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Conditions of Service and Consent for Treatment

IMPORTANT: DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM WITHOUT READING AND UNDERSTANDING ITS CONTENTS.

In consideration of services provided by Southern Crescent Family Practice (SCFP), the Patient or undersigned representative acting on behalf of the Patient agrees and consents to the following:

1. Consent to Routine Medical Treatment/Services

Patient consents to the rendering of Medical Treatment/Services as considered necessary and appropriate by the attending physician or other practitioner, a member of the SCFP medical staff who has requested care and treatment of Patient, and others with staff privileges at SCFP. Medical Treatment/Services may be performed by "Healthcare Professionals" (physicians, nurses, technologists, technicians, physician assistants or other healthcare professionals). Patient authorizes the attending or other practitioner, the medical staff of SCFP and SCFP to provide Medical Treatment/Services ordered or requested by attending or other practitioner and those acting in his or her place. The consent to receive "Medical Treatment/Services" includes, but is not limited to: clinical care; examinations (x-ray or otherwise); laboratory procedures; medications; drugs; supplies; anesthesia; minor surgical procedures and medical treatments; recording/filming for internal purposes (i.e., identification, diagnosis, treatment, performance improvement, education, safety, security) and other services which Patient may receive. In the event SCFP determines that Patient should provide blood specimens for testing purposes in the interest of the safety of those with whom Patient may come in contact; Patient consents to the withdrawing and testing of Patient's blood and to the release of test information where this is deemed appropriate for the safety of others.

2. Legal Relationship between SCFP and Physician

Some of the health care professionals performing services at SCFP are independent contractors and are not SCFP employees. Independent contractors are responsible for their own actions and SCFP shall not be liable for the acts or omissions of any such independent contractors.

3. Explanation of Risk and Treatment Alternatives

Patient acknowledges that the practice of medicine is not an exact science and that **NO GUARANTEES OR ASSURANCES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE PATIENT** concerning the outcome and/or result of any **Medical Treatment/Services**. While routinely performed without incident, there may be material risks associated with each of these **Medical Treatment/Services**. Patient understands that it is not possible to list every risk for every **Medical Treatment/Services** and that this form only attempts to identify the most common material risks and the alternatives (if any) associated with the **Medical Treatment/Services**. Patient also understands that various Healthcare Professionals may have differing opinions as to what constitutes material risks and alternative **Medical Treatment/Services**. **By signing this form**:

Patient consents to Healthcare Professionals performing **Medical Treatment/Services** as they may deem reasonably necessary or desirable in the exercise of their professional judgment, **including those Medical Treatment/Services that may be unforeseen or not known to be needed at the time this consent is obtained;** and Patient acknowledges that Patient has been informed in general terms of the nature and purpose of the **Medical Treatment/Services**; the material risks of the **Medical Treatment/Services** and practical alternatives to the **Medical Treatment/Services**.

The Medical Treatment/Services may include, but are not limited to the following:

- a). **Needle Sticks**, such as shots, injections, intravenous lines or intravenous injections (IVs). The material risks associated with these types of Procedures include, but are not limited to, nerve damage, infection, infiltration (which is fluid leakage into surrounding tissue), disfiguring scar, loss of limb function, paralysis or partial paralysis or death. Alternatives to Needle Sticks (if available) include oral, rectal, nasal or topical medications (each of which may be less effective).
- b). Physical Tests, Assessments and Treatments such as vital signs, internal body examinations, wound cleansing, wound dressing, range of motion checks and other similar procedures. The material risks associated with these types of Procedures include, but are not limited to, allergic reactions, infection, severe loss of blood, muscular-skeletal or internal injuries, nerve damage, loss of limb function, paralysis or partial paralysis, disfiguring scar, worsening of the condition and death. Apart from using modified Procedures, no practical alternatives exist.
- c). Administration of Medications via appropriate route whether orally, rectally, topically or through Patient's eyes, ears or nostrils, etc. The material risks associated with these types of Procedures include, but are not limited to, perforation, puncture, infection, allergic reaction, brain damage or death. Apart from varying the method of administration, no practical alternatives exist.
- d). **Drawing Blood, Bodily Fluids or Tissue Samples** such as that done for laboratory testing and analysis. The material risks associated with this type of Procedure include, but are not limited to, paralysis or partial paralysis, nerve damage, infection, bleeding and loss of limb function. Apart from long-term observation, no practical alternatives exist.
- e). **Radiological Studies** such as X-rays, CT scans or MRI scans. The material risks associated with these types of Procedures include, but are not limited to, radiation exposure.

If Patient has any questions or concerns regarding these **Medical Treatment/Services**, Patient will ask Patient's attending provider to provide Patient with additional information. Patient also understands that Patient's attending or other provider may ask Patient to sign additional informed consent documents concerning these or other **Medical Treatment/Services**.

4. Emergency and Labor Services

Patient understands Patient's right to receive an appropriate medical screening exam performed by a doctor, or other qualified medical professional, to determine whether Patient is suffering from an emergency medical condition, and if such a condition exists, stabilizing

treatment within the capabilities of the PHC's staff and facilities, even if Patient cannot pay for these services, does not have medical insurance or Patient is not entitled to Medicare or Medicaid.

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5. Healthcare Practitioners in Training

Patient recognizes that among those who may attend Patient at SCFP are medical, nursing and other health care personnel who are in training and who, unless specifically requested otherwise, may be present and participate in patient care activities as part of their medical education. There also may be present from time to time a medical product or medical device representative. Consent is hereby given for the presence and participation of such persons as deemed appropriate by the attending physician.

6. Remaining in Patient Care Area and Closed Circuit Monitoring/Videotaping/Photography

Patient acknowledges and understands that, Patient is advised to remain in the patient care area at all times to optimize Patient's medical care and safety. If Patient chooses to leave the area for reasons that are not treatment related, Patient assumes any and all liability for any incident, accident, misadventure or harm, including deterioration of Patient's condition, which Patient may suffer. Patient agrees to hold SCFP all Healthcare Professionals, harmless for any injury or harm resulting from Patient's decision to leave the patient care area and Patient accepts any and all responsibility for such actions. Patient also understands that closed circuit monitoring, videotaping and photography patient care may be used for educational, clinical purposes and/or safety related purposes.

7. Authorization to Release Information

SCFP is authorized to use and release information contained in the patient record as described in the SCFP Notice of Privacy Practices and as otherwise permitted or required by law. The information authorized to be used or released will include, but is not limited to, infectious or contagious disease information, including HIV/AIDS-related evaluations, diagnosis or treatment, information about drug/alcohol abuse of treatment of same and/or psychiatric or psychological information. Patient waives any privilege pertaining to such confidential information and hereby releases SCFP, its agents and employees from any and all liabilities, responsibilities, damages, claims and expenses arising from the use and release of information as authorized above. Permissible uses and disclosures include, but are not limited to, disclosures to insurance companies, their agents or other third party payors and/or government or social service agencies that may or will pay for any part of the medical expenses incurred or authorized by representatives of SCFP; alternate care providers, and services, for post-clinical care as ordered by Patient's (SCFP) physician or as requested by Patient or Patient's family or as otherwise permitted by law; or SCFP affiliates and contractors, in such case Piedmont Clinic/Hospitals, Southern Regional Medical Center, Atlanta Medical Center (Wellstar) and any of their affiliates for SCFP operations purposes, such as quality improvement, compliance and risk assessment activities. PATIENT ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT PATIENT'S RECORDS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL SCFP AFFILIATED ENTITIES AND PROVIDERS, AND TO NON-SCFP AFFILIATED REFERRING PROVIDERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF MEANINGFUL USE. By consenting to treatment and accepting financial responsibility for any such treatment, Patient also understands and acknowledges that (a) SCFP, from time-to-time, may call and/or text the cell number Patient has provided or email treatmentrelated information to Patient, such as appointment and exam confirmations and reminders, wellness checkups, pre-operative instructions, prescription notifications, preventative screening and vaccine reminders; and (b) Patient's preferences to receive, change or stop these and other types of communications from Piedmont may be done by logging into the HEALOW Patient Portal at any time.

8. Personal Valuables

Patient acknowledges that SCFP shall not be liable for the loss or damage of any personal belongings, including but not limited to money, cell phones, laptops, electronic devices, jewelry, hearing aids, computers or dentures.

9. Consent Timeframe and Applicability

The above consents are applicable to all ambulatory, physician office based services, all outpatient-based services as well as non-critical services within a clinical setting. With respect to inpatient hospital based services, including infants delivered and newborn care at any SCFP Hospital affiliate, consents **ARE NOT VALID AND ARE CONSIDERED INDEPENDENT**. For services provided directly through SCFP or by an SCFP physician in an SCFP clinic, the above consents are valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of signature below.

Validity of Form

Patient acknowledges that a copy, or an electronic version of this document may be used in place of and is as valid as the original.

Patient understands that the Healthcare Professionals participating in the Patient's care will rely on Patient's documented medical history, as well as other information obtained from Patient, Patient's family or others having knowledge about Patient, in determining whether to perform or recommend the Procedures; therefore, Patient agrees to provide accurate and complete information about Patient's medical history and conditions.

Patient confirms that Patient has read and understood and accepted the terms of this document and the undersigned is the Patient, the Patient's legal representative or is duly authorized by the Patient as the Patient's general agent to execute the above and accept its terms.

Patient/Patient Representative Signature	Patient Name (PRINT)	Date	Time
Relationship to Patient	Reason Patient is unable to sign		
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SCFP Healthcare Representative Signature	SCFP Healthcare Representative Name (PRINT)	Date	Time