

# ATLAS PHYSICAL THERAPY

## PATIENT CONSENT FORM

The Department of Health and Human Services has established a "Privacy Rule" to help insure that personal health care information is protected for privacy. The Privacy Rule was also created in order to provide a standard for certain health care providers to obtain patients' consent for uses and disclosures of health information about the patient to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations.

As our patient, we want you to know that we respect the privacy of your personal medical records and will do all we can to secure and protect that privacy. We strive to always take reasonable precautions to protect your privacy. When it is appropriate and necessary, we provide the minimum necessary information to only those we feel are in need of your health care information, information about treatment, or payment of health care operations in order to provide health care that is in your best interest.

We also want you to know that we support your full access to your personal medical records. We may have indirect treatment relationships with you (such as laboratories that only interact with physicians and not patient), and may have to disclose personal health information for purposes of treatment, payment of health care operations. These entities are most often not required to maintain patient consent.

You may refuse to consent to the use of disclosure of your personal health information, but this must be in writing. Under this law, we have the right to refuse to treat you should you choose to refuse to disclose you Personal Health Information (PHI). If you choose to give consent in his document, at some future time you may request all or part of you PHI. You may not revoke actions that have already been taken which relied on this or a previously signed consent.

If you have any objections to this form, please ask to speak with our HIPAA Compliance Officer, Jennifer M. Lynch.

You have the right to review our privacy notice, to request restrictions and revoke consent, in writing, after you have reviewed our privacy notice.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMPLIANCE ASSUREANCE NOTIFCATION FOR OUR PATIENTS

To Our Valued Patients:

The misuse of Personal Health Information (PHI) has been identified as a national problem causing patients inconvenience, aggravation, and money. We want you to know that all of our employees, manager, clinicians, and physicians continually undergo training so that they may understand and comply with government rules and regulation regarding the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) with particular emphasis on the "Privacy Rule". We strive to achieve the very highest standards of ethics and integrity in performing services for our patients.

It is our policy to properly determine uses of PHI in accordance with the governmental rules, laws, and regulations. We want to ensure that our practice never contributes in any way, to the growing problem of improper disclosure of PHI. As part of this plan, we have implemented a Compliance Program that we believe will help us prevent any inappropriate use of PHI.

We also know that we are not perfect. Because of this fact, our policy is to listen o our employees and our patients without any thought of penalization if they feel that an event in any way compromises our policy of integrity. More so, we welcome your input regarding any service problem so that we may remedy the situation promptly.

Thank you for being of our highly valued patients.

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