



NEW PATIENT WELCOME LETTER

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Date Time

Doctor: *Richard L. Harper, M.D.*      *Alfonso E. Aldama, M.D.*      *Andrew C. Roeser, M.D.*  
*Taylor L. Gist, M.D.*      *Loyola V. Gressot, M.D.*      *Jonathan N. Sellin, M.D.*

Location:

- Medical Center      6560 Fannin St, Scurlock Towers, Suite 1200, Houston, TX 77030
- West Houston      18400 Katy Fwy. Medical Building 1, Suite 440, Houston, TX 77094

Dear Patient,

Thank you for choosing our practice for your neurosurgical care. Advance completion of the enclosed forms will help speed the registration process when you come for your appointment. Please **bring your x-ray CD** to your appointment and any other test results.

Between now and your appointment, if your pain or discomfort is intolerable or you develop more significant neurological symptoms, you should call your primary care physician or go to the emergency room.

Please note that it our policy not to refill prescriptions after the initial six week postoperative period. We also will not refill prescriptions on weekends or after office hours. This is due to the risk of making a medication error when the doctor does not have your chart with him. Therefore, please call your prescription refill request to the office Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Additionally, there are some health problems which cannot be improved by surgery; even when severe. This includes headache, neckache and backache. Our specialty is surgical and we believe the most appropriate care for these non-surgical problems is through your primary care physician.

Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you. Please call us at **713-790-1211** if you need to change or cancel your appointment. *(If it is necessary to bring children, we kindly ask that they be kept quiet and still, as some of our patients are seriously ill.)* **Please note, that we do not accept checks.**

Sincerely,

*The Doctors of Neurosurgical Group of Texas, L.L.P.*

# **BRING TO YOUR** **APPOINTMENT:**

- **X-rays/MRI/CT Films**  
(Films preferred, CDs accepted)
- **Medical history form**  
(Enclosed)
- **Insurance card**  
(Referral for HMO)
- **Map on reverse side**
- **We do not accept checks**



**PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**New Patient**

**Update**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Country

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  M  S  W  D Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse/Parent Name** \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent if Patient is a Minor**  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer Address \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Street No. City/State/Zip

**EMERGENCY CONTACT** \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Relationship)

**Referring Physician** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street No. City/State/Zip

**Primary Care Physician** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street No. City/State/Zip

**Primary source of how you chose us?**  My Physician  Someone who was our former patient  Friend  
 Family Member  Our Website  Internet Search  My Insurance Co.  My Employer

**Insurance Information**

**Medicare Number** \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you working?  Yes  No

**Is this a Workers' Compensation claim?**  Yes  No  
Date of Injury \_\_\_\_\_ Claim No. \_\_\_\_\_

Policyholder Name Primary Insurance Company Policy Number Group Number

Policyholder Name Secondary Insurance Company Policy Number Group Number

PATIENT'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE. I authorize the release of any Medical or other information necessary to process this claim. I also request payment of Government benefits either to me or to the party who accepts assignment.

INSURED'S OR AUTHORIZED PERSON'S SIGNATURE. I authorize payment of medical benefits to the undersigned Physician or supplier for services rendered.

SIGNED **X** \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED **X** \_\_\_\_\_



## MEDICAL HISTORY

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your reason for visit? \_\_\_\_\_

Date symptoms began? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this related to a work injury:  Yes  No Is this related to an automobile accident:  Yes  No

Severity of symptoms:  Mild  Moderate  Severe  Incapacitating

Aggravated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Relieved By: \_\_\_\_\_

### Spine Check (✓) symptoms you currently have.

#### Location of Pain

- |                                     |   |                                       |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Back | <input type="checkbox"/> Neck           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left Leg   | <input type="checkbox"/> Left Arm       | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Leg  | <input type="checkbox"/> Right Arm      | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left Hip   | <input type="checkbox"/> Left Shoulder  |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Hip  | <input type="checkbox"/> Right Shoulder | <input type="checkbox"/> No Pain      |

#### Radiation of Pain

- |                                    |   |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left Hip  | <input type="checkbox"/> Left Arm       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Hip | <input type="checkbox"/> Right Arm      | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Left Leg  | <input type="checkbox"/> Right Shoulder | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Leg | <input type="checkbox"/> Left Shoulder  | <input type="checkbox"/> No Radiation |

#### Quality of Pain (please choose one or more of the following)

- |                                    |  |                                    |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ache      | <input type="checkbox"/> Burning       | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diffuse   | <input type="checkbox"/> Discomforting | <input type="checkbox"/> Dull      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Localized | <input type="checkbox"/> Numbness      | <input type="checkbox"/> Throbbing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Piercing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp         | <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stabbing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Superficial   |                                    |

#### Difficulty with:

- |  |                                   |   |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking           | <input type="checkbox"/> Bending  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ascending Stairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Descending Stairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Standing | <input type="checkbox"/> Sitting          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Range of motion   |                                   |   |

### HEAD Check (✓) symptoms you currently have.

#### Associated Symptoms

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clumsiness            | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Sensation               | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confusion             | <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Difficulty               | <input type="checkbox"/> Speech Difficulty      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fever                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Stiff Neck             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headache              | <input type="checkbox"/> Paralysis                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Unusual Behavior       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Loss          | <input type="checkbox"/> Personality Changes             | <input type="checkbox"/> Vision Changes         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Incoordination        | <input type="checkbox"/> Projectile Vomiting             | <input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irritability          | <input type="checkbox"/> Prolonged Loss of Consciousness | <input type="checkbox"/> Weakness               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Consciousness | <input type="checkbox"/> Restlessness                    | <input type="checkbox"/> No Associated Symptoms |

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medications** List medications you are currently taking

**Allergies**

No medications

No allergies

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Pharmacy: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Review of Systems**

Please check **YES** or **NO** and describe if needed.

- Constitutional (*fever, chills, weight loss/gain, etc.*)
- Ears (*hearing loss, ringing etc.*)
- Nose (*runny/bloody nose, decreased smell, etc.*)
- Throat (*pain, difficulty swallowing, etc.*)
- Eyes (*loss of sight, glaucoma, cataracts, etc.*)
- Cardiovascular (*chest pain, palpitations, etc.*)
- Respiratory (*shortness of breath, asthma, etc.*)
- Integumentary (*rashes, skin allergies, etc.*)
- Gastrointestinal (*diarrhea/constipation, bloody stool ..*)
- Musculoskeletal (*other than current problem*)
- Hematologic/Lymphatic (*anemia, easy bruising, etc.*)
- Neurologic (*headaches, vertigo, stroke, etc.*)
- Endocrine (*diabetes, thyroid problems, etc.*)
- Psychiatric (*depression, schizophrenia, anxiety, etc.*)

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Describe: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Describe: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Describe: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Describe: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Describe: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Describe: _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Describe: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Describe: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Describe: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Describe: _____

**Conditions** Check (✓) conditions you currently have or have had in the past year.

**Past medical History**

No medical history

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anemia                       | <input type="checkbox"/> COPD  | <input type="checkbox"/> Migraine Headaches               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angina                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Coronary Artery Disease                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sclerosis               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arrhythmia                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Parkinson's Disease              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Fibromyalgia  | <input type="checkbox"/> Peripheral nerve disorder        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atrial Fibrillation          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis C   | <input type="checkbox"/> Renal Disease                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blood Clots                  | <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatoid Arthritis             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brain Tumor                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperlipidemia  | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure Disorder                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cerebrovascular Accident     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension  | <input type="checkbox"/> Spinal cord tumor                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cirrhosis                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney Failure  | <input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid Disease                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colon Cancer                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Liver Disease   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tremor                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congestive Heart Failure     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lung Cancer   | <input type="checkbox"/> Have you had a blood transfusion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have you had grafted tissues | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you have Implanted hardware (if yes, please explain below) |   |

Gender Specific: Male:

Benign Hypertrophic Prostatitis  Prostate Biopsy

Female:

Breast Cancer

**IMPORTANT:** Please note any health complaints not covered above such as weight loss, rashes, shortness of breath, irregular heartbeats, chest pain, stomach cramps, constipation, blood in stool, urine or sputum; fever or chills etc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Past Surgical Histories**

No surgical history

- |   |            |  |            |
|---|------------|--|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anesthesia reaction    | Year _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Discectomy            | Year _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aneurysm resection     | _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Gastric Bypass        | _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angioplasty with stent | _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Hernia Repair         | _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appendectomy           | _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Hip Replacement       | _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arthroscopy knee       | _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Knee Replacement      | _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arthrodesis            | _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Laminectomy           | _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Back Surgery           | _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Lasik                 | _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CABG                   | _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle Biopsy         | _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carotid Endarterectomy | _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> ORIF                  | _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpal Tunnel Release  | _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacemaker             | _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cataract Extraction    | _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Bowel Resection | _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cerebral Shunt         | _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Spinal Infusion Pump  | _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cholecystectomy        | _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Thyroidectomy         | _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colectomy              | _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> Tonsillectomy         | _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colostomy              | _____      |  |            |

**Male**

- |  |            |
|--|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prostate Biopsy | Year _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TURP            | _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vasectomy       | _____      |

**Female**

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Augmentation Mammo   | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bil. Tubal Ligation  | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breast Biopsy        | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cesarean Section     | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D and C              | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hysterectomy         | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mastectomy           | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Myomectomy           | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red. Mammoplasty     | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TAH/BSO              | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal Hysterectomy | _____ |

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Social History**

Tobacco Use:  Yes  No  Former

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Packs per day: \_\_\_\_\_

Years Smoked: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Quit: \_\_\_\_\_

Drinks Alcohol:  Yes  No  Formerly Year Quit: \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Drink: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use recreational drugs:  Yes  No

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount daily: \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation:**

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment status: \_\_\_\_\_ Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Medical History**

No family medical history

Relative:	What Condition:	Age of Onset:	Cause of death?
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

To the best of my knowledge the above information is complete and correct. I understand that reporting incomplete or inaccurate information can be dangerous to my health. I understand that I am solely responsible for any error or omissions that I may have made in the completion of this form. I understand that it is my responsibility to inform my doctor if I ever have a change in health.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of patient, parent, guardian, or personal representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please print name of patient, parent, guardian, or personal representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewed by

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Updated 2018*



**HISTORY OF CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT**

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICATIONS**

Have you taken any medications for your pain?  Yes  No *If yes, circle all that apply:*

- |           |                          |             |                  |
|-----------|--------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Advil     | Hydrocodone              | Naprosyn    | Robaxin          |
| Aleve     | Ibuprofen                | Naproxen    | Steroid injecton |
| Anaprox   | Kadian                   | Nerve block | Tegretol         |
| Arthrotec | Lorcet                   | Neurontin   | TENS unit        |
| Avinza    | Medrol Dosepak (steroid) | Norco       | Topamax          |
| Bextra    | Methacarbamol            | Oromorph    | Tramadol         |
| Celebrex  | Methadone                | Oxycodone   | Tylenol 3 or 4   |
| Darvocet  | Mobic                    | Oxycotin    | Ultram           |
| Decadron  | Morphine                 | Percocet    | Vioxx            |
| Flexeril  | Motrin                   | Prednisone  | Voltaren         |
|           |                          | Relafen     |                  |

Other pain relievers not listed above: \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time taken? Number of \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_ Weeks \_\_\_\_\_ Months

**PHYSICAL THERAPY**

1. Did you receive physical therapy treatments ordered by your doctor?  Yes  No  
 If yes, describe the type of therapy: \_\_\_\_\_ Cold \_\_\_\_\_ Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Traction \_\_\_\_\_ Exercises  
 How long did you take the treatments? Number of \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_ Weeks \_\_\_\_\_ Months
2. Did you have any other type of physical therapy?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_  
 How long did you take the treatments? Number of \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_ Weeks \_\_\_\_\_ Months

**HOME EXERCISES / TREATMENT**

Are you doing any exercises or treatments at home?  Yes  No  
 If yes, describe the type of therapy: \_\_\_\_\_ Cold \_\_\_\_\_ Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Traction \_\_\_\_\_ Exercises  
 How long did you take the treatments? Number of \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_ Weeks \_\_\_\_\_ Months

**CHIROPRACTOR**

Did you see a chiropractor?  Yes  No  
 If yes, what type of treatment was given or prescribed? \_\_\_\_\_

**LIMITATIONS ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

1. Do you have problems with any of the physical activities listed below? (*circle all that apply*)  
 Walking                      Bending Backwards                      Bending Forward  
 Standing                      Twisting                      Lying Down  
 Sitting                      Lifting                      Sleeping  
 Others not listed \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you able to sit without needing back support?  Yes  No  
 If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you able to perform your normal exercise or sports activity?  Yes  No  
 If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 2018





## PAYMENT POLICY

*We appreciate you* choosing our practice and want to ensure your understanding of our payment policy prior to receiving professional services. We are not contracted with all insurance companies and/or discounted networks. ***Your insurance benefits will be verified prior to service*** and you will be notified in advance if we are out-of-network.

### OFFICE VISITS

Office visit co-pays, co-insurance, unmet deductibles or other appropriate charges, where applicable, are required to be paid at the time of service.

### SURGERY

A billing representative will meet with you prior to surgery to discuss your surgical benefits. ***In most cases, there will be a surgical deposit due, which must be paid prior to surgery.*** This is usually comprised of an unmet deductible and co-insurance, based on verification of your benefits. Occasionally, a procedure is not a covered benefit or falls into a pre-existing conditions exclusion. These charges must be paid in full prior to surgery. We will bill your insurance and refund you if benefits are paid.

### INTERNATIONAL/GLOBAL INSURANCE

International/Global insurance is not accepted and international patients or any patient who resides outside the U.S.A. are considered self-pay. The full charge for office visits is required at the time of service and ***all surgical fees must be paid prior to surgery.***

### PAYMENT TYPES

We accept cashier's checks, wire transfers and most credit cards: American Express, Master Card, Visa and Discover. Unfortunately, we cannot accept personal or business checks.

Please answer the follow questions below:

- |   |                              |                             |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Is your insurance coverage under a <b>COBRA</b> plan?                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. Is your insurance coverage under a <b>college student</b> policy?        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. Is your problem related to an <b>auto accident or work injury</b> ?      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4. Do you have a <b>lawyer</b> representing you for this medical condition? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

I have read and agree with the above policies.

Print Patient Name \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## RETURN OF X-RAYS RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

Patient Name \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor:      Aldama      Harper      Roeser      Gist      Gressot      Sellin

Radiographic films are an important factor used in determining your diagnosis and treatment. However, after surgery, Neurosurgical Group of Texas, L.L.P. does not need your films and does not have space to store them. We prefer that the patient take their films back with them, however, that is not always possible. The following explains our policy about returning your films for you.

### Release From Liability

Neurosurgical Group of Texas, L.L.P. is careful in the way we handle films and will use our best effort to return your films to the facility where taken. However, we are not responsible for loss, damage or misplacement of your films, or for non-receipt of films that were mailed or returned via U.S. Mail or other delivery services.

### Return of Films Via Pick-Up Service

Films that were taken at the facilities listed below are automatically picked up from our office by these facilities:

MRI Central, Methodist Hospital, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, and Medical Center Radiology.

### Return of Films Via U.S. Mail or Other Delivery Service

1. Films returned to patient within the United States are charged **\$50 handling fee, plus actual postage (USPS/FedEx/DHL).**
2. Films returned outside the U.S. (International) are charged a total of **\$200, which includes duties, handling and postage (USPS/FedEx/DHL).**

I, the patient, have read and understand the above policy and release Neurosurgical Group of Texas, L.L.P, and its agents and employees from any and all liability that may arise in the return of x-rays.

Signature of Patient: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND REQUESTED RESTRICTIONS**

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have received this *Notice of Privacy Practices* prior to any service being provided to you by the Practice, and you consent to the use and disclosure of your medical information as set forth herein except as expressly stated below.

I hereby request the following restrictions on the use and/or disclosure (specify as applicable) of my information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURES:**

Patient Name/Legal Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If Legal Representative, relationship to Patient: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF CARE PROVIDED TO OUT OF STATE PATIENTS**

The patient (including the patient’s representative, heirs or beneficiaries) and the health care provider rendering or providing medical care, health care, or safety or professional or administrative services directly related to health care to patient (including employees and agents of the health care provider) agree:

- 1) That all health care rendered shall be governed exclusively and only by Texas Law and in no event shall the law of any other state apply to any health care rendered to patient.
- 2) In the event of a dispute, any lawsuit, action, or cause of which in any way relates to health care provided to the patient shall only be brought in a Texas Court in the county/district where all or substantially all of the health care was provided or rendered and in no event will any lawsuit, action or cause of action ever be brought in any other state.

The choice of law and forum selection provisions of this paragraph are mandatory and are not permissive.

**SIGNATURES:**

Patient Name/Legal Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If Legal Representative, relationship to Patient: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**PATIENT CONSENT**  
**UNSECURE Email Communications**

This office is dedicated to keeping your medical record information confidential. Our policy is to send emails containing Protected Health Information in a **secure format** to render the information inaccessible to unauthorized individuals.

Despite our best efforts, due to the nature of email, **unsecure email communications pose the threat that third parties may have unauthorized access to your private health information.** When communicating from work, you should be aware that some companies consider email to be corporate property and your message may be monitored. Even when emailing from home, you may feel that access to your email is not well controlled, so you should take that into consideration. In addition, you should be aware that although addressed to the doctor or my medical assistant, my staff and/or colleagues would have access to this information.

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**I understand and accept the risks that this office will not be responsible for information loss or delay or breaches in confidentiality that are due to MY REQUEST to receive unsecure email communications.**

I understand and agree to the above email policy.

By signing below, you are agreeing that we may send medical related correspondence to you via **unsecure** email, and that we may respond to your emails to us via **unsecure** email.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Patient Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Signature



## **PATIENT PORTAL – INFORMED CONSENT** **And USER AGREEMENT**

**Neurosurgical Group of Texas, L.L.P.** offers its patients the use of a secure web-based Portal which provides you with secure electronic access to your medical record and communications between our office and you. To use the Portal you must agree to the Portal policies and procedures by signing the Informed Consent and User Agreement, and by activating your Portal account. Our Practice staff will enroll you and provide you with a confidential “token” and instructions on how to complete your enrollment. Your “token” is your access code to the Portal and will no longer be needed after activation. If unused, it will expire within in 30 days.

### **Portal Risks and Precautions**

Secure messaging can be a valuable communications tool, but certain precautions should be used to minimize risks. Your signature on this form will document that you have been informed of and accept these risks and agree to the conditions of participation.

### **Privacy Protection of your Health Information**

All messages sent to you will be encrypted to keep unauthorized persons from accessing your information. Keeping information secure depends on two factors: the secure message must reach the correct email address and only the correct individual (or someone authorized by the individual) must have access to it. While the likelihood of risks associated with the use of Portal is substantially reduced, there are risks which are important for you to understand. By signing this consent agreement you agree you will follow prudent security measures when you access the Portal and will communicate in a manner that reduces the likelihood of these risks occurring including but not limited to:

- Never use a public computer to access the Portal
- Do not store, send or access messages on your employer-provided computer or hand-held device as information is normally accessible by your employer
- Use a screen saver or close your messages so that others nearby cannot read them
- Keep your username and password safe and private
- If you are accessing the Portal via your mobile handheld device, you should password protect your device in the event your device is lost and/or stolen
- If you think someone has learned your password, you should promptly change it using Portal
- You are responsible for updating your contact information with the Practice any time it changes including the email address you designate for Portal or outside Portal messaging
- If you receive access to health care information which is not yours, immediately stop viewing such information and notify the Practice via a secure message on the Portal or by phone call

### **Access, Use of Online Communications and Conditions of Participation**

- *Use of Portal is limited to non-emergency communications and requests*
- In an emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Room
- The Portal does not provide online medical advice, or replace the services of your provider
- A diagnosis can be made and treatment rendered only after your provider sees you
- You may view educational resources on various topics listed in the Portal library
- You may view a clinical summary of your most recent office visit as well as lab and test results

- You may send messages to your provider or staff, and you may view and respond to messages they send to you. All communications will be included in the clinical record maintained by the Practice
- Communications regarding sensitive subject matters such as mental health, HIV, clinical research, employer-related services, etc., are not permitted through the Portal
- When using the Portal please be concise. Confirm that your name and other personal information in a message is correct, and review before sending to make sure it is clear and all relevant information is included
- Your provider or staff, in their judgment, may decline to respond to a communication, and may ask you to call or to schedule an appointment at the office concerning the matter
- Access to the secure web Portal is a service, and we may suspend or discontinue at any time and for any reason
- Messages will be reviewed during normal hours of operation and every attempt will be made to respond to your messages within 48 business hours
- If you have not heard from us after two business days, please call our office at 713-790-1211

Please see our Notice of Privacy Practices for additional information on privacy of your health information.

**I have read the Portal Policies and Procedures and consent to the terms and conditions of Portal use.**

Patient Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Minors or Users Requiring Caregivers – Acknowledgement of Portal Access to My Health Information to the Following Individual:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(initials) Parent/Guardian agreement to waive my right to the above minor's Portal and allow him/her to be treated as an adult for Portal enrollment and access.



## CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AGREEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand that in order to receive care for the treatment of pain or the use of controlled medications, I agree to and will comply with the following:

A. **MENTAL HEALTH AND/OR PAIN MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT:** A mental health assessment and/or continuing psychological therapy may be required. If I am currently involved in mental health therapy, or if I enter such therapy, I will authorize my mental health practitioner to exchange unrestricted information regarding my condition and treatment with my physician.

B. **USE OF MEDICATIONS:** I will take all medication as prescribed. I will speak with my physician before making any change in either the dose or frequency of my medications. There will be no early refills of controlled medications without prior authorization. Narcotic pain medications must all be obtained from the same pharmacy each time (any exception must be approved by my physician). I will abstain from alcohol use.

C. **SEEKING PRESCRIPTIONS:** I will neither seek nor fill prescriptions for any controlled medication from any other health care provider unless authorized by my physician. I will not harass or repeatedly speak with the pharmacist about refills which may be early. I will not call the physician after hours about my controlled substance prescription refills.

D. **MEDICAL RECORDS RELEASES:** I will inform all of my health care providers that I receive pain management and will maintain an unrestricted and current medical records release on file.

E. **ILLEGAL AND NON-PRESCRIBED DRUG USE:** I understand the use any controlled medication not prescribed by my physician may result in termination of care. I authorize the practice to cooperate fully with any city, state or federal law enforcement agency, including this state's Board of Pharmacy, in the investigation of any possible misuse, sale, or other diversion of controlled medicines. I authorize the practice to provide a copy of this Agreement to my pharmacy. I agree to waive any applicable privilege or right of privacy or confidentiality with respect to these authorizations. I also understand that the use of any illegal substance, including marijuana, may result in termination of care.

F. **LOST OR STOLEN MEDICATIONS:** I agree to safeguard all medications prescribed by my physician and understand that lost or damaged medications will not be replaced.

G. **PRESCRIPTIONS WITH TRAVELING:** The practice may provide prescriptions for up to 90 days when patients are traveling out of state. Patients will have to arrange for shipment of controlled substances by their pharmacy at their own expense. Patients who will be out of state longer than 90 days need to arrange for health care at their travel destinations.

H. **DRIVING & OPERATING EQUIPMENT:** Many medications can cause drowsiness and/or a very relaxed state of mind causing operation of equipment or vehicles to be dangerous. I agree to refrain from driving or operating dangerous equipment for 72 hours after any changes in medication dosage and whenever I feel drowsy.

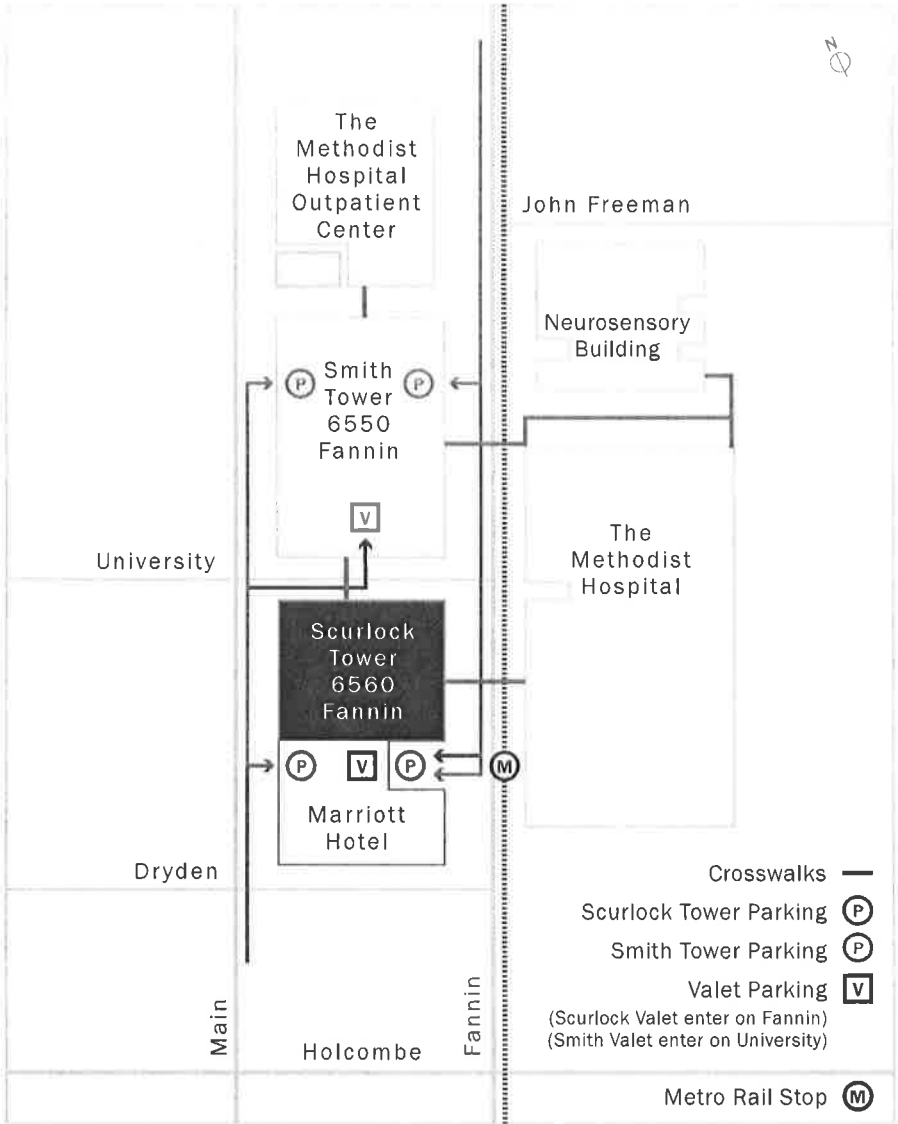
I. TERMINATION: I will no longer be eligible for care if I am in possession of illicit drugs or substances, trafficking in controlled or illegal substance, intoxicated or if arrested for DUI. If I alter my prescription in any way, sell or share my medications, I will no longer be eligible for care.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS OF CARE DESCRIBED ABOVE AND WILL COMPLY WITH THEM. ALL OF MY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN ANSWERED TO MY SATISFACTION. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT MAY RESULT IN IMMEDIATE TERMINATION OF SERVICE.

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Patient Signature and Date





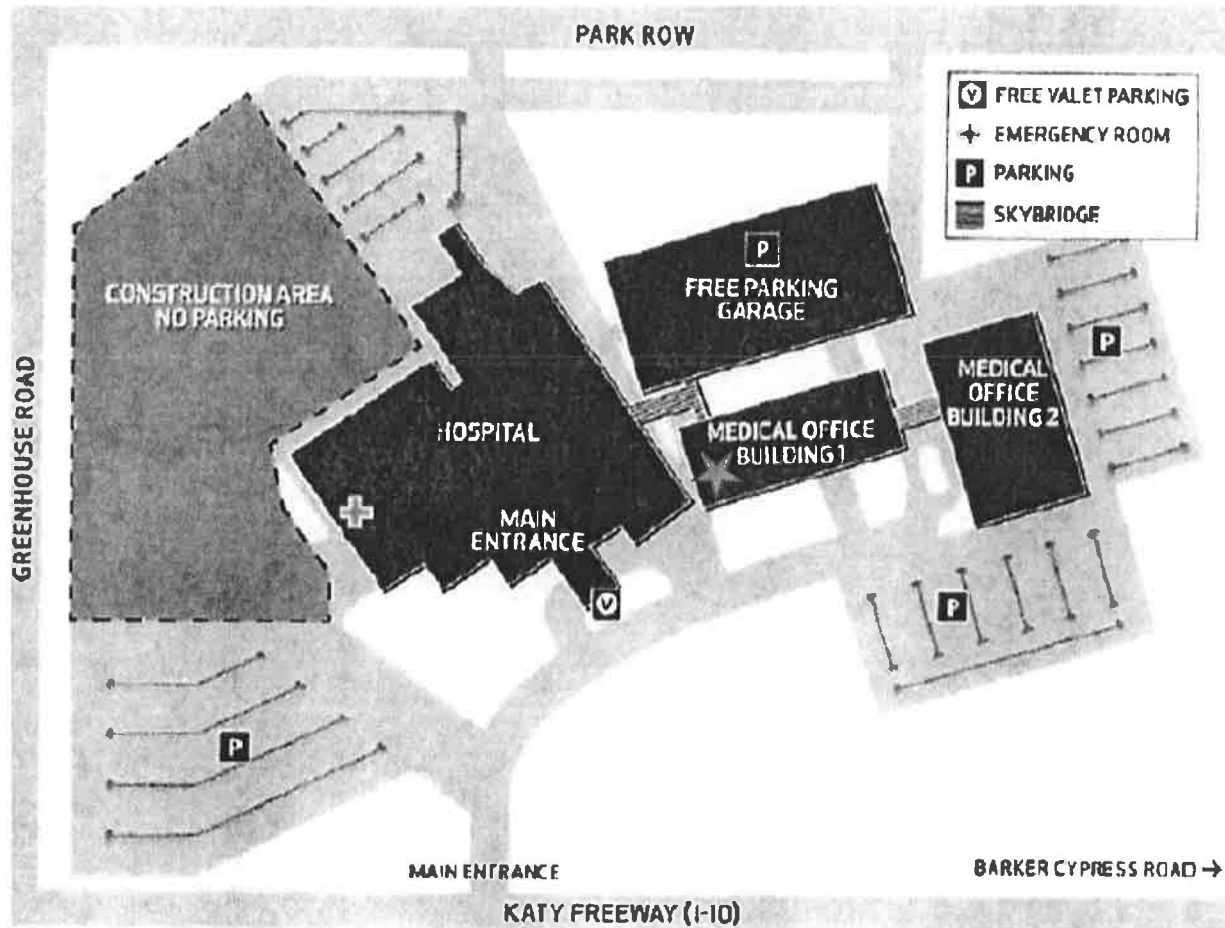
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