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Patient Partnership Plan

Dear Patient,

Welcome to our practice! We intend to provide you with the best surgical care and service that you expect and deserve. Achieving your best possible health requires a “partnership” between you and our practice. As our “partner in health”, we ask you to help us in the following ways:

Please schedule visits with your Primary Doctor/Health care provider for routine physical exams and other recommended health screenings. We are Specialists, not Primary Physicians. Please understand that your primary doctor/healthcare provider is responsible for explaining which regular health screenings are appropriate for your age, gender, personal and family history. You will need to complete these recommended health screenings (mammograms, PSA, colonoscopy, etc.). These health screenings are tests that can help detect life threatening diseases and conditions. You will need to schedule regular visits with your primary doctor to complete your physical exam and to discuss these health screenings.

Please keep follow-up appointments, and reschedule missed appointments with us. It is important for us to know how your condition progresses after you leave the office. Returning on time gives us the opportunity to check your condition or response to treatment. During a follow-up appointment, we may order a test, refer you to another specialist, refer you back to your primary care physician, prescribe a medication, or even identify and treat a serious health condition. If you miss an appointment, and don't reschedule, you may run the risk that we will not be able to detect or treat a serious health condition.

Call our office when you do not hear the results of pathology reports, labs, and other tests. Our goal is to report the results of studies as soon as possible, and call with either positive or negative results. However, if you do not hear from our office within an appropriate time, please call the office for your test results.

Inform us if you decide not to follow the recommended treatment plan. After examining you, we may make certain recommendations based on what we feel are best for your health. This might include surgery, medications, blood tests, or even asking you to return to the office within a certain period of time. Please understand that not following the recommended treatment plan may have serious negative effects on your health. Let us know whenever you decide not to follow our recommendations so that we can fully inform you of any risks associated with your decision to delay or refuse treatment.

Thank you for your partnership. As our patient, you have the right to be informed about your health care. We invite you, *at any time*, to ask questions, report symptoms or discuss any concerns you may have. If you need more information please ask!

Patient Signature

Date

Physician Signature