

AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN TELEMEDICINE CONSULTATION

Definition of telemedicine. An approach in the delivery of medical care that uses electronic communications as a way to interact in situations where the physician and patient are not in the same physical location. This occurs over a HIPAA compliant platform that allows for live real-time audio/video communication between the patient and the doctor.

Nature of Telemedicine Consultation. During the telemedicine consultation, details of your medical history, treatment plans and any imaging results or lab tests will be discussed through the use of interactive audio and visual telecommunications technology. Physical examination may take place but there will be limitations as to what is feasible over the telemedicine platform. Following the telemedicine consultation, your physician may recommend a visit to the hospital/urgent care or your primary care physician for further evaluation.

Confidentiality. All existing laws regarding your access to medical information and copies of your medical records apply to these telemedicine consultations. Reasonable and appropriate efforts have been made to eliminate any confidentiality risks associated with the telemedicine consultation.

Risks and Consequences. The use of video technology to deliver healthcare and educational services may not be equivalent to direct patient to physician contact. Not all patient situations will be appropriate for telemedicine. In rare cases, information transmitted may not be sufficient (e.g. poor resolution of images) to allow for appropriate medical decision making by the physician. Delays in evaluation and treatment could occur due to deficiencies or failures of the equipment. It is possible security protocols could fail, causing a breach of privacy of personal medical information. In some cases, a lack of access to performing a complete physical exam or to complete treatment records may result in adverse drug interaction/allergic reaction or other judgment errors.

Rights. You may withhold or withdraw consent to the telemedicine consultation at any time without affecting your right to future care or treatment. You have the option to consult with the doctor in person if you travel to his or her location. Alternative methods of healthcare and providers are available to you, and you may choose one or more of those at any time. The laws that protect privacy and the confidentiality of healthcare information also apply to telemedicine.

Stipulations.

♦Telemedicine is not a substitute for in-person care. All patients are required to work with a primary care physician locally. In-person visits are required if medically necessary.

- ♦In-person visits are required at least once per year unless there are extenuating circumstances such as the pandemic.
- ♦Recording of the session is not permitted by either party.
- ♦If other people are in the room or listening during the session, they should be introduced at the start of the session.
- ♦All fees for telemedicine and related professional services rendered on your behalf are your personal responsibility. Not all health insurance covers telemedicine. If you still owe fees due to health insurance not covering services in full, you will remit payment to the clinic in a timely manner when requested to do so as per our clinic financial policy.

Patient Consent To The Use of Telemedicine

- ♦I have carefully read and understand all of the above information. I will communicate any questions or concerns.
- ♦I understand I may expect the anticipated benefits from the use of telemedicine in my care, but no results can be guaranteed or assured.
- ♦I have been advised of the potential risks and consequences of telemedicine.
- ♦I consent to the use of telemedicine in my healthcare while under the care of Dr. Vanda Huang and understand that I am free to refuse treatment and/or seek alternative healthcare at any time.

Effective Date: / /

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____