



NOBLE
PAIN MANAGEMENT
& SPORTS MEDICINE

**Summary of HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices
Effective March 1, 2014**

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.

A full version of this Privacy Notice is available to you at the front desk of our locations.

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) we are required to maintain the privacy of your protected health information and provide you with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to such protected health information.

We are required to abide by the terms of the notice currently in effect. We reserve the right to change the terms of our notice at any time and to make the new notice provisions effective for all protected health information that we maintain. In the event that we make a material revision to the terms of our notice, a revised notice will be made available to you within 60 days of such revision. If you should have any questions or require further information, please contact our Privacy Officer at (817) 518-1112.

How We May Use or Disclose Your Health Information

The following describes the purposes for which we are permitted or required by law to use or disclose your health information without your consent or authorization. Any other uses or disclosures will be made only with your written consent or authorization and you may revoke such authorization in writing at any time.

Treatment: We may use or disclose your health information to provide you with medical treatment or services. For example, information obtained by a provider providing health care services to you will record such information in your record and that record may be shared with other providers involved in your care.

Payment: We may use or disclose your health information in order for services you receive at our office to be paid by your insurance carrier. For example, we may disclose appropriate information for reimbursement, collection or payment purposes.

Health Care Operations: We may use or disclose your health information for health care operations. Health care operations include, but are not limited to, quality assessment and improvement activities, underwriting, premium rating, management and general administrative activities. For example, members of our quality improvement team may use information in your health record to assess the quality of care that you receive and determine how to continually improve the quality and effectiveness of the services we provide.

Business Associates: There may be instances where services are provided to our office through contracts with third party “Business associates”. Whenever a business associate arrangement involves the use or disclosure of your health information, we will have a written contract that requires the business associate to maintain the same high standards of safeguarding your privacy that we require of our own employees and affiliates.

Required by Law: We will disclose medical information about you when required to do so by federal, state or local law.

Communication with Family or Friends: Our professionals, using their best judgment, may disclose to a family member, other relative, close personal friend, or any other person you identify, health information relevant to that person’s involvement in your care or payment related to your care. The office may also disclose your condition to family or friends who accompany you to our offices.

Coroners, Medical Examiners and Funeral Directors: We may disclose health information to a coroner or medical examiner. We may also disclose medical information to funeral directors consistent with applicable law to carry out their duties.

Public Health: As required by law, we may disclose your health information to public health or legal authorities charged with preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability.