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Practice Rules & Policies

Welcome to our practice. We are pleased you have decided to let us attend to your Urological health.

If you have received paperwork in the mail, please complete it; bring it with you to your appointment and arrive twenty minutes early to sign some required forms.

Your primary care physician has either agreed to send us records or given records to you. If you have the records, please mail them or drop them by so we can make sure they include the tests our doctors require.

If you have seen a Urologist before, it is important that we have those records also. Please obtain them and send us a copy. We need reports (and films if possible) of any x-rays, KUB(s), IVP(s), PSA(s), urinalysis, pathology, cytology or any surgeries you may have had.

PLEASE BRING YOUR INSURANCE CARDS AS WELL AS AN ACCURATE LIST OF ALL MEDICINES YOU ARE CURRENTLY TAKING and dosage (include vitamins, aspirin and other over the counter medications).

If your insurance company is an HMO, please do not forget to check with your primary care physician's office to make sure that your visit has been pre-authorized.

ABOUT OUR OFFICE: We are open from 8:00 am. – 4:30 pm. Mon. – Fri. We do close early the day before holidays and some Friday afternoons.

One of our physicians is always on call and available for emergencies or post-operative questions. Please do not call with routine questions (i.e. prescription requests) when the office is closed.

Prescriptions: Please contact your pharmacy and have them fax (not call) a request for refills. Please do your best to contact your pharmacy at least 2 weeks or more prior to running out of your medications. Most insurance companies are requiring a preauthorization which can be an exceptionally difficult and time consuming process. Please do not expect to call our office during the day and have the prescriptions available the same day. In most cases, even if no preauthorization is required, we are too busy caring for patients and attending to emergencies to handle refills that quickly. Also, due to time restraints, the potential for error, etc. we do not call prescriptions in to pharmacies such as Merck-Medco.

Communication: We try to get back to patients who call as soon as possible. We do, however, see patients in the hospital and office and to avoid running chronically behind with our appointments, non-emergent calls must be saved and returned within 48 hours. We will call with test results as soon as we have the report and it has been reviewed by your doctor. This may take up to 2 weeks. If you have an office visit scheduled within a week (or so) of the test, the doctor will discuss the results with you in person at that time. We do not discuss pathology results over the phone.

Cancellations: If you need to cancel an appointment, please give us as much notice as possible. There are always people who have new symptoms or problems and need to be seen. Since we are a surgical practice, our physicians are frequently called away for emergency surgery. If this causes us to reschedule your appointment, we will do our best to contact you as quickly as possible.

Payment: If we do not participate with your insurance company, payment will be requested prior to seeing the doctor. If we do participate with your insurance company, your co-pay and/or deductible will be collected at the time of your visit.

HIPAA: Our practice is fully compliant with all HIPAA privacy guidelines. If you would like a copy of our HIPAA Privacy Notice, please don't hesitate to ask.

Cell Phones: Please silence or turn off your cell phone or other electronic device while at the office.

We try our very best to be warm and understanding of your needs, emotion, concerns, etc. Please afford us the same consideration. Our physicians and staff are good, caring people. We are like family here and do not like it if someone is rude or unduly difficult. In fact, we consider rudeness to our staff to be the same as rudeness to our physicians and should it occur we would undoubtedly feel that it would be in everyone's best interest for that individual to seek his/her urological care elsewhere. By the same token we also want to be made aware if one of us was less than polite to you.

If you have any questions, please let us know. We look forward to meeting and caring for you.

The FLORIDA UROLOGY CENTER


Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth ____-____-____ Age ____ Gender: M F

Local Address: _____ SS# ____-____-____
 Primary Phone: Home Cell

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
 Secondary Phone: Home Cell

Permanent Address: _____
 Alternate Phone: _____

Patient must initial

I authorize messages with medical information to be left at the above number(s)? 

People the office can speak to about your Health Care

Emergency Contact: _____	Relationship To Patient: _____	Phone: _____
Other Contact: _____	Relationship To Patient: _____	Phone: _____
Other Contact: _____	Relationship To Patient: _____	Phone: _____

Employer/Position: _____ Phone: _____

Family Physician: _____ When was your last well visit/annual physical ? _____ Phone: _____

Have you seen another urologist? _____ (Name) _____ Phone: _____

What **Pharmacy** do you use? _____ Phone: _____

What **Lab** do you use? _____ Phone: _____

Who referred you to our office? (Physician, yellow pages, ect...)

Primary Insurance: _____ Secondary Insurance: _____

** If either of the above insurances are offered through a retirement plan, please state the name of the company you worked for prior to retiring, _____.

** Do either of your insurance companies require pre-authorization to see a physician? Yes No

** If authorization is required did you bring it with you? Yes No

If you receive insurance through someone else such as a parent, spouse, etc., put his/her information below:

Name of Insured: _____	Employer: _____	Relationship To Patient: _____
Address: _____	SS# _____	
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____	Insured's D.O.B.: _____

Office Use Only: Copy of insurance card? Y N Copy of D.L. or ID? Y N



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PRESCRIPTION REFILL POLICY

Effective January 1, 2013

Please strive to go to your pharmacy and refill your prescriptions at least 2 weeks or more prior to running out of your medication(s).

Most insurance companies are now requiring a pre-authorization for all drugs that are not on their “preferred” lists. Unfortunately, we have no way of knowing what the preferred drugs are for your insurance plan. There are hundreds of insurance plans and they all change their preferred lists or formularies regularly. They are also making the pre-authorization process much more difficult than it used to be. It usually requires one of our staff to sit on hold for 10-15 minutes per call. However, at times it can be much longer (30-45 min). We simply do not have the staff to do that on a regular basis. As a result, it can take up to 2 weeks for us to obtain your pre-authorization.

In some circumstances a different drug (that is on your insurance company’s current formulary) may be necessary, which will require us to speak with your urologist and obtain his/her approval. If a side effect or drug interaction profile of the alternative drug is substantially different, an office visit to go over them may also be necessary.

You can help with this process by always refilling your prescription(s) at least 2 weeks early, or calling your insurance company (you may also be able go onto their website as well) and finding out if they prefer a similar drug and letting us know prior to filling your prescription. As noted above, we will consult your doctor and we will give you a new prescription if he feels it is appropriate.

Thank you very much!

Financial Policy

We are committed to providing you with the best possible care, and we would be happy to discuss our fees with you at any time. Your clear understanding of our Financial Policy is important to our professional relationship. Please ask if you have any questions about our fees or Financial Policy.

Our office requires payment in full due at the time of service, unless we participate with your insurance company, or arrangements have been made prior to the appointment. Co-payments and deductibles are always expected at the time of the service. If it should become necessary to bill you, it is our policy to add a late payment charge of 1.5% per month on all unpaid balances starting at 30 days from the date of your first bill.

Also, *please remember that your insurance policy is a contract between you and your insurance company.* You are ultimately responsible for knowing what diagnosis (es) and/or procedure(s) may or may not be considered for payment or require deductible, co-payment, etc.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS: You may be subject to a \$50 charge for missed appointments if the appointments are not canceled at least 24 hours in advance.

INSURANCE CHANGES: Please don't forget you must notify us prior to your next visit if your insurance changes or you may be responsible for payment yourself. I understand and agree that I am ultimately responsible for the balance of my account for any professional services rendered. I certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I will notify you of any changes in the information that I have provided.

PATIENT WITH MEDICARE COVERAGE

I certify that the information given by me in applying for payment under Title XVII of the Social Security Act is correct. I authorize any holder of medical or other information about me to release to the Social Security Administration or its intermediaries or carriers, any information needed for this or a related Medicare claim. I request that payment of authorized benefits be made on my behalf. I assign the benefits payable for physician services to the physician and authorize such physician to submit a claim to Medicare.

NON-MEDICARE PATIENTS

I authorize the release of all medical information to my insurance company (ies) and request that payment of my insurance benefits be sent directly to The Florida Urology Center (unless payment in full has been made at the time of service).

TREATMENT

By signing below, I authorize treatment by The Florida Urology Center's physicians and their staff.

CONTACT

By signing below, I authorize all of the phone numbers I have provided (including my mobile number) to be used to communicate with me regarding my treatment, billing or services rendered.

Signature of Patient/Guardian

Date

**Please bring your insurance cards
and picture identification to the appointment.**

The FLORIDA UROLOGY Center 2020

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

CONSTITUTIONAL

- Weight Loss YES
 Fatigue
 Fever

EYES

- Glasses/Contacts
 Eye Pain
 Double Vision
 Glaucoma
 Cataracts

EAR, NOSE, THROAT

- Difficulty Hearing
 Ringing in Ears
 Vertigo
 Sinus Trouble
 Nasal Stuffiness
 Frequent Sore Throat

CARDIOVASCULAR

- Murmur
 Chest Pain
 Palpitations
 Dizziness
 Fainting Spells
 Shortness of Breath
 Difficulty Lying Flat
 Swelling Ankles/Other

OTHER

- Cancer: _____
 Diabetes: _NonInsulin _Insulin
 Hypertension

RESPIRATORY

- Cough YES
 Coughing Blood
 Wheezing
 Chills

GASTROINTESTINAL

- Heartburn
 Nausea/Vomiting
 Constipation
 Change in B.M.'s
 Diarrhea
 Difficulty Swallowing
 Jaundice
 Abdominal Pain
 Black Stools

GENITOURINARY

- Pain Urinating
 Burning
 Frequency
 Nighttime
 Blood in Urine
 Difficulty Urinating
 History of Kidney Stones
History of Sexually Transmitted Disease
 Abnormal Discharge

ENDOCRINE

- Loss of Hair
 Heat/Cold Intolerance
 Change in Nails

HEMATOLOGIC/LYMPH

- Easy Bruising YES
 Gums Bleed Easily
 Enlarged Glands
 Prolonged Bleeding

MUSCULOSKELETAL

- Joint Pain/Swelling
 Stiffness
 Muscle Pain
 Back Pain

SKIN

- Rash/Sores
 Lesions
 Itching/Burning

NEUROLOGICAL

- Seizures
 Weakness/Paralysis
 Numbness
 Tremors
 Memory Loss

ALLERGIC/IMMUNOLOGIC

- Hay Fever/Asthma
 Hives/Eczema

PSYCHIATRIC

- Anxiety/Depression
 Mood Swings/Difficult Sleep

FEMALE ONLY:

- Age of Onset of Periods _____
 Age of Onset Menopause _____
 Are Periods Regular? Y / N

HABITS	YES
Exercise Adequately	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sleep Well	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex-Entirely Satisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coffee () cups per day	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcoholic Beverages () per day	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cigarettes/Cigars () packs per day	<input type="checkbox"/>

What is your weight now: _____
 What is your height? _____ ft. _____ inches

FAMILY HISTORY / PT.RELATIONSHIP	YES
Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heart Trouble	<input type="checkbox"/>
High Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stroke	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kidney Stones	<input type="checkbox"/>

X-RAY HISTORY / DATE	YES
Chest	<input type="checkbox"/>
CT Scan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bone Scan	<input type="checkbox"/>
IVP	<input type="checkbox"/>
KUB	<input type="checkbox"/>
MRI	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/>

The Florida Urology Center
Standard Authorization of use and disclosure of protected
Health Information

Information to be Used or Disclosed: _____

Purpose of disclosure: _____ Treatment _____ Other

Person authorized to use or disclose the above information:

Name of Dr / Facility	Telephone #
1 _____	_____
2 _____	_____
3 _____	_____

Person / Organization to Whom Information may be Disclosed:

The Florida Urology Center	Phone: 386-673-5100
300 Clyde Morris Blvd Suite C	Fax: 386-673-6014
Ormond Beach, FL 32174	

Expiration of Date Authorization

This authorization is effective through ____/____/____ or NO EXPIRATION (CIRCLE ONE) unless revoked or terminated by the patient or the patient's personal representative.

Right to Terminate or Revoke Authorization:

You may revoke or terminate this authorization by submitting a written revocation to the Florida Urology Center HIPPA Privacy Officer.

Potential for Re-disclosure:

Information that is disclosed under this authorization may be disclosed again by the organization to which it is sent. The privacy of this information may not be protected under the federal privacy regulations.

Signature _____ DOB/SS# _____

Name of Patient (Print or Type) Date

Signature of Patient Representative

Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Today's Date: _____

Determine Your BPH Symptoms

Circle your answers and add up your scores at the bottom.

Over the past month	Not at all	Less than one time in five	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Almost always
Incomplete emptying – How often have you had the sensation of not emptying your bladder completely after you finished urinating?	0	1	2	3	4	5
Frequency – How often have you had to urinate again less than two hours after you finished urinating?	0	1	2	3	4	5
Intermittency – How often have you found you stopped and started again several times when you urinated?	0	1	2	3	4	5
Urgency – How often have you found it difficult to postpone urination?	0	1	2	3	4	5
Weak stream – How often have you had a weak urinary stream?	0	1	2	3	4	5
Straining – How often have you had to push or strain to begin urination?	0	1	2	3	4	5
Sleeping – How many times did you most typically get up to urinate from the time you went to bed at night until the time you got up in the morning?	None 0	One Time 1	Two Times 2	Three Times 3	Four Times 4	Five or More Times 5
Add Symptom Scores:		+	+	+	+	+

Total International Prostate Symptom Score = _____

1 – 7 mild symptoms | 8 – 19 moderate symptoms | 20 – 35 severe symptoms

Regardless of the score, if your symptoms are bothersome you should notify your doctor.

Quality of Life (QoL)

	Delighted	Pleased	Mostly Satisfied	Mixed	Mostly Dissatisfied	Unhappy	Terrible
If you were to spend the rest of your life with your urinary condition just the way it is now, how would you feel about that?	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Have you tried medications to help your symptoms? Yes No

Did these medications help your symptoms? (circle)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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No Relief

Complete Relief

Would you be interested in learning about a minimally invasive option that could allow you to discontinue your BPH medications? Yes No

1. Have you been discharged from any inpatient facility in the last 30 days? Yes___ No___
 If YES , please list all of your discharge medications: Use back if needed. 1111F

2. Do you currently smoke or use tobacco products? Yes___ No___
 4004F, G9902, G9906 1036F, G9903

3. Do you have an advanced directive, living will etc.? Yes___ No___
 1123F 1124F

4. Are you currently in pain? Yes___ No___
 G8730 G8731

Please circle the appropriate figure below.



5. Please list all prescription & non prescription medications below provide a written list Use back of form if needed.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dosage</u>	<u>F requency</u>	<u>How taken?</u>	G8427 Provided	G8430 Pt in pain
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6. Were the office/medical staff professional and courteous? Yes___ No___

7. Were you satisfied with our automated confirmation system? Yes___ No___

8. Would you refer your family or friends to our office? Yes___ No___