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Information for Patients

Nature of Treatment: Your treatment may include acupuncture, moxibustion (warming areas of the body with herbs), cupping, electric or magnetic stimulation, acupressure, dermal friction (gua sha), cupping therapy (suction applied to the skin), infra-red (heat lamps), sonopuncture (sound stimulation), Chinese herbs, therapeutic exercises and dietary counseling based on the fundamentals of Chinese medicine.

Purpose of Treatment: The purpose of the treatment is to resolve your complaint, i.e., the reason you are seeking treatment. Acupuncture is a health care service that is based on an Asian system of medical theory. Diagnosis and treatment, based on these theories are used to promote health and treat organic or functional disorders. Acupuncture and related modalities are not replacements for appropriate Western medical care if your ailment requires it. Please also note that any changes to prescribed pharmaceutical drugs should be overseen by the prescribing Western physician.

Benefit of Treatment: Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine procedures have been used effectively to treat disease for hundreds of years. The World Health organization lists 43 conditions, which may effectively be treated by Chinese medical methods. These include muscular-skeletal injuries, digestive disorders, respiratory diseases, women's health issues, anxiety, and depression. Like any system of medicine, we cannot guarantee the outcome of any course of treatment.

Risks of Treatment: Acupuncture and Oriental medicine have been shown to be relatively safe. However, there are some uncommon but potential risks. These potential risks may include but are not limited to:

- Discomfort during and after the insertion of a needle
- “Needle sickness” (dizziness, fainting, nausea)
- Localized, minor bruising or swelling
- Minor burns with the use of moxa
- Gastro-intestinal upset with the use of Chinese herbs (if this occurs, please consult with your practitioner so that your formula can be modified)
- Possible, temporary aggravation of symptoms that existed prior to treatment
- A broken needle (rare with the use of disposable needles)

Please notify your practitioner if you have any adverse effect from treatment.

Special Situations

Some herbs and acupuncture points are contra-indicated during pregnancy. **Please notify us if you might be pregnant.** Additionally, please inform us if you have **severe bleeding disorders** or if you are wearing a **pacemaker or other electronic medical device.**

Use of Disposable Needles

To minimize the possibility of infection from acupuncture, all needles are pre-sterilized, one-time-use needles made of surgical stainless steel. After each treatment they are disposed of as medical waste. Needles are never reused. Additionally, your acupuncturist has had training in Clean Needle Technique and Universal Precautions.

Consent

I request and consent to the performance of acupuncture and this Oriental Medicine procedure. I understand that I am free to withdraw my consent and that I may stop treatment or any procedure at any time. I understand that my signature in this form indicates that I have read and understand the preceding information regarding my treatment. I understand that if I have any questions about this information, I should ask my acupuncturist. I hereby release Norah McIntire, L.Ac. from any and all liability that may occur in connection with the above-mentioned procedures, except for failure to perform the procedures with appropriate medical care.

Patient's name (Please print)

_____ Date _____

Patient's Signature
