



INFORMED CONSENT FOR TREATMENT

I, _____, hereby authorize the private practitioners of Southwest Integrative Medicine to perform the following specific procedures as necessary to facilitate my diagnosis and treatment:

Common diagnostic procedures: e.g., venipuncture, Pap smears, radiography, laboratory, x-ray.

Minor office procedures: e.g., dressing a wound, ear cleansing.

Medicinal use of nutrition: therapeutic nutrition, nutritional supplementation, and intramuscular vitamin injections.

Botanical medicine: botanical substances may be prescribed as teas, alcoholic tinctures, capsules, tablets, cremes, plasters, or suppositories.

Homeopathic medicine: the use of highly dilute quantities of naturally occurring plants, animals and minerals to gently stimulate the body's healing responses.

Lifestyle counseling and hygiene: diet therapy, promotion of wellness including recommendations for exercise, sleep, stress reduction and balancing of work and social activities.

Psychological Counseling

Contraception

Immunization

Acupuncture: insertion of special sterilized needles through the skin into underlying tissues at specific points on the surface of the body.

Cupping: a technique to relieve symptoms in which cups made of glass or other materials are placed on the skin with a vacuum created by heat or other device.

Gua Sha: a rubbing on an area of the body with a blunt, round instrument.

Herbs: may be given in the form of pills, powders, tinctures, pastes, plasters, or other forms such as raw herbs to be cooked. Cooked herbs may be given to take internally or externally as a wash. Herbal formulas may include shell, mineral, and animal materials.

Moxa: indirect burning on an acupoint using stick, string, or ball moxa to relieve symptoms.

Tuina: an ancient massage used to treat a wide variety of common disharmonies.

Dietary Advice: based on traditional Chinese Medical Theory.

I recognize the potential risks and benefits of these procedures as described below:

Potential risks: allergic reactions to prescribed herbs and supplements, side effects of natural medications, inconvenience of lifestyle changes, injury from injections, venipuncture or procedures. **For acupuncture:** discomfort, pain, infection, or blistering at the site of the procedure; temporary discoloration of the skin; nausea, loose bowel movements, abdominal cramping; and aggravation of symptoms existing prior to the acupuncture treatment.

Potential benefits: restoration of health and the body's maximal functional capacity, relief of pain and symptoms of disease, assistance in injury and disease recovery, and prevention of disease or its progression. **For acupuncture:** drugless relief of presenting symptoms and improved balance of bodily energies, which may lead to prevention or elimination of the presenting problem and the strengthening of the constitution.

Notice to Pregnant Women: All female patients must alert the doctor if they know or suspect that they are pregnant as some of the therapies used could present a risk to the pregnancy.

With this knowledge, I voluntarily consent to the above procedures, realizing that no guarantees have been given to me by the Southwest Integrative Medicine or any of its personnel regarding cure or improvement of my condition. I understand that I am free to withdraw my consent and to discontinue participation in these procedures at any time.

I understand that a record will be kept of the health services provided to me. This record will be kept confidential and will not be released to others unless so directed by myself or my representative or unless it is required by law. I understand that I may look at my medical record at any time and can request a copy of it by paying the appropriate fee. I understand that my medical record will be kept for a minimum of three, but no more than ten years after the date of my last visit. I understand that information from my medical record may be analyzed for research purposes, and that my identity will be protected and kept confidential. I understand that any questions I have will be answered by my practitioner to the best of his/her ability.

_____ Date

Original to: Chart
Copy to: Patient (if requested)

_____ Signature of Patient

_____ Signature of Patient Representative or Guardian