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HEALTH HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PATIENTS

Welcome to our clinic! Please help us provide you with a complete evaluation by taking the time to fill out this questionnaire carefully. All your answers will be held absolutely confidential. If you have questions, please ask us. If there is anything you wish to bring to our attention which is not asked on this form, please note it in the COMMENTS section. Thank you!

Name:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Age:

Height:

Weight:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Occupation:

Marital Status:

Emergency Contact and Phone Number:

Referred by:

Family Physician Contact:

Have you tried acupuncture or Chinese herbal medicine before?

MAIN PROBLEM(S) YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS

What is your chief complaint?

To what extent does this problem affect your daily activities (work, sleep, eating, etc.)?

How long has it been since you first noticed any symptoms?

Have you been given a diagnosis for the problem by your family physician?

If so, what is it?

What kinds of treatment or therapy have you tried?

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY (PLEASE INCLUDE DATES)

☐ Allergies:

☐ Rheumatic fever

☐ Other significant illness

☐ Cancer

☐ Surgeries

☐ Diabetes

☐ Venereal disease

☐ Hepatitis

☐ Thyroid disease

☐ High blood pressure

☐ Birth trauma (prolonged
labor, forceps delivery, etc)

☐ Accidents or significant
trauma (describe)

☐ Heart disease

☐ Seizures

OTHER RELEVANT MEDICAL HISTORY

FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY

☐ Allergies

☐ Cancer

☐ Seizures

☐ Diabetes

☐ Heart disease

☐ Stroke

☐ Asthma

☐ High blood pressure

☐ Other

OCCUPATION

Describe your job:

LIFESTYLE

Your exercise program:

Your average daily diet:

Please check any of the following habits that apply. How much and how often do you use them?

☐ Cigarette smoking

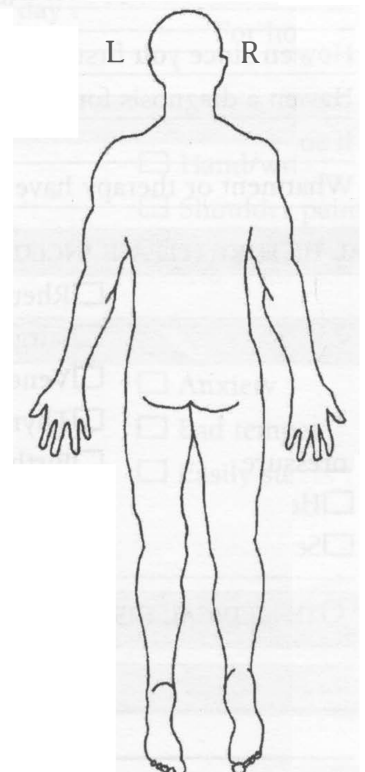
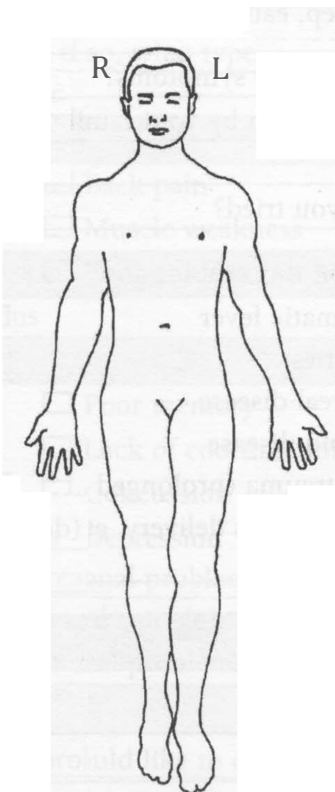
☐ Coffee, tea or cola

☐ Alcoholic beverages

List medications taken within the last two months (vitamins, drugs, herbs, etc.):

Please describe any use of drugs for non-medical purposes:

Please describe any pain you have in detail



PLEASE PUT A CHECK NEXT TO ANY CONDITIONS YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED WITHIN THE LAST THREE MONTHS. INDICATE THE LENGTH OF TIME YOU HAVE HAD THIS CONDITION.

GENERAL

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor appetite | <input type="checkbox"/> Weight gain | <input type="checkbox"/> Night sweats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insomnia | <input type="checkbox"/> Weight loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Fever |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disturbed sleep | <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in appetite | <input type="checkbox"/> Chills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Localized weakness | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweating easily | <input type="checkbox"/> Sudden energy drop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cravings | <input type="checkbox"/> Tremors | Time of day: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strong thirst | <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding or bruising easily | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor balance |

Other unusual or abnormal conditions you have noticed in your general sense of health

SKIN AND HAIR

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rashes | <input type="checkbox"/> Eczema | <input type="checkbox"/> Recent moles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ulcerations | <input type="checkbox"/> Pimples | <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in hair or skin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hives | <input type="checkbox"/> Dandruff | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Itching | <input type="checkbox"/> Hair loss | |

Any other hair or skin problems

HEAD, EYES, EARS, NOSE, THROAT

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness | <input type="checkbox"/> Color blindness | <input type="checkbox"/> Recurrent sore throats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concussions | <input type="checkbox"/> Cataracts | <input type="checkbox"/> Nose bleeds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Migraines | <input type="checkbox"/> Blurry vision | <input type="checkbox"/> Grinding teeth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Earaches | <input type="checkbox"/> Sores on lips or tongue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spots in front of eyes | <input type="checkbox"/> Ringing in ears | <input type="checkbox"/> Facial pain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eye pain | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Teeth problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor vision | <input type="checkbox"/> Eye strain | <input type="checkbox"/> Headaches (where? when?) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Night blindness | <input type="checkbox"/> Sinus problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Jaw clicks |

Any other head or neck problems

CARDIOVASCULAR

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness | <input type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure | <input type="checkbox"/> Swelling of feet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low blood pressure | <input type="checkbox"/> Fainting | <input type="checkbox"/> Blood clots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chest pain | <input type="checkbox"/> Cold hands or feet | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in breathing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular heartbeat | <input type="checkbox"/> Swelling of hands | <input type="checkbox"/> Phlebitis |

Any other heart or blood vessel problems

RESPIRATORY

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cough | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronchitis | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty breathing when |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coughing up blood | <input type="checkbox"/> Pain with deep inhalation | lying down |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma | <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumonia | <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive phlegm |

Any other lung problems

GASTROINTESTINAL

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea | <input type="checkbox"/> Belching | <input type="checkbox"/> Rectal pain |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting | <input type="checkbox"/> Black stools | <input type="checkbox"/> Hemorrhoids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea | <input type="checkbox"/> Blood in stools | <input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal pain or cramps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Constipation | <input type="checkbox"/> Indigestion | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic laxative use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gas | <input type="checkbox"/> Bad breath | |

Any other problems with stomach or intestines

GENITOURINARY

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pain on urination | <input type="checkbox"/> Urgency to urinate | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease in flow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent urination | <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to hold urine | <input type="checkbox"/> Impotence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blood in urine | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney stones | <input type="checkbox"/> Sores on genitals |

Do you wake up at night to urinate? If so, how often?

Any particular color to your urine?

Any other genital or urinary problems

REPRODUCTIVE AND GYNECOLOGIC

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Premenstrual changes | <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy menstrual flow | <input type="checkbox"/> Premature births |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Menstrual clots | <input type="checkbox"/> Light menstrual flow | <input type="checkbox"/> Miscarriages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painful menses | <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular menses | <input type="checkbox"/> Abortions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unusual menses | <input type="checkbox"/> Other problems | |

Age at first menses

Age at menopause

Number of pregnancies

Time between cycles

Duration of bleeding

First day of last menses

Do you practice birth control? If so, what type? For how long?

Any other gynecologic problems

MUSCULOSKELETAL

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neck pain | <input type="checkbox"/> Back pain | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand/wrist pains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle pains | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle weakness | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoulder pains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knee pain | <input type="checkbox"/> Foot/ankle pains | <input type="checkbox"/> Hip pain |

Any other joint or bone problems

NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor memory | <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of coordination | <input type="checkbox"/> Bad temper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of balance | <input type="checkbox"/> Concussion | <input type="checkbox"/> Easily susceptible to stress |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Areas of numbness | <input type="checkbox"/> Depression | |

Have you ever been treated for emotional problems?

Have you ever considered or attempted suicide?

Any other neurological or psychological problems

COMMENTS

Please list any other problems you would like to discuss:

Metabolic Assessment Form

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Date: _____

PART I

Please list the 5 major health concerns in your order of importance:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

PART II

Please circle the appropriate number "0 - 3" on all questions below.

0 as the least/never to 3 as the most/always.

Category I					Category V				
Feeling that bowels do not empty completely	0	1	2	3	Greasy or high fat foods cause distress	0	1	2	3
Lower abdominal pain relief by passing stool or gas	0	1	2	3	Lower bowel gas and or bloating				
Alternating constipation and diarrhea	0	1	2	3	several hours after eating	0	1	2	3
Diarrhea	0	1	2	3	Bitter metallic taste in mouth,				
Constipation	0	1	2	3	especially in the morning	0	1	2	3
Hard, dry, or small stool	0	1	2	3	Unexplained itchy skin	0	1	2	3
Coated tongue of "fuzzy" debris on tongue	0	1	2	3	Yellowish cast to eyes	0	1	2	3
Pass large amount of foul smelling gas	0	1	2	3	Stool color alternates from clay colored				
More than 3 bowel movements daily	0	1	2	3	to normal brown	0	1	2	3
use laxatives frequently	0	1	2	3	Reddened skin, especially palms	0	1	2	3
Category II					Category VI				
Excessive belching, burping, or bloating	0	1	2	3	Crave sweets during the day	0	1	2	3
Gas immediately following a meal	0	1	2	3	Irritable if meals are missed	0	1	2	3
Offensive breath	0	1	2	3	Depend on coffee to keep yourself going or started	0	1	2	3
Difficult bowel movements	0	1	2	3	Get lightheaded if meals are missed	0	1	2	3
Sense of fullness during and after meals	0	1	2	3	Eating relieves fatigue	0	1	2	3
Difficulty digesting fruits and vegetables;					Feel shaky, jittery, tremors	0	1	2	3
undigested foods found in stools	0	1	2	3	Agitated, easily upset, nervous	0	1	2	3
Category III					Category VII				
Stomach pain, burning, or aching 1- 4 hours after eating	0	1	2	3	Fatigue after meals	0	1	2	3
Do you frequently use antacids?	0	1	2	3	Crave sweets during the day	0	1	2	3
Feeling hungry an hour or two after eating	0	1	2	3	Eating sweets does not relieve cravings for sugar	0	1	2	3
Heartburn when lying down or bending forward	0	1	2	3	Must have sweets after meals	0	1	2	3
Temporary relief from antacids, food,					Waist girth is equal or larger than hip girth	0	1	2	3
milk, carbonated beverages	0	1	2	3	Frequent urination	0	1	2	3
Digestive problems subside with rest and relaxation	0	1	2	3	Increased thirst & appetite	0	1	2	3
Heartburn due to spicy foods, chocolate, citrus,					Difficulty losing weight	0	1	2	3
peppers, alcohol, and caffeine	0	1	2	3	Category VIII				
Category IV					Cannot stay asleep				
Roughage and fiber cause constipation	0	1	2	3	Crave salt				
Indigestion and fullness lasts 2-4					Slow starter in the morning				
hours after eating	0	1	2	3	Afternoon fatigue				
Pain, tenderness, soreness on left side					Dizziness when standing up quickly				
under rib cage	0	1	2	3	Afternoon headaches				
Excessive passage of gas	0	1	2	3	Headaches with exertion or stress				
Nausea and/or vomiting	0	1	2	3	Weak nails				
Stool undigested, foul smelling,									
mucous-like, greasy, or poorly formed	0	1	2	3					
Frequent urination	0	1	2	3					
Increased thirst and appetite	0	1	2	3					
Difficulty losing weight	0	1	2	3					

*Symptom groups listed in this flyer are not intended to be used as a diagnosis of any disease condition.
For nutritional purposes only.*

Category IX

Cannot fall asleep	0	1	2	3
Perspire easily	0	1	2	3
Under high amounts of stress	0	1	2	3
Weight gain when under stress	0	1	2	3
Wake up tired even after 6 or more hours of sleep	0	1	2	3
Excessive perspiration or perspiration with little or no activity	0	1	2	3

Category X

Tired, sluggish	0	1	2	3
Feel cold – hands, feet, all over	0	1	2	3
Require excessive amounts of sleep to function properly	0	1	2	3
Increase in weight gain even with low-calorie diet	0	1	2	3
Gain weight easily	0	1	2	3
Difficult, infrequent bowel movements	0	1	2	3
Depression, lack of motivation	0	1	2	3
Morning headaches that wear off as the day progresses	0	1	2	3
Outer third of eyebrow thins	0	1	2	3
Thinning of hair on scalp, face or genitals or excessive falling hair	0	1	2	3
Dryness of skin and/or scalp	0	1	2	3
Mental sluggishness	0	1	2	3

Category XI

Heart palpitations	0	1	2	3
Inward trembling	0	1	2	3
Increased pulse even at rest	0	1	2	3
Nervous and emotional	0	1	2	3
Insomnia	0	1	2	3
Night sweats	0	1	2	3
Difficulty gaining weight	0	1	2	3

Category XII

Diminished sex drive	0	1	2	3
Menstrual disorders or lack of menstruation	0	1	2	3
Increased ability to eat sugars without symptoms	0	1	2	3

Category XIII

Increased sex drive	0	1	2	3
Tolerance to sugars reduced	0	1	2	3
“Splitting” type headaches	0	1	2	3

Category XIV

Urination difficulty or dribbling	0	1	2	3
Urination frequent	0	1	2	3
Pain inside of legs or heels	0	1	2	3
Feeling of incomplete bowel evacuation	0	1	2	3
Leg nervousness at night	0	1	2	3

Category XV

Decrease in libido	0	1	2	3
Decrease in spontaneous morning erections	0	1	2	3
Decrease in fullness of erections	0	1	2	3
Difficulty in maintain morning erections	0	1	2	3
Spells of mental fatigue	0	1	2	3
Inability to concentrate	0	1	2	3
Episodes of depression	0	1	2	3
Muscle soreness	0	1	2	3
Decrease in physical stamina	0	1	2	3
Unexplained weight gain	0	1	2	3
Increase in fat distribution around chest and hips	0	1	2	3
Sweating attacks	0	1	2	3
More emotional than in the past	0	1	2	3

Category XVI

Category XVI				
Are you perimenopausal	Yes	No		
Alternating menstrual cycle lengths	Yes	No		
Extended menstrual cycle, greater than 32 days	Yes	No		
Shortened menses, less than every 24 days	Yes	No		
Pain and cramping during periods	0	1	2	3
Scanty blood flow	0	1	2	3
Heavy blood flow	0	1	2	3
Breast pain and swelling during menses	0	1	2	3
Pelvic pain during menses	0	1	2	3
Irritable and depressed during menses	0	1	2	3
Acne break outs	0	1	2	3
Facial hair growth	0	1	2	3
Hair loss/thinning	0	1	2	3

Category XVII

Category 11/11				
How many years have you been menopausal?				
Since menopause, do you ever have uterine bleeding?	Yes	No		
Hot flashes	0	1	2	3
Mental fogginess	0	1	2	3
Disinterest in sex	0	1	2	3
Mood swings	0	1	2	3
Depression	0	1	2	3
Painful intercourse	0	1	2	3
Shrinking breasts	0	1	2	3
Facial hair growth	0	1	2	3
Acne	0	1	2	3
Increased vaginal pain, dryness or itching	0	1	2	3

PART III

How many alcohol beverages do you consume per week? _____ How many caffeinated beverages do you consume per day? _____

How many times do you eat out per week? _____ How many times a week do you eat raw nuts or seeds? _____

How many times a week do you eat fish? _____ How many times a week do you workout? _____

List the three worst foods you eat during the average week: _____, _____, _____

List the three healthiest foods you eat during the average week: _____, _____, _____

Do you smoke? _____ If yes, how many times a day: _____

Rate your stress levels on a scale of 1-10 during the average week: _____

Please list any medications you currently take and for what conditions:

Please list any natural supplements you currently take and for what conditions:

Acupuncture and Holistic Care

for Wellness and Pain Management

570-728-3438 **Krista J Essler LAc** *acu17901.com*
541 West Bacon Street, Pottsville PA 17901

Please describe your health history in detail:

No-show, Cancellation and, Late Policies

There is one treatment room so that all of the attention during your appointment time is given to your care. Please be on time for your appointment. If you are going to be late, please text or call. More than 10 minutes of lateness is equivalent to a no-show.

If you need to cancel, please do so within 24 hours of your appointment. Otherwise, the appointment is equivalent to a no-show.

If you don't show up for your appointment without making contact and for non-emergency reasons, such as your day got busy, you forgot, etc, then penalties can be applied as follows:

First no-show – no penalty as a show of good faith that it will not happen again.

Second no-show - \$30 fee payable before your next appointment is scheduled.

Third no-show - \$60 fee payable before your next appointment is scheduled.

Penalties can be avoided by rescheduling and showing up for your appointment the same calendar week.

By signing below, I understand that less than 24 hours notice of cancellation, lateness, and not showing up for an appointment can result in penalties.

Print name

Signature (type name)

Date

Office signature

Date

Electronic Contact Consent

I agree to allow Krista J Essler, LAc and *Acupuncture and Holistic Care for Wellness and Pain Management* to contact me via the following e-mail address and mobile number (both voice and text messaging) for the purpose of appointment reminders, general practice updates, and to answer specific questions regarding my treatment.

Further, contact can be made for the purpose of invoicing and billing and may contain specific treatment information.

e-mail

mobile number

name

signature (type name)

date

PATIENT NAME:

This form is read only, please fill out and sign in office

ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

Article 1: Agreement to Arbitrate: It is understood that any dispute as to medical malpractice, including whether any medical services rendered under this contract were unnecessary or unauthorized or were improperly, negligently or incompetently rendered, will be determined by submission to arbitration as provided by state and federal law, and not by a lawsuit or resort to court process, except as state and federal law provides for judicial review of arbitration proceedings. Both parties to this contract, by entering into it, are giving up their constitutional right to have any such dispute decided in a court of law before a jury, and instead are accepting the use of arbitration. Further, the parties will not have the right to participate as a member of any class of claimants, and there shall be no authority for any dispute to be decided on a class action basis. An arbitration can only decide a dispute between the parties and may not consolidate or join the claims of other persons who have similar claims.

Article 2: All Claims Must be Arbitrated: It is also understood that any dispute that does not relate to medical malpractice, including disputes as to whether or not a dispute is subject to arbitration, as to whether this agreement is unconscionable, and any procedural disputes, will also be determined by submission to binding arbitration. It is the intention of the parties that this agreement bind all parties as to all claims, including claims arising out of or relating to treatment or services provided by the health care provider, including any heirs or past, present or future spouse(s) of the patient in relation to all claims, including loss of consortium. This agreement is also intended to bind any children of the patient whether born or unborn at the time of the occurrence giving rise to any claim. This agreement is intended to bind the patient and the health care provider and/or other licensed health care providers, preceptors, or interns who now or in the future treat the patient while employed by, working or associated with or serving as a back-up for the health care provider, including those working at the health care provider's clinic or office or any other clinic or office whether signatories to this form or not.

All claims for monetary damages exceeding the jurisdictional limit of the small claims court against the health care provider, and/or the health care provider's associates, association, corporation, partnership, employees, agents and estate, must be arbitrated including, without limitation, claims for loss of consortium, wrongful death, emotional distress, injunctive relief, or punitive damages. This agreement is intended to create an open book account unless and until revoked.

Article 3: Procedures and Applicable Law: A demand for arbitration must be communicated in writing to all parties. Each party shall select an arbitrator (party arbitrator) within thirty days, and a third arbitrator (neutral arbitrator) shall be selected by the arbitrators appointed by the parties within thirty days thereafter. The neutral arbitrator shall then be the sole arbitrator and shall decide the arbitration. Each party to the arbitration shall pay such party's pro rata share of the expenses and fees of the neutral arbitrator, together with other expenses of the arbitration incurred or approved by the neutral arbitrator, not including counsel fees, witness fees, or other expenses incurred by a party for such party's own benefit. Either party shall have the absolute right to bifurcate the issues of liability and damage upon written request to the neutral arbitrator.

The parties consent to the intervention and joinder in this arbitration of any person or entity that would otherwise be a proper additional party in a court action, and upon such intervention and joinder, any existing court action against such additional person or entity shall be stayed pending arbitration. The parties agree that provisions of state and federal law, where applicable, establishing the right to introduce evidence of any amount payable as a benefit to the patient to the maximum extent permitted by law, limiting the right to recover non-economic losses, and the right to have a judgment for future damages conformed to periodic payments, shall apply to disputes within this Arbitration Agreement. The parties further agree that the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association shall govern any arbitration conducted pursuant to this Arbitration Agreement.

Article 4: General Provision: All claims based upon the same incident, transaction, or related circumstances shall be arbitrated in one proceeding. A claim shall be waived and forever barred if (1) on the date notice thereof is received, the claim, if asserted in a civil action, would be barred by the applicable legal statute of limitations, or (2) the claimant fails to pursue the arbitration claim in accordance with the procedures prescribed herein with reasonable diligence.

Article 5: Revocation: This agreement may be revoked by written notice delivered to the health care provider within 30 days of signature and, if not revoked, will govern all professional services received by the patient and all other disputes between the parties.

Article 6: Retroactive Effect: If patient intends this agreement to cover services rendered before the date it is signed (for example, emergency treatment), patient should initial here. _____. Effective as of the date of first professional services.

If any provision of this Arbitration Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and shall not be affected by the invalidity of any other provision. I understand that I have the right to receive a copy of this Arbitration Agreement. By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have received a copy.

NOTICE: BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT, YOU ARE AGREEING TO HAVE ANY ISSUE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE DECIDED BY NEUTRAL ARBITRATION, AND YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR RIGHT TO A JURY OR COURT TRIAL. SEE ARTICLE 1 OF THIS CONTRACT.

(Date)

PATIENT SIGNATURE

X

This form is read only, please fill out and sign in office

(Or Patient Representative)

(Indicate relationship if signing for patient)

(Date)

OFFICE SIGNATURE

X

ALSO SIGN THE INFORMED CONSENT ON REVERSE SIDE

ACUPUNCTURE INFORMED CONSENT TO TREAT

I hereby request and consent to the performance of acupuncture treatments and other procedures within the scope of the practice of acupuncture on me (or on the patient named below, for whom I am legally responsible) by the acupuncturist indicated below and/or other licensed acupuncturists who now or in the future treat me while employed by, working or associated with or serving as back-up for the acupuncturist named below, including those working at the clinic or office listed below or any other office or clinic, whether signatories to this form or not.

I understand that methods of treatment may include, but are not limited to, acupuncture, moxibustion, cupping, electrical stimulation, Tui-Na (Chinese massage), Chinese herbal medicine, and nutritional counseling. I understand that the herbs may need to be prepared and the teas consumed according to the instructions provided orally and in writing. The herbs may have an unpleasant smell or taste. I will immediately notify a member of the clinical staff of any unanticipated or unpleasant effects associated with the consumption of the herbs.

I have been informed that acupuncture is a generally safe method of treatment, but that it may have some side effects, including bruising, numbness or tingling near the needling sites that may last a few days, and dizziness or fainting. Burns and/or scarring are a potential risk of moxibustion and cupping, or when treatment involves the use of heat lamps. Bruising is a common side effect of cupping. Unusual risks of acupuncture include spontaneous miscarriage, nerve damage and organ puncture, including lung puncture (pneumothorax). Infection is another possible risk, although the clinic uses sterile disposable needles and maintains a clean and safe environment.

I understand that while this document describes the major risks of treatment, other side effects and risks may occur. The herbs and nutritional supplements (which are from plant, animal and mineral sources) that have been recommended are traditionally considered safe in the practice of Chinese Medicine, although some may be toxic in large doses. I understand that some herbs may be inappropriate during pregnancy. Some possible side effects of taking herbs are nausea, gas, stomachache, vomiting, headache, diarrhea, rashes, hives, and tingling of the tongue. I will notify a clinical staff member who is caring for me if I am or become pregnant.

While I do not expect the clinical staff to be able to anticipate and explain all possible risks and complications of treatment, I wish to rely on the clinical staff to exercise judgment during the course of treatment which the clinical staff thinks at the time, based upon the facts then known, is in my best interest. I understand that results are not guaranteed.

I understand the clinical and administrative staff may review my patient records and lab reports, but all my records will be kept confidential and will not be released without my written consent.

By voluntarily signing below, I show that I have read, or have had read to me, the above consent to treatment, have been told about the risks and benefits of acupuncture and other procedures, and have had an opportunity to ask questions. I intend this consent form to cover the entire course of treatment for my present condition and for any future condition(s) for which I seek treatment.

ACUPUNCTURIST NAME:

(Date)

PATIENT SIGNATURE

(Or Patient Representative)

X This form is read only, please fill out and sign in office

(Indicate relationship if signing for patient)

ALSO SIGN THE ARBITRATION AGREEMENT ON REVERSE SIDE