, nerve damage, infection, bleeding and loss of limb function. Apart from long-term observation and/or refusal of treatment, no practical alternatives exist.
- 5) **Insertion of Internal Tubes** such as bladder catheterizations, nasogastric tubes, rectal tubes, drainage tubes, enemas, etc. The material risks associated with these type of Procedures include, but are not limited to, internal injuries, bleeding, infection, allergic reaction, loss of bladder control and/or difficulty urinating after catheter removal. Apart from external collection devices or refusal of treatment, no practical alternatives exist.
- 6) **Other** _____

I understand that:

- The practice of medicine is not an exact science and that **NO GUARANTEES OR ASSURANCES HAVE BEEN MADE TO ME** concerning the outcome and/or result of any Procedures;
- The Healthcare Professionals participating in my care will rely on my documented medical history, as well as other information obtained from me, my family or others having knowledge about me, in determining whether to perform or recommend the Procedures; therefore, I agree to provide accurate and complete information about my medical history and conditions.

By signing this form:

- I consent to Healthcare Professionals performing Procedures as they may deem reasonably necessary or desirable in the exercise of their professional judgment, **including those Procedures that may be unforeseen or not known to be needed at the time this consent is obtained**; and
- I acknowledge that I have been informed in general terms of the nature and purpose of the Procedures; the material risks of the Procedures; and practical alternatives to the Procedures.
- **If I have any questions or concerns regarding these Procedures, I will ask my physician to provide me with additional information.** I also understand that my physician may ask me to sign additional Informed Consent documents.

_____ Signature of Patient (or Person giving consent)	_____ Relationship	_____ Date
_____ Patient unable to sign because:	_____ Witness	

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF "NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES"

<input type="checkbox"/> I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Piedmont Providers' "Notice of Privacy Practices."	
_____ Print Name of Patient	
_____ Signature of Patient or Patient's Authorized Representative	_____ Date
As the Patient's Authorized Representative, my relationship with the patient is _____	
The Patient is unable to sign because _____	

-----OR-----

CERTIFICATION OF GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- I hereby certify that, as an employee or agent of the Piedmont Providers, I have made a good faith effort to obtain from the patient or the patient's authorized representative a written acknowledgment of the Piedmont Providers' "Notice of Privacy Practices" in accordance with the policy titled "Provision of the Notice of Privacy Practices."

Print Name of Employee/Agent and Department

Signature of Employee/Agent

Date

Reason(s) For Not Obtaining Acknowledgment:

Patient's medical status (critical, unconscious, etc.)

Patient refuses to sign

Other _____