



Texas Spine  
Consultants, LLP

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
                     Last                    First                    M.I.  
 DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dominant Hand: [ ] Right [ ] Left

## Michael W. Hennessy, M.D.

Please complete this form carefully. Your answers will help us better understand your presenting problem and design the best treatment program for you.

Main Concern: \_\_\_\_\_

How long has this been an issue? \_\_\_\_\_

Was there a specific event that started it? yes no If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**USING SYMBOLS BELOW, MARK DRAWING ACCORDING TO YOUR PAIN. INCLUDE ALL AFFECTED AREAS (Please draw in your face):**

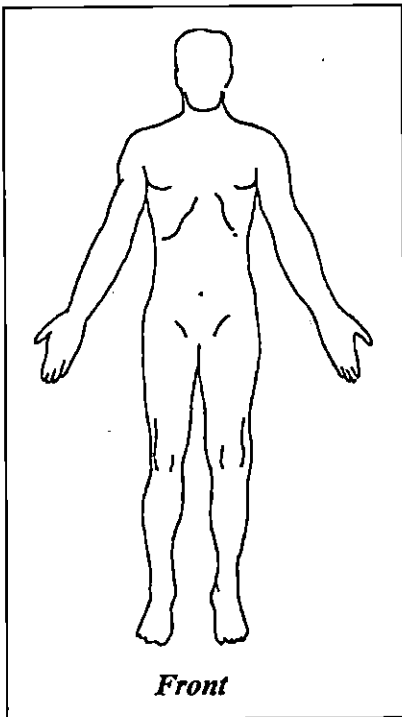
ache/sore: >>>  
cramping: ccc

dull: DDD  
pressure: ppp  
burning: BBB

sharp: sss  
tingling: xxx  
shooting: +++

throbbing: TTT  
pins/needles: ooo

numb: nnn  
stabbing: ///



*Front*

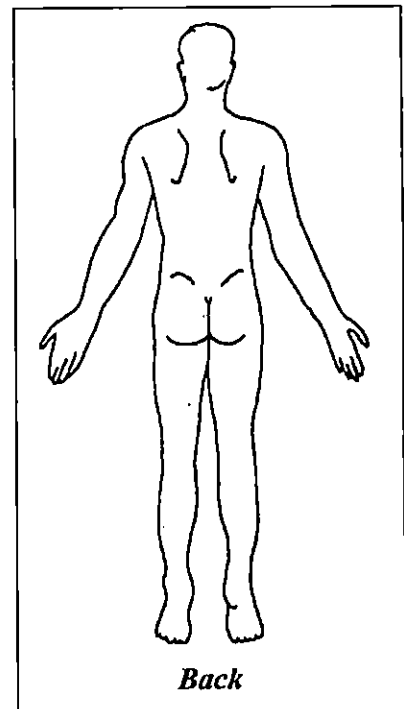
Neck Pain: Circle Severity  
Level  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
minor moderate severe

Pain in arm(s) compared to neck  
Worse than \_\_\_\_\_  
Same as \_\_\_\_\_  
Less than \_\_\_\_\_

Upper Back: Circle Severity  
Pain Level  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
minor moderate severe

Low Back Pain: Circle Severity  
Pain Level  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
minor moderate severe

Pain in leg(s) compared to back  
Worse than \_\_\_\_\_  
Same as \_\_\_\_\_  
Less than \_\_\_\_\_



*Back*

Check / Circle / Highlight any that apply :  
**RATE YOUR USUAL PAIN:**

**NO PAIN**      1      2  
**DOES PAIN COME ON:**

- Suddenly  
 Gradually

3      4      5  
**PAIN IS:**

- Constant  
 Good & bad days

**THE WORST PAIN IMAGINABLE**  
**PAIN IS WORST**

- When I wake up  
 After I have been active  
 Before I go to sleep

**ARE YOU GETTING**

- Better  
 Worse  
 Unchanged

Are you working? yes no If not, when did you stop? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this problem the result of an on-the-job injury? yes no

Is this problem the result of a motor vehicle accident (MVA)? yes no If yes, please check, circle one of the following:

- |                              |                                      |                                       |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>MVA/Driver</b> (E812.0)   | <b>MVA/Passenger</b> (E812.1)        |                                       |
| <b>Motorcyclist</b> (E810.2) | <b>Motorcycle/Passenger</b> (E810.3) |                                       |
| <b>MVA vs. Bike</b> (E813.6) | <b>MVA vs. Pedestrian</b> (E814.7)   | <b>Pedestrian Hit By Car</b> (E812.7) |

Is this problem the result of a fall? yes no If yes, please check, circle one of the following:

- |                               |                           |                              |                             |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>At Home</b> (E888.8)       | <b>Stairs</b> (E880.9)    | <b>Chair</b> (E884.2)        | <b>Commode</b> (E884.6)     |
| <b>Sidewalk/Curb</b> (E880.1) | <b>Tree</b> (E884.9)      | <b>Ladder</b> (E881.0)       | <b>Scaffolding</b> (E881.1) |
| <b>Snow Skis</b> (E885.3)     | <b>Snowboard</b> (E885.4) | <b>Inline Skate</b> (E885.1) | <b>Skateboard</b> (E885.2)  |
| <b>Water Skis</b> (E835.4)    |                           |                              |                             |

Which **INCREASES** your pain/discomfort? Please check or circle.

- |               |                  |               |                     |                  |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Standing      | Sitting          | Walking       | Bending forward     | Bending backward |
| Lying on back | Lying on stomach | Lying on side | Rising from sitting |                  |
| Coughing      | Sneezing         | Urination     | Bowel movement      |                  |

Which **DECREASES** your pain/discomfort? Please check or circle.

- |               |                  |               |                     |                  |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Standing      | Sitting          | Walking       | Bending forward     | Bending backward |
| Lying on back | Lying on stomach | Lying on side | Rising from sitting |                  |
| Coughing      | Sneezing         | Urination     | Bowel movement      |                  |

What is the approximate amount of time you can perform the following activities?

Sit \_\_\_\_\_ minutes      Stand \_\_\_\_\_ minutes      Walk \_\_\_\_\_ minutes

Please check all of the treatments you have tried for your pain and then check the appropriate column:

	Treatment	Date (approx)	No Relief	Moderate Relief	Excellent Relief
<input type="checkbox"/>	Physical/Occupational Therapy		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Heat/Ice		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traction		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Injections (back or neck only)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	TENS		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ultrasound		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Brace or collar		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Massage		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Psychotherapy		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chiropractic		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Have you had surgery for this pain? Yes \_\_\_ or No \_\_\_

If yes, what procedure? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Did it help? Yes \_\_\_ or No \_\_\_

**Medications:** Use the back of this page if additional space is needed. Remember antibiotics, blood thinners, insulin, and heart medications.

Name	Strength	Frequency	Name	Strength	Frequency
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					

Pharmacy Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Education Level \_\_\_\_\_

**RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES/EXERCISE/HOBBIES:**

Running      Walking      Cycling      Golf      Yoga      Treadmill      Elliptical Machine      Weightlifting  
 Aerobics class      Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please do not write below this space**

Physician has reviewed the form and acknowledges the findings:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature- Michael W. Hennessy, MD

## **PHYSICIAN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FORM**

Pursuant to Federal and Texas Law, please note that Dr. Michael Hennessy has financial/consulting agreements with the following entities:

- Apex Medical Services
- Clariance
- Madica Medical
- Methodist Hospital for Surgery
- Mustang Neurodiagnostics, PLLC
- North Dallas First Assist PLLC
- Osseus
- Redline Enterprises, LLC
- Seaspine
- Spine Surgery Services, PLLC
- TSC Anesthesia

If you are referred to any of these entities or any other entity related to Texas Spine Consultants, L.L.P., Dr. Michael Hennessy may receive direct or indirect remuneration. If you have any questions regarding this paragraph, please discuss them with Dr. Hennessy directly.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I acknowledge and agree that I have reviewed this disclosure in its entirety which has been given to me at the time of initial contact. I acknowledge and agree that I have been given the opportunity to ask any questions and had all my questions answered to my satisfaction.

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**PATIENT SIGNATURE (OR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE)**

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**DATE**

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**PRINTED NAME**

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**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S AUTHORITY (IF APPLICABLE)**



# Texas Spine Consultants, LLP

<b>PLEASE PRINT</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Mr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> M.D.	<b>PATIENT INFORMATION</b>		Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
NAME - Last, First, Middle Initial:										
Age:	Birth date:		Home Ph:		Mobile Ph:		Email:			
ADDRESS - Number and Street:							City:	State:	Zip:	
Employer:			Occupation:		Drivers Lics. No.:		Soc. Sec. No.:			
Employer Address:			City:		State:		Zip:	Business Ph:		
Relationship to Responsible Party <input type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Husband <input type="checkbox"/> Wife <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Other										
Marital Status: <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widow/Widower										
Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> African American <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Eskimo <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> No Response										
<b>NEAREST LOCAL RELATIVE OR FRIEND (NOT LIVING WITH YOU)</b>										
Name:			Relationship:		Home Ph:		Business Ph:			
ADDRESS - Number and Street:							City:	State:	Zip:	
<b>MEDICAL INFORMATION</b>										
<b>IMPORTANT</b> - Please list all allergies to medications of any kind, or write none:										
Have you ever been a patient of the Group in the past?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Year:		Doctor:		
Have you ever been treated by a physician from this Group in the hospital emergency room?								<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT COMPLAINT: <input type="checkbox"/> Neck				<input type="checkbox"/> Upper Back	<input type="checkbox"/> Lower Back	Date of injury/onset of symptoms:				
Were X-Rays taken? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				Where?		Doctor you are to see today?				
Patient's Personal Physician						Referred By				
<b>WORKERS COMPENSATIONS</b>										
Injury on the job: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				Are you claiming worker's compensation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						
If on the job injury, please describe how accident occurred:										
Treating Doctor:								Have you notified your employer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>AUTO INJURY</b>										
Auto accident? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Accident Date:		Auto Insur. Carrier:			Attorney Name/No.:			
<b>INSURANCE INFORMATION</b>										
<b>PRIMARY CARRIER</b>										
Insurance Company Name:					Address:					
Employer, If Group Coverage:					Policy No.:			Group No.:		
Subscriber's Name:			Date of Birth:		Patient Relationship to Subscriber <input type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Other					
<b>SECONDARY CARRIER</b>										
Insurance Company Name:					Address:					
Employer, If Group Coverage:					Policy No.:			Group No.:		
Subscriber's Name:			Date of Birth:		Patient Relationship to Subscriber <input type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Other					
<b>SUBSCRIBER INFORMATION</b>										
NAME - Last, First, Middle Initial:						Birth date:		Home Ph:		
ADDRESS - Number and Street:						City:		State:		Zip:
Res. Party Social Security No.:			Driver's Lics. No.:		Employer:		Business Ph:			

### AUTHORIZATION FOR DISCLOSURE OF HEALTHCARE INFORMATION:

- I hereby have a right to privacy under HIPPA regulations. Therefore any information that I provide on this demographic sheet, grants Texas Spine Consultants permission to contact me via the information I have provided.
- I hereby authorize Texas Spine Consultants, L.L.P., to furnish to any designated attorney or insurance company all information necessary to file a health insurance claim form, or to obtain reimbursement. I hereby assign all medical and/or surgical benefits, to include major medical benefits to which I am entitled, including Medicare and other government sponsored programs, private insurance, and any other health plans to Texas Spine Consultants, L.L.P. I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges whether paid or not paid by my insurance company.
- Also, I hereby authorize the disclosure of health information in any data format (including X-Ray) regarding my treatment, hospitalization, and/or outpatient care to Texas Spine Consultants, L.L.P. I understand that this facility will maintain medical records in accordance with state requirements and are hereby released from all legal responsibility or liability that may arise from this authorization. By my signature below, you are fully authorized to disclose such information when requested by Texas Spine Consultants, L.L.P.
- I authorize Texas Spine Consultants to be my personal representative, which allows Texas Spine Consultants to: (1) submit any and all appeals when my insurance company denies my benefits to which I am entitled, (2) submit any and all requests for benefit information from my insurance company, and (3) initiate formal complaints to any state or federal agency that has jurisdiction over my benefits. I fully understand and agree that I am responsible for full payment of the medical debt if my insurance company (excluding Workers Comp.) has refused to pay 100% of my benefits, with-in 90 days of any and all appeals or request information. I also agree that any fines levied against my insurance company will be paid to Texas Spine Consultants for acting as my personal representative.
- The foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Texas Spine Consultants

## TSC Policies & Consent to Treat

(Please initial all sections, sign and date form)



Initials \_\_\_\_\_ **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT:**

I agree to assign insurance benefits to Texas Spine Consultants. We bill all primary insurance companies that we are contracted with as "network" providers as a courtesy to our patients.

I acknowledge full financial responsibility for services rendered by Texas Spine Consultants and authorize transfer of all unpaid amounts to me, which includes, but is not limited to, Co-pays, Deductibles, Co-insurance, Pre-existing Clauses, excluded conditions and/or termination of coverage. I agree to pay all legal fees including attorney and court fees as well as collection costs in the event of default payment of charges that are my financial responsibility.

I further authorize and request all insurance payments be made directly to Texas Spine Consultants.

Initials \_\_\_\_\_ **CONSENT OF TREATMENT:**

I authorize Texas Spine Consultants Physicians and the Physician's Assistants to evaluate and treat me or my family member for any orthopedic illness or injury for which I seek medical care. I have read and understand the above clinic policies and I further acknowledge that I accept the terms outlined in each of the above policies.

Initials \_\_\_\_\_ **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT CONSENT:**

This facility has on staff Certified Physician Assistants (PA-C) to assist in the delivery of orthopedic medical care. I acknowledge a Physician Assistant is not a physician. A PA-C is licensed by the state medical board and under the supervision of a physician can diagnose, treat, and monitor common acute and chronic diseases as well as provide health maintenance care.

"Supervision" does NOT require constant physical presence of the supervising physician, but rather overseeing and accepting responsibility for the medical services provided. A list of services may be provided that are within the scope of practice for a PA-C upon request. I hereby acknowledge the above information and consent to the services of a Certified Physician Assistant for my health care needs. I understand that at any given time I can request to see the Physician instead of the PA-C.

Initials \_\_\_\_\_ **MEDICATION POLICY CONSENT:**

I authorize Texas Spine Consultants Physicians and the Physician's Assistants to obtain a medication history and/or list of current medications via my pharmacy for medical records.

Initials \_\_\_\_\_ **HIPAA Policy:**

I have read and acknowledge the HIPAA Policy.

Initials \_\_\_\_\_ **Missed Appointments / Untimely Cancellations:**

Missed appointments represent a cost to us, to you and to other patients who could have been seen in the time set aside for you. If you are unable to keep your appointment, please give 24 hours' notice to avoid being charged. If you miss your scheduled appointment you will receive a \$25.00 charge at your next scheduled appointment. Excessive abuse of scheduled appointments may result in discharge from the practice.

Initials \_\_\_\_\_ **Returned Checks/Rejected ACH Withdrawals:**

A \$30.00 charge will be added to your account for any checks returned or ACH withdrawals rejected by your bank for any reason in addition to any fees that your financial institution may charge you. These balances must be paid in full prior to your next appointment.

Initials \_\_\_\_\_ **Disability or Insurance Forms:**

There will be a charge of \$10.00 per page for the completion of medical forms. Payment is due at the time that you pick up the forms. Please allow 7-10 days for the completion of these forms.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Telemedicine Informed Consent



Telemedicine services involve the use of secure interactive videoconferencing equipment and devices that enable health care providers to deliver health care services to patients when located at different sites.

1. I understand that the same standard of care applies to a telemedicine visit as applies to an in-person visit.
2. I understand that I will not be physically in the same room as my health care provider. I will be notified of and my consent obtained for anyone other than my healthcare provider present in the room.
3. I understand that there are potential risks to using technology, including service interruptions, interception, and technical difficulties.
  - a. If it is determined that the videoconferencing equipment and/or connection is not adequate, I understand that my health care provider or I may discontinue the telemedicine visit and make other arrangements to continue the visit.
4. I understand that I have the right to refuse to participate or decide to stop participating in a telemedicine visit, and that my refusal will be documented in my medical record. I also understand that my refusal will not affect my right to future care or treatment.
  - a. I may revoke my right at any time by contacting Texas Spine Consultants, LLP at 214.370.3535
5. I understand that the laws that protect privacy and the confidentiality of health care information apply to telemedicine services.
6. I understand that my health care information may be shared with other individuals for scheduling and billing purposes.
  - a. I understand that my insurance carrier will have access to my medical records for quality review/audit.
  - b. I understand that I will be responsible for any out-of-pocket costs such as copayments or coinsurances that apply to my telemedicine visit.
  - c. I understand that health plan payment policies for telemedicine visits may be different from policies for in-person visits.
7. I understand that this document will become a part of my medical record.

By signing this form, I attest that I (1) have personally read this form (or had it explained to me) and fully understand and agree to its contents; (2) have had my questions answered to my satisfaction, and the risks, benefits, and alternatives to telemedicine visits shared with me in a language I understand; and (3) am located in the state of Texas and will be in Texas during my telemedicine visit(s).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient/Parent/Guardian Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient/Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## **Texas Spine Consultants Prescription Policy**

Texas Spine Consultants diagnoses and treats conditions of the spine. We may prescribe medications for you to help relieve the pain. These medications, when used properly, can help patients feel better and lead more productive lives. These medications can also be misused, causing harm to patients and others. For this reason, the State of Texas and the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration regulate the use of medications. Texas Spine Consultants follows those laws.

Our policy:

1. Written prescriptions will not be replaced if lost, stolen or misplaced.
2. Prescriptions are to be taken as directed. In other words, do not change the frequency of the dose unless otherwise directed by a Texas Spine Consultants professional. If a change does occur, this will be noted in your chart.
3. Certain controlled substances such as Oxycontin, MS Contin and Percocet are written for a 30 day supply. It is necessary to make monthly follow up appointments in order to receive a refill. *By law, controlled substance medications cannot be refilled over the phone.*
4. Refills for prescriptions listed below may be refilled every three months. As a result, if you were not seen in the hospital or office, prescriptions cannot be refilled.
  - Sleep aids such as: Ambien
  - Anti-inflammatories such as: Vioxx, Bextra, Celebrex
  - Narcotics such as: Hydrocodone, Percocet
  - Muscle Relaxers such as: Soma, Robaxin, Flexeril
5. If your prescription bottle indicates that you have refills remaining, contact your pharmacy directly. If there are no refills left, you will need to contact our office and schedule an appointment.
6. Refills will not be authorized at night, on weekends or holidays. Be sure to plan ahead to make sure you have enough pills.
7. Before your visit to Texas Spine Consultants, please check your supply of medication. If you need a refill, please ask.
8. Refill requests for prescriptions not prescribed by a Texas Spine Consultants physician will not be authorized.
9. If you believe you may be pregnant, discover you are pregnant at any time, or plan to become pregnant, it is your responsibility to inform this office immediately.
10. Urinary drug screens will occur prior to any narcotic regimen and approximately every three months following.

I have read the above prescription policy and I am aware of the necessary steps in order to have prescription(s) refilled.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





## NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

**THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.**

**If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the Texas Spine Consultants Privacy Officer at (214) 370-3535.**

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") is a federal statute that requires that all protected health information used or disclosed by Texas Spine Consultants, L.L.P. ("Practice") in any form, whether electronically, on paper, or orally, are kept confidential. Protected health information is information about you, including demographic information, that may identify you and that relates to your past, present or future physical or mental health or condition and related health care services ("PHI"). As required by HIPAA, this Notice of Privacy Practices ("Notice") describes how the Practice is required to maintain the privacy of your PHI and how it may use and disclose PHI. It also describes your rights to access and control your PHI.

### Use and Disclosures of PHI

Your PHI is subject to use or disclosure by the Practice's physicians, office staff, employees or other third parties that are involved in your care and treatment, including electronic disclosures. It is the Practice's responsibility to ensure that all uses or disclosures are made in accordance with HIPAA and as further detailed below in this Notice.

**Required Disclosures:** The Practice is required to disclose PHI to you directly when requested in accordance with your rights described below or the Department of Health and Human Services when investigating or determining the Practice's compliance with HIPAA. **Family Members:** The Practice may disclose relevant PHI with family members involved in your health care if you do not object to sharing of the information (i.e. appointment reminders).

### **NO AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED**

**Treatment:** The Practice will use and disclose your PHI to provide, coordinate, or manage your health care and any related services. This includes the coordination or management of your health care with a third party, consultation between physicians relating to your care, or your referral for health care to another physician. For example, the Practice may share results of diagnostic imaging in consultation with its staff or other healthcare professionals to develop a treatment plan.

**Payment:** The Practice will use and disclose your PHI, as needed, as it relates to payment for your health care services. This may include obtaining reimbursement information for the health care services you are receiving, confirming coverage or co-pay amounts under your health plan, billing and collecting from you, an insurance company, or a third party for your health care services, or obtaining precertification or preauthorization for specific health care services. For example, the Practice may send a claim for payment to your insurance company and that claim may contain PHI such as a code describing your diagnosis or medical treatment.

**Health care Operations:** The Practice will use and disclose your PHI, as needed, in order to support the business operations of the Practice. These activities include, but are not limited to, quality assessment and improvement activities, auditing functions, cost-management analysis, or training. For example, the Practice may disclose your PHI to medical school students that see patients at the office. In addition, the Practice may use a sign-in sheet at the registration desk where you will be asked to sign your name. The Practice may also call you by name in the waiting room when your physician is ready to see you. The Practice may use or disclose your PHI, as necessary, to contact you to remind you of your appointment (including to family members).

**Business Associates:** The Practice will use and disclose your PHI, as needed, to business associates. There are some services provided in the Practice through contracts with business associates (i.e., the Practice may disclose PHI to a company who bills insurance companies on the Practice's behalf to enable that company to assist in obtaining payment for the healthcare services provided). To protect your PHI the Practice will require its business associates to appropriately safeguard the information.

**Other Uses or Disclosures:** The Practice may also disclose your PHI for the following additional purposes without your authorization: when required by law (statute, law enforcement, judicial or administrative order); for public health activities (to public health or legal authorities charged with preventing or controlling disease, injury, disability, child abuse or neglect, etc., as required by law); when there is a belief you are a victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence; for health oversight activities (to public agencies or legal authorities charged with overseeing the health care system, government programs in which health information is necessary to determine eligibility or compliance, or to enforce civil rights); for judicial or administrative proceedings (pursuant to court order or subpoena if assurances are received); for law enforcement purposes; to funeral directors, coroners, or organ procurement organizations; for research; if there is a belief of a serious threat to health and safety; for certain essential government functions (national security, military, etc.); disaster relief efforts; to comply with workers' compensation; and as part of a limited data set pursuant to a data use agreement for research, public health or health care operations.

### **AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED**

Any uses or disclosures outside the scope described above will be made only with your written authorization. Most uses or disclosures of psychotherapy notes, and of PHI for marketing purposes and the sale of PHI require an authorization. You may revoke such authorization in writing at any time and the Practice is required to honor and abide by that revocation, except to the extent that it has already taken actions relying on your authorization.

### Your Rights for PHI

You have the right to obtain a paper copy of this Notice and you may exercise any of the rights described below by contacting the Practice and requesting to speak with the Privacy Officer.

You have the right to make reasonable requests to receive confidential communications of your PHI from the Practice by alternative means or at alternative locations.

You have the right to request restrictions on uses and disclosures of PHI for treatment, payment or healthcare operations, or disclosures to family members, other relatives, close personal friends, or any other person identified by you. Generally, the Practice is not legally required to agree to a requested restriction. However, if the request is made to restrict disclosure to a health plan for purposes of carrying out Payment or Health Care Operations and the PHI pertains solely to a health care item or service for which you have paid out of pocket in full, the Practice is legally required to agree to the requested restriction.

You have the right to read or obtain a copy of your PHI or choose to get a summary of your PHI in lieu of a copy. There are some reasons why the Practice may deny such a request which will be delivered to you in writing stating the reason. If a summary or a copy of your PHI is provided, you may have to pay a reasonable fee.

You have the right to request the Practice to amend or correct your PHI to the extent legally and ethically permissible. If the Practice denies the request, it will do so in writing and you will have the ability to file a statement of disagreement.

You have the right to receive an accounting of the disclosures of PHI by the Practice in the last six years but it will not include certain disclosures including those made for treatment, payment, healthcare operations or where you specifically authorized a use or disclosure.

### Complaints

You have recourse if you feel that the privacy of your PHI has been violated. If you feel there has been a violation, you have the right to file a complaint by submitting your complaint in writing by mail to the address above or by fax at the number above. You may also contact the Practice directly by telephone. For all complaints, please ask for or direct attention to the Privacy Officer. There will be no retaliation for filing a complaint. You may also file a complaint with or contact the Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights at: Office of Civil Rights, DHHS, Region VI – Dallas by mail at 1301 Young Street, Suite 1169, Dallas, Texas 75202, by telephone at (214) 767-4056 or (214) 767-8940 (TDD), or by facsimile at (214) 767-0432.

### Effective Date

The Practice is required by law to maintain the privacy of your PHI, to provide you with notice of its legal duties and privacy practices with respect to PHI, and to notify affected individuals following a breach of unsecured PHI. This Notice is effective as of February 7, 2019. The Practice reserves the right to change the terms of this Notice and to make any such changes or amendments effective for all PHI that it maintains. The Practice will periodically post from time to time, and you may request a written copy of, any updated versions of this Notice.



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### DISCLOSURE AUTHORIZATION FORM

<b>PATIENT NAME:</b>		
<b>DATE OF BIRTH:</b>	<b>SSN:</b>	
<b>ADDRESS:</b>		
<b>CITY:</b>	<b>STATE:</b>	<b>ZIP:</b>
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b>	<b>RELATIONSHIP:</b>	
<b>PHONE:</b>	<b>PHONE 2:</b>	

I authorize Texas Spine Consultants, L.L.P. ("Practice") to disclose my protected health information to those listed below (*specify name, relationship and contact information if applicable*):

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The protected health information to be disclosed is:

- Entire medical record
- Only information relating to: \_\_\_\_\_
- Only information occurring from: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

The protected health information is being disclosed for the following purpose (*write "at my request" if there is no specific purpose or you do not wish to specify the purpose*):

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This authorization will be in full force and effect for two years unless otherwise indicated below.

- Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Occurrence of the following expiration event: \_\_\_\_\_
- Upon conclusion of the research study

I understand that I have the right to revoke this authorization, in writing, at any time by sending such written notification to the Practice's Privacy Officer. I understand that a revocation is not effective to the extent that the Practice has relied on the use or disclosure of the protected health information or if my authorization was obtained as a condition of obtaining insurance coverage and the insurer has a legal right to contest a claim.

I understand that, except as otherwise provided in this authorization, the Practice may use or disclose my protected health information in accordance with Practice's Notice of Privacy Practices.

I understand that information disclosed by this authorization may be subject to redisclosure by the recipient and may no longer be protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act or other applicable laws or regulations.

I understand that the Practice will not condition my treatment, payment or eligibility for benefits on whether I provide authorization for the requested use or disclosure except: (1) if my treatment is related to research, or (2) health care services are provided to me solely for the purpose of creating protected health information for disclosure to a third party.

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**PATIENT SIGNATURE (OR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE)** **DATE**

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**PRINTED NAME**

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**PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S AUTHORITY (IF APPLICABLE)**