

## Patient Information and Consent Form

Please read this information carefully, and ask your practitioner if there is anything that you do not understand.

While acupuncture, Chinese Medicine and other treatments provided by this clinic have proven to be highly effective in correcting conditions and maintaining overall well-being, practitioners are required to advise patients that there may be some risks. Although practitioners cannot anticipate all the possible risks and complications that may arise with each individual case, you should be aware that the following side effects can occur. If there are particular risks that apply in your case, your practitioner will discuss these with you.

### What are the possible side effects of acupuncture?

- Drowsiness can occur in a small number of patients, and if affected, you are advised not to drive;
- Minor bleeding or bruising can occur from acupuncture;
- In less than 3% of patients, symptoms may become worse before they improve for 1-2 days following treatment. This is usually a good sign. Please advise your acupuncturist if worsening of symptoms continues for more than 2 days;
- Fainting can occur in certain patients, particularly at the first treatment;

### What are the possible side effects of Chinese Medicine and other treatments provided at this clinic?

- Bruising (looks like a circular hickey) is a common side effect of cupping;
- The herbs and nutritional supplements from plant, animal and mineral sources that have been recommended are traditionally considered safe in the practice of Chinese Medicine, although some may be toxic in large doses or inappropriate during pregnancy.

### Is there anything your practitioner needs to know?

Apart from the usual medical details, it is important that you let your practitioner know:

- If you have ever experienced a fit, faint, or other odd detached sensations;
- If you have a pacemaker or any other electrical implants;
- If you are pregnant;
- If you have a bleeding disorder;
- If you are taking anti-coagulants (blood thinners) or any other medication;
- If you have damaged heart valves or have any other particular risk of infection.

### Statement of Consent

I confirm that I have read and understood the above information, and I consent to having treatments and procedures from this clinic. I have read the possible risks of treatment outlined above, but do not expect the practitioner to be able to anticipate and explain all possible risks and complications of treatment. I also understand that I can refuse treatment at any time.

I wish to rely on my practitioner to exercise judgment during the course of treatment which, based upon the facts then known, is in my best interests. I understand the practitioner may review my medical records and lab reports, but all my records will be kept confidential and will not be released without my written consent.

By voluntarily signing below I show that I have read this consent to treatment, have been told about the risks and benefits of treatments provided by this clinic, and have had an opportunity to ask questions. I intend this consent form to cover the entire course of treatment for my present condition and further conditions for which I seek treatment.

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Print name in full (Print name of representative  
if represented by another)

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Signature (Signature of Representative)

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Date