



Tri-Life Health, PC New Patient Information and Disclaimer

The services provided through Tri-Life Health are intended to help you discover things you can do to improve your overall health, optimize your level of wellness, prevent unnecessary aging and disease, and maximize your energy and productivity. We are delighted that you have chosen us to help you and look forward to working with you in positive ways.

As a new patient you should be fully informed about our policies and practices. Therefore we ask that you read the statements below and initial after each one to indicate your understanding. We also request that you carefully read the other materials in this new patient packet including our "Policy and Disclosure Statement" and the paper entitled "What is Functional Medicine?" that describes our approach and the background and training of our doctors.

If you have any questions about this material, you certainly may bring it with you to your initial appointment so that we can answer them to your satisfaction prior to your signing below.

Please read the following statements and initial after each one in the space provided:

1. Privacy and Security of Your Medical Data: Any information and medical data we obtain from you or about you will be protected as secure, private, and confidential. Only members of the immediate Tri-Life Health staff who are involved in your care will have access to this information. We will not share this information with anyone else without your expressed written permission. _____
2. Informed Consent: Our overall approach involves careful clinical and scientific evaluations supported by nutritional and other biochemical therapies. Consequently, much of what we do is considered "alternative" by the conventional medical establishment. While we have the full training and certification of conventional medicine, we often choose not to use the standard route of treatment and rather work at dealing with the underlying causes of your problems. In some cases your regular doctors may not be familiar with or supportive of our approach. At all times, we will do our best to explain things to your complete satisfaction. It always will be your choice whether or not to proceed with our recommendations. When appropriate we will provide you with "informed consent" forms to review and sign for specific treatment protocols. _____
3. Your Primary Care Provider: The services provided through Tri-Life Health are not intended to replace your relationship with your regular health care provider or to serve as your source of routine health care. We strongly encourage you to establish and maintain an ongoing relationship with a primary care physician of your choice. We will be happy to communicate and coordinate our activities with this person should you desire it. _____
4. Emergency and After-Hours Services: Because the nature of our approach is preventive medicine we do not provide hospitalization services, acute care, or emergency response. We do not maintain "on-call" or "after-hours" services and recommend that you get assistance for any medical emergencies through your primary care physician. _____
5. Use of Controlled Substances: It is our policy to neither stock nor prescribe controlled medications and narcotic drugs. _____
6. Payment Policy: Tri-Life Health operates as a "fee for service" provider. This means that we do not accept insurance or third party payment (including Medicare and Medicaid). Instead, we request that you pay us at the time of service. **If you are a Medicare or Medicaid participant, you may not submit claims to them to be reimbursed for our services.** _____

I have read and understand the above information and policy statements.

(Signature of patient, parent, or guardian)

(date)