

Consent to Acupuncture Treatment

I hereby request and consent to the performance of acupuncture treatments and other Oriental Medicine procedures, including various modes of physiotherapy on me (or the patient named below, for whom I am legally responsible) at Evergreen Natural Health Center. I understand that methods of treatment may include, but are not limited to, acupuncture, moxibustion, cupping & gua sha, electrical stimulation, breathing techniques, exercise therapy Tui-Na (Chinese massage), Chinese or western herbal medicine, and nutritional counseling.

I have been informed that acupuncture is a safe method of treatment, but that it may have side effects, including bruising, bleeding, pain, numbness or tingling near the needling sites that may last a few days, and dizziness or fainting. I understand that I should not make significant movements while the needles are being inserted, retained, or removed. Bruising is a common side effect of cupping and gua sha and an occasional side effect of needle insertion. Unusual risks of acupuncture include spontaneous miscarriage, nerve damage and organ puncture, including lung puncture (pneumothorax). Infection is another possible risk, although the acupuncturist below uses sterile disposable needles and maintains a clean and safe environment. Burns and/or scarring are a potential risk of moxibustion. I understand that while this document describes the major risks of treatment other side effects and risks may occur.

The herbs and nutritional supplements (which are from plant, mineral, and animal sources) that have been recommended are traditionally considered safe in the practice of Chinese medicine, although some may be toxic in large doses. I understand that some herbs may be inappropriate during pregnancy. Some possible side effects of taking herbs are nausea, gas, stomachache, vomiting, headache, diarrhea, rashes, hives and tingling of the tongue. I understand that the herbs need to be consumed according to the instructions provided. I will notify the acupuncturist of any unanticipated or unpleasant effects associated with the consumption of the herbs. I will notify the acupuncturist who is caring for me if I am or become pregnant.

I do not expect the acupuncturist to be able to anticipate and explain all possible risks and complications of treatment, and I wish to rely on the acupuncturist to exercise judgment during the course of treatment which the acupuncturist thinks at the time, based upon the facts then known, is in my best interest. I understand that results are not guaranteed.

I understand that there may be other treatment options and that acupuncture is not a required procedure.

I understand that I may ask questions regarding my treatment before signing this form and that I am free to withdraw my consent to discontinue participation in these procedures at any time. With this knowledge, I voluntarily consent to the above procedures for my present condition and for any future condition(s) for which I seek treatment, realizing that no guarantees have been given to me regarding cure or improvement.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____