

Karen Raben
Notice of Privacy – Short Form

Our practice is committed to educating our patient about healthcare issues that affect them. As a result, we are providing you with general information about the Privacy Rule, a federal regulation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) along with a brief overview of our Notice of Privacy. Our practice is complying with HIPAA's regulations.

What is HIPAA and how does the Privacy Rule affect you?

When the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) was passed in August of 1996, this gave the federal government the ability to mandate how healthcare plans, providers, and clearinghouses store and send a patient's personal information as it relates to healthcare. The Privacy Rule was created to protect your rights as a patient of our practice and we are required by law to be compliant with this regulation on April 14, 2003. Under the Privacy Rule you are guaranteed access to your medical records, allowed to control over how your protected health information is used to disclose and allowed to take action if your privacy is compromised by the following practice policy. Our practice is dedicated to maintaining the privacy of your personal information.

What is Individually Identifiable Health Information (IIHI)?

Any health information you provide our practice, including your mailing address. Information that is created and retained by our practice or received by another healthcare provider that relates to treatment, payment and/or that identifies you as an individual.

The following categories describe the different ways in which we may use and disclose your IIHI:

Treatment	Appointment Reminder	Release of Information to family/friends
Payment	Treatment Options	Disclosures-Required by law
HealthCare Operations/E-Prescription		Health-Related Benefits & Services
Release of Information to Hospitals/ER	Online Records	Opt out____ Opt in____

The following categories describe unique situations in which we may use or disclose your identifiable health information:

Public Health Risks	Health Oversight Activities	Lawsuits & Similar Proceedings
Deceased Patients	Organ & Tissue Donation	Serious Threats to Health or Safety
Military	National Security Inmates	Worker's Compensation
Law Enforcement	Research	

What are your rights concerning your Individually Identifiable Health Information (IIHI)?

You have rights regarding the IIHI that we maintain about you. In our Notice of Privacy you can view the policies and procedures you will need to follow for the areas listed below.

1. Confidential Communications
2. Requesting Constrictions
3. Inspection and Copies
4. Amendment
5. Accounting Disclosures
6. Right to a Paper Copy of this Notice
7. Right to File a Complaint
8. Right to Provide and Authorization for Other Uses and Disclosures

If you have any questions regarding this notice or our health information privacy policies, please contact:

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I have read the short notice provided by **Karen Raben & Adam Auster** practice and have been informed of how to obtain more information regarding our Notice of Privacy.

Print Name

Patient Signature