

ORTHODONTICS  
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**PATIENT HIPAA CONSENT FORM**

I understand that I have certain rights to privacy regarding my protected health information. These rights are given to me under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). I understand that by signing this consent I authorize you to use and disclose my protected health information to carry out;

- ❖ Treatment (including direct or indirect treatment by other healthcare providers involved in my treatment).
- ❖ Obtaining payment from third party payers (e.g. my insurance company)
- ❖ The day-to-day healthcare operations of your practice.

I have also been informed of and given the right to review and secure a copy of your *Notice of Privacy Practices*, which contains a more complete description of the uses and disclosures of my protected health information and my rights under HIPAA. I understand that you reserve the right to change the terms of this notice from time to time and that I may contact you at any time to obtain the most current copy of this notice.

I understand that I have the right to request restrictions on how my protected health information is used and disclosed to carry out treatment, payment, and health care operations, but that you are not required to agree to these requested restrictions. However, if you do agree, you are then bound to comply with this restriction. I understand that I may revoke this consent, in writing, at any time. However, any use or disclosure that occurred prior to the date I revoke this consent is not affected.

Signed this day: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

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# STATEMENT OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

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Our office is dedicated to protect the privacy rights of our patients and the confidential information entrusted to us. The commitment of each employee to ensure that your health information is never compromised is a principle concept of our practice. We may, from time to time, amend our privacy policies and practices but will always inform you of any changes that might affect your rights.

## Protecting Your Personal Healthcare Information

We use and disclose the information we collect from you only as allowed by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and the state of Washington. This includes issues relating to your treatment, payment, and our dental care operations. Your personal health information will never be otherwise given to anyone – even family members – without your written consent. You, of course, may give written authorization for us to disclose your information to anyone you choose, for any purpose.

Our offices and electronic systems are secure from unauthorized access and our employees are trained to make certain that the confidentiality of your records is always protected. Our privacy policy and practices apply to all former, current, and future patients, so you can be confident that your protected health information will never be improperly disclosed or released.

## Collecting Protected Health Information

We will only request personal information needed to provide our standard of quality dental care, implement payment activities, conduct normal dental practice operations, and comply with the law. This may include your name, address, telephone number(s), Social Security Number, employment data, medical history, health records, etc. While most of the information will be collected from you, we may obtain information from third parties if it is deemed necessary. Regardless of the source, your personal information will always be protected to the full extent of the law.

## Disclosure of your Protected Health Information

As stated above, we may disclose information as required by law. We are obligated to provide information to law enforcement and governmental officials under certain circumstances. We will not use your information for marketing purposes without your written consent.

We may use and/or disclose your health information to communicate reminders about your appointments including voicemail messages, answering machines, and postcards.

## Patient Rights

You have a right to request copies of your healthcare information; to request copies in a variety of formats; and to request a list of instances in which we, or our business associates, have disclosed your protected information for uses other than stated above. All such requests must be in writing. We may charge for your copies in an amount allowed by law. If you believe your rights have been violated, we urge you to notify us immediately. You can also notify the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

We thank you for being a patient at Douglas J. Knight, DDS, MSD. Please let us know if you have any questions concerning your privacy rights and the protection of your personal health information.

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