



Mobile Acupuncture Santa Fe

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INFORMED CONSENT TO ORIENTAL MEDICAL HEALTH CARE

I hereby request and consent to the performance of the following on myself (or the patient named below, for whom I am legally responsible) by a licensed doctor of oriental medicine who now or in the future provide me with healthcare while employed by, working or associated with, or serving as back-up for Mobile Acupuncture Santa Fe, and other Oriental medical procedures including diagnostic techniques, such as questioning, pulse evaluation, palpation on a variety of areas of my body, observation, range of motion, muscle and orthopedic testing; modes of manual or physical therapy such as body work, manipulation of joints and/or viscera, heat and/or cold therapy and electrical and/or magnetic stimulation; cupping and/or moxibustion; the prescription of herbal and homeopathic medicines as well as dietary supplements; dietary recommendations; exercise advice and healthy lifestyle recommendations.

I understand I have opportunities to discuss with my doctor, the nature and purpose of acupuncture and Oriental medical procedures. Although I am aware that acupuncture and the other procedures used in Oriental medicine have helped millions of people, I understand that no guarantee of cure or improvement in my condition is given or implied.

I understand and am informed that, as in the practice of conventional Western medicine, in the practice of Oriental medicine there are some risks to treatment. I understand that although these risks are unlikely to occur, they are possible. I understand that these risks include, but are not limited to: bleeding, bruising, pain, or other strong sensation at the location of where a needle is inserted, or where cupping or herbal application is made to the skin, or radiating from those locations; nerve pain, burns, aggravation of current symptoms, appearance of new symptoms and general aches. Other uncommon but possible risks include pneumothorax (punctured lung), puncture of other organs, sprains, strains, dislocation, fractures, disc injuries and strokes. I do not expect the doctor to be able to anticipate and explain all risks and complications, and I wish to rely on the doctor to exercise such judgment, during the course of my treatment, as the doctor feels at the time, based on the facts then known, to be in my best interest.

I understand that acupuncture and Oriental medicine treatments may not have the desired effect when combined with excessive medication, alcohol consumption or illegal drug use at the time of treatment. If there is reasonable cause to believe that treatment is not appropriate for a patient who is under the influence of illegal drugs, alcohol, or appears to be overly medicated, then a treatment may not be performed at that time. The patient will be informed that they may not be treated at that time and will be requested to reschedule their appointment.

I have read, or have had read to me, this informed consent form. I have also had an opportunity to ask questions about its content, and by signing below I agree to the above named procedures and conditions of treatment. 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 from Mobile Acupuncture Santa Fe.

Patient's name (please print)

Patient's signature

Print Name of Patient's Representative (if applicable)

Relationship or Authority of Patient's Rep.

Signature of Patient's Representative (if applicable)

Date Signed