

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE HEALTH INFORMATION:

Please fill #1 and sign, this form will remain in your chart in case you are hospitalized or visit an UC and we need to obtain your medical records.

1. I authorize Desert Interventional Spine Consultants to obtain the health information of the individual named below:

Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

2. I authorize the information to be disclosed to and used by the following individual or organization:

Name: **Desert Interventional Spine Consultants, LLC** City/State: **Gilbert, Arizona**
1410 W Guadalupe Rd, Bldg. 4, Ste 125
Zip Code: **85233** Phone #: **480-838-1914** Fax #: **480-838-9434**

For the purpose of: **Medical Evaluation and Treatment**

3. The type and amount of information to be disclosed is as follows: (specify dates where appropriate)

- Copy of Complete Medical Records X-ray Films
- X-ray/CT scan/ MRI Reports MRI/CT Scan Films
- Laboratory Reports Psychological or Psychiatric Conditions

From: _____ DOS: _____

Fax: _____

PURPOSE OF DISCLOSURE: *We may use and disclose your medical records only for each of the following purposes:*

(1) Treatment, (2) Payment, and (3) Health care operations.

We may also create and distribute de-identified health information by removing all references to individually identifiable information.

REVOCAION RIGHTS: *I certify that this request has been made voluntarily and that the information given above is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time by sending a written notice of revocation to Releaser. I understand that the revocation will become effective upon receipt by Releaser. Any health information disclosed by Releaser pursuant to this Authorization, before the effective date of the revocations is not subject to revocation.*

Patient's Signature: _____ Date: _____

BILLING POLICY:

The following sets forth the general billing policy of Desert Interventional Spine Consultants. Please review this information and sign where indicated.

- I understand that it is my responsibility to provide to Desert Interventional Spine Consultants, the accurate billing information at the time of check-in and to notify this office of any changes to this information.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to know my specialist co-pay (which can be different than my Primary Care co-payment) and to pay it prior to services being rendered. I understand that this is a contractual agreement that I have with my health plan and that the clinic also has a contractual agreement with my health plan to collect co-pays at the time of service, and they are required to report to the carrier any enrollees failing to pay the co-pay.
- I understand that if I present an insufficient funds check (NSF check) for payment on my account that I will be charged a **\$35** NSF fee. I further understand that to rectify my account, I will be required to pay with cash, a money order, cashier's check, or credit card.
- I understand that the office will verify my insurance eligibility, deductible amounts, and coinsurance amounts prior to any elective surgery that I may have. I further understand that it is the policy to collect the deductible and/or coinsurance prior to scheduling my elective surgery. I further understand that **THE FEE I AM QUOTED IS AN ESTIMATE** based on: 1) anticipated surgery to be performed and 2) current information provided to clinic by my insurance carrier.
- I understand that I will be billed for any amounts due by me (co-payments/coinsurance amounts/deductibles) and I have a financial responsibility to pay these amounts. I understand that I will be provided with two (2) statements for any balance due after insurance payment. I further understand that if I have not made payment prior to second statement being mailed, that the second statement will be marked as "Final Notice" and may be sent to an outside collection service if I do not fulfill my financial obligations. I also understand that I will be responsible for any collection, interest, or legal expenses associated with the collection efforts.
- I understand that the clinic will obtain the necessary prior authorizations prior to rendering treatment. I further understand that prior authorization is not a guarantee of payment, and that I am responsible for any bills not paid by my insurance carrier.
- I understand that any outstanding balances must be **paid in full** prior to my next appointment. Any balances not satisfied could result in appointment cancellations.
- ***PLEASE BE ADVISED: Notice for cancellation of office visits and procedures, must be given 24 hours in advance. A \$50 fee will be assessed for office cancellations and, \$75 fee for procedure same day cancellations/no show.***

My signature below confirms that I have read these billing policies and my financial obligation as pertaining to this office.

Legal Signature: _____

Date: _____

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES FOR PROTECTED HEALTH:

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

My office is required by federal regulation, known as the HIPAA Privacy Rule, to maintain the privacy of your health information and to provide you with notice of its legal duties and privacy practices. The office will not disclose your health information except as described in this Notice.

The office is permitted by federal privacy laws to make uses and disclosures of your health information for purposes of treatment, payment and health care operations. Protected health information is the information we create and obtain in providing our services to you. The health information about you is documented in a medical record and on a computer. Such information may include documenting your symptoms, medical history, examination and test results, diagnoses, treatment, and applying for future care of treatment. It also includes billing documents for those services.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR PRIVACY:

The office is dedicated to maintaining the privacy of your health information. We are required by law to maintain the confidentiality of your health information. We realized that these laws are complicated, but we must provide you with the information.

WHO HAS ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION?

Any person or persons who designate in writing, people directly involved in your medical care, people creating and maintaining your medical record, and those entities that need your information to process health care claims and obtain payment for my services has access to your Protected Health Information.

Entities such as Governmental Oversight agencies, Judicial and Administrative Proceeding, Law Enforcement Agencies, Coroners and Medical Examiners, and Organ Procurement Organizations may obtain copies of your Protected Health Information. These entities are mandated by Law and this practice has no jurisdiction over such entities.

HOW WE PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION:

We release your information on to those who need your information. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards so that no one but persons involved in your healthcare or entities that need this information for claims processing have access to your Protected Health Information.

YOUR RIGHTS:

You have the right to inspect your Protected Health Information. You also have the right to amend any errors you may find in your records.

DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT:

I have been given the opportunity to ask questions about my condition, alternative forms of anesthesia and treatment, risk of non-treatment, the procedures used, and the risks and hazards involved, and I believe that I have sufficient information to give this informed consent.

I authorize Desert Interventional Spine Consultants to leave detailed information regarding my care at the phone number listed on my demographics and the email I provided.

<p>Please name all person(s) we can contact and/or discuss your medical information:</p> <p>Name: _____ Relationship: _____</p> <p>DOB: _____ Phone Number: _____</p>
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****If you need to add any more people use the bottom of the page, please include name, phone and relationship****

I hereby understand and accept the above criteria:

Patient / Other Responsible Person Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

OPIOID AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AGREEMENT:

I understand that the treatment I receive from Desert Interventional Spine Consultants includes opioid and/or other sedative medications. I understand and agree to the following while receiving these drugs:

- I understand that the goals of prescribing these medications are to increase my activities at home and/or work and decrease pain symptoms and behavior within the time specified in my treatment plan. I understand that opioid medications are not the only part of my treatment plan, but agree to follow other parts of my treatment program including physical therapy, behavioral pain management, injections etc.; as necessary.
- I will not attempt to obtain any opioid or sedative medications from any source other than this clinic. If I require emergency treatments requiring controlled substance use, I will notify Desert Interventional Spine Consultants, the next working day.
- I understand that I must schedule monthly appointments for medication renewals. Renewals are contingent on keeping scheduled appointments. No opioid medications will be refilled over the phone.
- To maintain consistency and prevent drug interactions, I consent to only using one pharmacy for all of my prescription needs.
- I understand that I am only to take the medications as prescribed and, all medication changes have to be discussed during office visits, not via phone.
- I understand that lost or stolen medications and/or prescriptions will not be replaced. I am responsible for my own medications and it is my responsibility to verify that prescriptions are filled correctly and that the medication supply will last until my next scheduled appointment.
- I understand that I must return all unused narcotic medications in the event of medication change; before prescribed new medication
- I agree to random urine drug screens to monitor drug usage, and monthly pill counts during follow-up office visits.
- I agree for an outside laboratory be used for clinical urine drug testing services and I understand that my insurance may be billed for services rendered. I understand that I am responsible for any co-pays, deductibles, or other fees that my insurance provider deems my responsibility.
- I agree that if I am unable to leave a urine sample at my appointment time, it will count as a failed urine drug screen.
- When taking prescribed opioids, it is crucial to strictly avoid the use of illicit drugs. Illicit substances can interact unpredictably with opioids and pose significant health risks.
- To avoid potential risks and harmful interactions, alcohol is to be avoided while consuming opioids.

CAUTION: OPIOID MEDICATIONS MAY CAUSE DROWSINESS. USE CARE WHEN OPERATING A CAR OR MACHINERY. FEDERAL LAW PROHIBITS ALTERATIONS OF PRESCRIPTIONS OR DIVERSION OF THESE DRUGS TO ANY OTHER PERSON!!!!

My signature below confirms that I understand and agree to all of the above requirements to obtain opioid and/or sedative medications from Desert Interventional Spine Consultants. LLC and failure to comply may result in discontinuation of care and discharge from the facility.

Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____

Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____

Physician Signature: _____ Date: _____

Patient Rights and Responsibilities

At Desert Interventional Spine Consultants, we are committed to providing quality care while ensuring that all patients are treated with dignity, respect, and compassion. This document outlines your rights as a patient and our responsibilities to protect your health, safety, and confidentiality.

As a patient, you have the right to:

1. **Refuse Treatment:** You may refuse treatment or withdraw consent for treatment at any time.
2. **Confidentiality:** Your medical records and personal information will be kept confidential, except as otherwise permitted by law.
3. **Informed Care:** Before receiving pain management services, you will be informed of proposed treatments, associated risks, possible complications, and alternatives.
4. **Dignity and Respect:** You will be treated with dignity, respect, and consideration at all times.
5. **Protection from Harm:** You will not be subjected to abuse, neglect, exploitation, coercion, manipulation, sexual abuse, sexual assault, retaliation for submitting a complaint, or misappropriation of personal and private property by clinic personnel.
6. **Consent and Autonomy:** You or your representative:
 - May consent to or refuse treatment (except in emergencies).
 - Will be informed about the clinic's policies on health care directives.
 - Will be informed about the patient complaint process.
 - Must provide written consent before any photographs are taken, except for identification and administrative purposes.
 - Must provide written consent before the release of medical or financial records, except as otherwise permitted by law.
7. **Non-Discrimination:** You will not be discriminated against based on race, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, marital status, or diagnosis.
8. **Individualized Treatment:** You will receive care that respects your individuality, choices, strengths, and abilities.
9. **Privacy:** You have the right to privacy in treatment and personal care.
10. **Access to Medical Records:** You may review your medical records upon written request in accordance with state laws.
11. **Referrals:** If our clinic cannot provide necessary rehabilitation or counseling services, we will refer you to an appropriate healthcare institution.
12. **Participation in Care Decisions:** You or your representative have the right to participate in decisions about your treatment plan.
13. **Research Participation:** You have the right to participate or refuse participation in research or experimental treatments.
14. **Advocacy Support:** You may seek assistance from a family member, representative, or another individual to understand and exercise your rights.

Clinic Responsibilities

To ensure your rights are upheld, Desert Interventional Spine Consultants will:

1. **Clearly Display Rights:** The patient rights outlined in this document will be prominently posted in the clinic.
2. **Provide Written Notice:** You or your representative will receive a written copy of these rights upon admission.
3. **Implement Policies for Patient Safety:** Our clinic has established policies and procedures to protect patient health and safety, including:
 - o How and when patient rights are communicated.
 - o Locations where patient rights are posted.
4. **Ensure Ethical Conduct:** Our staff, including personnel members, employees, volunteers, and students, will uphold professional standards and ethical conduct in all patient interactions.
5. **Investigate Complaints:** Any complaints regarding patient rights violations will be taken seriously, thoroughly investigated, and resolved in a timely manner.

Contact Information

For questions about your rights or to file a complaint, please contact:

Desert Interventional Spine Consultants

1410 W Guadalupe Rd Ste 125
Gilbert, AZ 85233
(480) 838-1914

We are committed to providing a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all our patients. Thank you for entrusting us with your care.

Printed Patient Name: _____ Date: _____

Patient Signature: _____ Date: _____

Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____