



Conditions of Service and Consent for Treatment

IMPORTANT: DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM WITHOUT READING AND UNDERSTANDING ITS CONTENTS.

In consideration of services provided by Piedmont Healthcare (PHC), the Patient or undersigned representative acting on behalf of the Patient agrees and consents to the following:

1. Consent to Routine Medical Treatment/Services

Patient consents to the rendering of Medical Treatment/Services as considered necessary and appropriate by the attending physician or other practitioner, a member of the PHC medical staff who has requested care and treatment of Patient, and others with staff privileges at PHC. Medical Treatment/Services may be performed by "Healthcare Professionals" (physicians, nurses, technologists, technicians, physician assistants or other healthcare professionals). Patient authorizes the attending or other practitioner, the medical staff of PHC and PHC to provide Medical Treatment/Services ordered or requested by attending or other practitioner and those acting in his or her place. **The consent to receive "Medical Treatment/Services" includes, but is not limited to: hospital care; examinations (x-ray or otherwise); laboratory procedures; medications; infusions; transfusions of blood and blood products; drugs; supplies; anesthesia; surgical procedures and medical treatments; radiation therapy; recording/filming for internal purposes (i.e., identification, diagnosis, treatment, performance improvement, education, safety, security) and other services which Patient may receive.** In the event PHC determines that Patient should provide blood specimens for testing purposes in the interest of the safety of those with whom Patient may come in contact; Patient consents to the withdrawing and testing of Patient's blood and to the release of test information where this is deemed appropriate for the safety of others.

2. Legal Relationship between Hospital and Physician

Some of the health care professionals performing services at PHC hospitals are independent contractors and are not PHC agents or employees. Independent contractors are responsible for their own actions and PHC shall not be liable for the acts or omissions of any such independent contractors.

3. Explanation of Risk and Treatment Alternatives

Patient acknowledges that the practice of medicine is not an exact science and that **NO GUARANTEES OR ASSURANCES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE PATIENT** concerning the outcome and/or result of any **Medical Treatment/Services**. While routinely performed without incident, there may be material risks associated with each of these **Medical Treatment/Services**. Patient understands that it is not possible to list every risk for every **Medical Treatment/Services** and that this form only attempts to identify the most common material risks and the alternatives (if any) associated with the **Medical Treatment/Services**. Patient also understands that various Healthcare Professionals may have differing opinions as to what constitutes material risks and alternative **Medical Treatment/Services**. **By signing this form:** Patient consents to Healthcare Professionals performing **Medical Treatment/Services** as they may deem reasonably necessary or desirable in the exercise of their professional judgment, **including those Medical Treatment/Services that may be unforeseen or not known to be needed at the time this consent is obtained;** and Patient acknowledges that Patient has been informed in general terms of the nature and purpose of the **Medical Treatment/Services**; the material risks of the **Medical Treatment/Services** and practical alternatives to the **Medical Treatment/Services**.

The **Medical Treatment/Services** may include, but are not limited to the following:

- a). **Needle Sticks**, such as shots, injections, intravenous lines or intravenous injections (IVs). The material risks associated with these types of Procedures include, but are not limited to, nerve damage, infection, infiltration (which is fluid leakage into surrounding tissue), disfiguring scar, loss of limb function, paralysis or partial paralysis or death. Alternatives to Needle Sticks (if available) include oral, rectal, nasal or topical medications (each of which may be less effective).
- b). **Physical Tests, Assessments and Treatments** such as vital signs, internal body examinations, wound cleansing, wound dressing, range of motion checks and other similar procedures. The material risks associated with these types of Procedures include, but are not limited to, allergic reactions, infection, severe loss of blood, muscular-skeletal or internal injuries, nerve damage, loss of limb function, paralysis or partial paralysis, disfiguring scar, worsening of the condition and death. Apart from using modified Procedures, no practical alternatives exist.
- c). **Administration of Medications** via appropriate route whether orally, rectally, topically or through Patient's eyes, ears or nostrils, etc. The material risks associated with these types of Procedures include, but are not limited to, perforation, puncture, infection, allergic reaction, brain damage or death. Apart from varying the method of administration, no practical alternatives exist.
- d). **Drawing Blood, Bodily Fluids or Tissue Samples** such as that done for laboratory testing and analysis. The material risks associated with this type of Procedure include, but are not limited to, paralysis or partial paralysis, nerve damage, infection, bleeding and loss of limb function. Apart from long-term observation, no practical alternatives exist.
- e). **Insertion of Internal Tubes** such as bladder catheterizations, nasogastric tubes, rectal tubes, drainage tubes, enemas, etc. The material risks associated with these types of Procedures include, but are not limited to, internal injuries, bleeding, infection, allergic reaction, loss of bladder control and/or difficulty urinating after catheter removal. Apart from external collection devices, no practical alternatives exist.
- f). **Radiological Studies** such as X-rays, CT scans or MRI scans. The material risks associated with these types of Procedures include, but are not limited to, radiation exposure.

If Patient has any questions or concerns regarding these **Medical Treatment/Services**, Patient will ask Patient's attending provider to provide Patient with additional information. Patient also understands that Patient's attending or other provider may ask Patient to sign additional informed consent documents concerning these or other **Medical Treatment/Services**.

4. Emergency and Labor Services

Patient understands Patient's right to receive an appropriate medical screening exam performed by a doctor, or other qualified medical professional, to determine whether Patient is suffering from an emergency medical condition, and if such a condition exists, stabilizing treatment within the capabilities of the PHC's staff and facilities, even if Patient cannot pay for these services, does not have medical insurance or Patient is not entitled to Medicare or Medicaid.

