

GASTROENTEROLOGY ASSOCIATES OF CENTRAL VIRGINIA, INC.

CONSENT FORM

(For Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information for Treatment, Payment or Healthcare Operations)

I understand that as part of my healthcare, Gastroenterology Associates of Central Virginia, Inc. originates and maintains health records describing my health history, symptoms, prescription medications, examination and test results, diagnosis, treatment, and any plans for future care and treatment. I also understand this information serves as:

- A basis for planning my care and treatment
- A means of communication among the many health professionals who contribute to my care
- A source of information for applying my diagnosis and surgical information to my bill
- A means by which a third party payer can verify that services billed were actually provided
- And a tool for routine healthcare operations such as assessing quality and reviewing the competence of healthcare professionals.

I understand and have been provided with a **Notice of Information Practices** that provides a more complete description of information uses and disclosures. I understand that I have the right to review the notice prior to signing this consent. I understand the Practice reserves the right to change their notice and practices, and prior to implementations, will mail a copy of any revised notice to the address that I have provided if there is a need to use or disclose any protected health information. I also understand that I have the right to restrict as to how my health information may be used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment or healthcare operations and that the Practice is not required to agree to the restrictions requested. I understand that I may revoke this consent in writing, except to the extent that the Practice has already taken action in reliance thereon.

With this consent, Gastroenterology Associates of Central Virginia, Inc. may call my home or other designated location and leave a message on voice mail or in person in reference to any items that assist the practice in carrying out treatment, payment or healthcare operations, such as appointment reminders, insurance items and any call pertaining to my clinical care, including laboratory results among others.

With this consent, Gastroenterology Associates of Central Virginia, Inc. may mail to my home or other designated location any items that assist the Practice in carrying out treatment, payment or healthcare operations, such as appointment reminders and other correspondence as long as they are marked Personal and Confidential.

I have the right to request that Gastroenterology Associates of Central Virginia, Inc. restrict how it uses or discloses my protected health information to carry out treatment, payment or healthcare operations. However, the practice is not required to agree to my restrictions, but if it does, it is bound by this agreement.

By signing this form, I am consenting to Gastroenterology Associates of Central Virginia, Inc. to use and disclose my protected health information to carry out my treatment, payment or healthcare operations.

I may revoke my consent in writing except to the extent that the practice has already made disclosures in reliance upon my prior consent. **If I do not sign this consent, Gastroenterology Associates of Central Virginia, Inc. may decline to provide treatment to me.**

Print Patient Name: _____

Account #: _____

Signature of Patient or Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____