

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION AND FINANCIAL CONSENT

WHO CAN RECEIVE AND USE THE HEALTH INFORMATION? May we disclose your protected health information to your: spouse, adult children, siblings, attorney, Life Insurance Company or other entity? If yes, please write their name, contact information and relationship to you.

Person/Organization Name _____
 Relationship _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

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WHAT INFORMATION CAN BE DISCLOSED? Complete the following by indicating those items that you want disclosed. The signature of a minor patient is required for the release of some of these items. If all health information is to be released, then check only the first box.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All Health Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Physician's Orders | <input type="checkbox"/> Progress Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Billing Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History/Physical Exam | <input type="checkbox"/> Patient Allergies | <input type="checkbox"/> Discharge Summary | <input type="checkbox"/> Radiology Reports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past/Present Medications | <input type="checkbox"/> Operative Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> Diagnostic Test Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> Imaging Films |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lab Results | <input type="checkbox"/> Consultation Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> Pathology Reports | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Your initials are required to release the following information:

_____ Mental Health Records (Excluding psychotherapy notes) _____ Genetic Information (Including Genetic Test Results)
 _____ Drug, Alcohol, or Substance Abuse Records _____ HIV/AIDS Test Results/Treatment

EFFECTIVE TIME PERIOD: This authorization is valid until the earlier of the occurrence of the death of the individual; the individual reaching the age of majority; or permission is withdrawn; or the following specific date (optional):

Month ____ Day ____ Year ____

RIGHT TO REVOKE: I understand that I can withdraw my permission at any time by giving written notice stating my intent to revoke this authorization to the person or organization named under "WHO CAN RECEIVE AND USE THE HEALTH INFORMATION." I understand that prior actions taken in reliance on this authorization by entities that had permission to access my health information will not be affected. If I revoke this Authorization, I must send a written request to: **GASTRO HEALTH 9500 S. Dadeland Blvd. Suite 200, Miami, FL 33156 ATTN: Privacy Officer.** I understand that the revocation will not apply to information that has already been released in reliance on this Authorization and to my insurance company when the law provides my insurer with the right to contest a claim under my policy.

MOBILE PHONE COMMUNICATION CONSENT: By signing this document, you consent to your mobile phone number to be used to communicate with you by text or voice through an automated or pre-recorded message to provide you with information related to your healthcare, account or bills for healthcare services, and information related to additional healthcare services that may be of interest to you. You are not required to provide us with your mobile phone number for these purposes.

If you have not provided Gastro Health with your mobile phone number, you may provide it here: (____) _____ - _____.

INSURANCE INFORMATION: Your health insurance is a contract between you and your insurer. Any charges not paid by your insurer for any reason are your responsibility. It is your responsibility to understand your insurance benefits, including plan limitations, the difference between screening or preventative care benefits versus diagnostic procedure benefits and the need for referrals or pre-authorizations. We will make every effort to verify your benefits, identify your financial liabilities and pre-authorizations prior to your appointment on your behalf; however, this is not a guarantee of payment. We will bill your insurance for all services we provide; however, we require you to pay any portion of your financial liability for care, including/not limited to co-pays, deductibles or co-insurance, prior to the service. Certain services performed by our office, for your benefit, may not be covered by your insurance plan(s). Gastro Health suggests you contact your insurance carrier to verify your benefits and understand any non-covered services as these will be your financial responsibility. Please note if you obtain a policy from the Affordable Care Act marketplace, and are issued a subsidy, but fail to pay your premium during the grace period, your care will be entirely your financial responsibility. CERTAIN INSURANCES OR EMPLOYERS MAY HAVE A NARROW NETWORK THAT EXCLUDES YOUR PHYSICIAN. IF OUR SERVICES ARE DEEMED OUT OF NETWORK AND YOUR BENEFIT PLAN HAS NO OUT OF NETWORK BENEFITS, IT IS THE PATIENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY FOR THE SERVICES IN FULL. PLEASE CONSULT WITH YOUR PLAN IN ADVANCE OF YOUR VISIT.

ADMINISTRATIVE FEES: I understand that there is a charge for returned checks for any reason (check with your office's staff for specific fees charged). Failure to remedy the returned check may result in legal action. I understand that missed appointments or appointments cancelled with less than 24 hours' notice, for office visits, and 48 hours for procedures, may result in a fee of in accordance with the applicable office or facility policies. Additionally, there may be a fee charged for completing forms (check with your office's staff for specific fees charged) and copying medical records in accordance with State laws.

PAYMENT: Gastro Health is committed to reducing waste and inefficiency and making our billing process as simple as possible. We require that you provide a credit card on file with our office. We run payments through a secure, HIPAA and PCI-compliant merchant services application. The security of your private information is our priority. For your protection, only the last 4 digits of your card will show in the system. We will process your payment automatically, sending you a receipt via email (if we have one on file). Your ability to dispute your insurance company's charges will not be compromised. Patient's without insurance or patient's that do not authorize a credit card to be kept on file for account balances will need to make payment in full on the day of the visit.

OPEN BALANCES: You may have outstanding balances for more than one location within the practice. We reserve the right to collect on balances for any subsidiary of Gastro Health. Note: Credit card payments are only accepted in our offices or through our website and will not be processed if mailed to our central billing office. Patients who fail to adhere to our financial policies may be sent to collections, incur additional costs up to 25% of the balance and be terminated from our practice. Identified balances on account may be refunded only during the final week of the month.

PATIENT'S RELEASE STATEMENT: *By signing below, I understand and accept the financial policies of Gastro Health, including the credit card on file policy. I authorize the use of my credit card for outstanding balances only after my insurance has processed my claim but not more than six (6) months after my visit. I give Gastro Health permission to apply payments to any balances amongst its locations. I understand that I am ultimately financially responsible for the services I receive from Gastro Health. Should I neglect to meet my financial responsibility, I understand that I may be charged additional fees incurred in the collection process, including from third party collection agencies.*

SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION: I have read this form and agree to the use and disclosure of the information as described. I understand that refusing to sign this form does not stop disclosure of health information that has occurred prior to revocation or that is otherwise permitted by law without my specific authorization or permission, including disclosures to covered entities as provided by 45 C.F.R. § 164.502(a)(1). I understand that information disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to redisclosure by the recipient and may no longer be protected by federal or state privacy laws.

SIGNATURE X _____ DATE _____
Signature of Individual or Individual's Legally Authorized Representative

Printed Name of Legally Authorized Representative (if applicable): _____

If representative, specify relationship to the individual: Parent of Minor Guardian Other _____

SIGNATURE X _____ DATE _____
Signature of Minor Individual