

**Acupuncture & Chinese Medicine Patient Health History Form**  
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*Successful health care and preventative medicine is best achieved when the practitioner has a comprehensive history of the patient. The nature of your response to the following questions will go a long way in assisting my understanding of your health & wellness goals. Please fill out this form as thoroughly as possible. Some of the questions may seem unrelated to your current condition; however, they are important in reaching the most accurate TCM diagnosis & treatment plan. All information is strictly confidential.*

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

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Which phone number is appropriate to leave a message for you?  cell  home  work

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

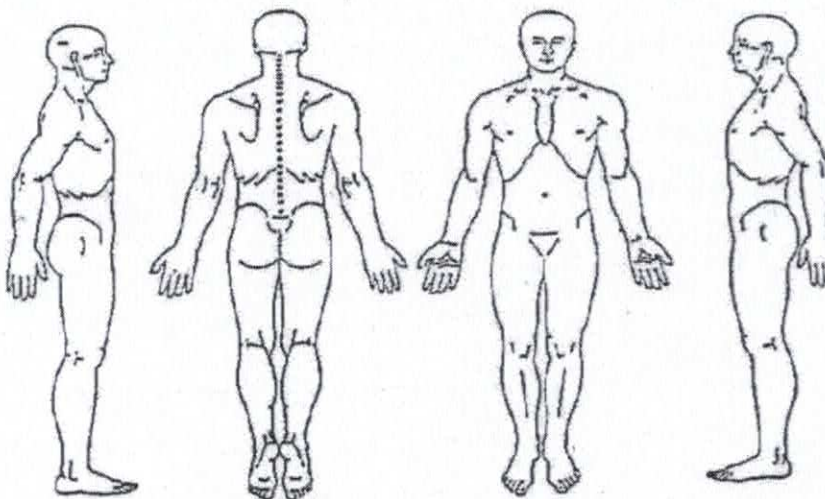
Emergency contact & phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact relation to you: \_\_\_\_\_ How did you hear about me? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been treated with Acupuncture/Chinese Medicine? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently under the care of a physician?  No  Yes...If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently pain? Please indicate where & describe: \_\_\_\_\_



Please indicate in order of importance the health concerns that you would like to improve:

1. Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

When & how did it begin? \_\_\_\_\_

What makes it better? \_\_\_\_\_ worse? \_\_\_\_\_

How does it affect your daily activities & sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

What other treatment methods have you tried?  Western Medicine  Pharmaceuticals  Chiropractor  
 Physical Therapy  Massage Therapy  Acupuncture  Herbs  Homeopathy  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Results: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

When & how did it begin? \_\_\_\_\_

What makes it better? \_\_\_\_\_ worse? \_\_\_\_\_

How does it affect your daily activities & sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

What other treatment methods have you tried?  Western Medicine  Pharmaceuticals  Chiropractor  
 Physical Therapy  Massage Therapy  Acupuncture  Herbs  Homeopathy  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Results: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

When & how did it begin? \_\_\_\_\_

What makes it better? \_\_\_\_\_ worse? \_\_\_\_\_

How does it affect your daily activities & sleep? \_\_\_\_\_

What other treatment methods have you tried?  Western Medicine  Pharmaceuticals  Chiropractor  
 Physical Therapy  Massage Therapy  Acupuncture  Herbs  Homeopathy  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Results: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments \_\_\_\_\_

What are your expectations for today's visit? \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL HISTORY**

Allergies (drugs, plants, food, metals, chemicals/environmental):

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Significant Trauma (auto accidents, falls, etc) Please include dates & be specific:

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Hospitalizations/Surgeries; including added hardware/implants (include dates):

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How would you describe your health before age 18? \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you describe your health as an adult? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Have you ever been diagnosed with any of the following?**

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|---|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding disorder  | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart disease    | <input type="checkbox"/> Lung disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis/Liver disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney disease   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer   | <input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid disorder | <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/Aids     | <input type="checkbox"/> Migraines               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatoid arthritis   | <input type="checkbox"/> Stroke   | <input type="checkbox"/> Depression       | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health disorders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other arthritis  | <input type="checkbox"/> Anemia   | <input type="checkbox"/> Alzheimer's      | <input type="checkbox"/> Neuropathy   | <input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy/seizures       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neurological disease (Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's, ALS, etc) _____ |                                   |   |                                       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Autoimmune disorder: _____   |                                   |   |                                       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |                                   |   |                                       |  |

**Your Dental health:**

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|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> bleeding gums  | <input type="checkbox"/> receding gums | <input type="checkbox"/> halitosis    | <input type="checkbox"/> loose/missing teeth | <input type="checkbox"/> root canals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> teeth grinding | <input type="checkbox"/> jaw clenching | <input type="checkbox"/> bitter taste | <input type="checkbox"/> periodontal disease | <input type="checkbox"/> gingivitis  |

**FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY:** (check all that apply)

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|--|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis           | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding disorders | <input type="checkbox"/> Heart disease  | <input type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer              | <input type="checkbox"/> Stroke   | <input type="checkbox"/> Substance abuse    | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid disorders   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy/seizures   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health disorders  |   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alzheimer's disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Neurological disease (Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's, ALS, etc) |   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____        |   |   |   |  |

Please explain checked answers:

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Pharmaceuticals taken within last 2 months & reason for taking: \_\_\_\_\_

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Supplements taken with last 2 months (vitamins, herbs, homeopathy, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

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**LIFESTYLE:**

What forms of activity/exercise do you engage in & how often? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you follow any special diet? (vegetarian, raw, medical related, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

Typical daily food intake:

Breakfast: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_

Snacks: \_\_\_\_\_

Cravings: \_\_\_\_\_

Food sensitivities/allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Daily consumption of: water \_\_\_\_\_ caffeinated tea \_\_\_\_\_ caffeinated coffee \_\_\_\_\_  
soda \_\_\_\_\_ diet soda \_\_\_\_\_ alcohol \_\_\_\_\_

Recreational drug use: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you smoke? How much? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your overall energy levels? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you describe your overall stress levels? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you set aside time for daily meditation/prayer? Yes No

Have you served in the military? If so, which branch, when & where? \_\_\_\_\_

Hours of sleep you get each night? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you feel rested when you awake in the morning? Yes No

Please check all that apply: insomnia snoring apnea excessive sleeping  
sleepwalking narcolepsy restless legs Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check any of the following symptoms you've had in the past 6 months:**

**GENERAL**

- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feel hot/feverish    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweat easily           | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon/night sweats | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of perspiration     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feel thirsty         | <input type="checkbox"/> Crave cold beverage    | <input type="checkbox"/> Crave hot beverage     | <input type="checkbox"/> Feel cold/chills         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cold hands/feet      | <input type="checkbox"/> Bruise easily          | <input type="checkbox"/> Tired after eating     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in appetite   | <input type="checkbox"/> Weight loss            | <input type="checkbox"/> Weight gain            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sip or gulp your drinks? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feeling of heaviness | <input type="checkbox"/> Peculiar tastes/smells |   |   |

**SKIN & HAIR**

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|--|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rashes/hives                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Eczema                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Psoriasis        | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry skin           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Itching                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Acne                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Warts            | <input type="checkbox"/> Slow wound healing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skin ulcers                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Recent moles                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Recent hair loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Fungal infection   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contagious skin condition       | <input type="checkbox"/> Recent change in hair or skin texture |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Dandruff           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other skin/hair concerns: _____ |  |   |   |

**HEAD, EYES, EARS, NOSE & THROAT**

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|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Vertigo          | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache/Migraine           | <input type="checkbox"/> Concussion             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facial pain                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Jaw clicks/lock  | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry eyes/Red eyes           | <input type="checkbox"/> Excess tearing         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrective vision surgery       | <input type="checkbox"/> Glasses/contacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Diminished vision           | <input type="checkbox"/> Blurred vision         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Night blindness                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Color blindness  | <input type="checkbox"/> Spots/floaters              | <input type="checkbox"/> Cataracts              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glaucoma                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Eye strain/pain  | <input type="checkbox"/> Diminished hearing          | <input type="checkbox"/> Earache/pain/discharge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinnitus High or Low pitch      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sinus congestion | <input type="checkbox"/> Sinus infection             | <input type="checkbox"/> Nasal discharge        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sneezing                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Nose bleeds      | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of smell/taste         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dry mouth              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recurrent sore throat           | <input type="checkbox"/> Swollen glands   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sensation of lump in throat | <input type="checkbox"/> Mouth sores            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other head/neck concerns: _____ |   |  |   |

**RESPIRATORY**

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cough   | <input type="checkbox"/> Coughing blood                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma/wheezing     | <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent sighing      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chest tightness                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronchitis                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumonia           | <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty inhaling/exhaling                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty breathing when lying down |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pain with deep breath |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phlegm production: <input type="checkbox"/> loose | <input type="checkbox"/> thick/sticky                         | <input type="checkbox"/> easy to expectorate | <input type="checkbox"/> color _____           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other lung/breathing concerns: _____              |   |  |  |

**CARDIOVASCULAR**

- |  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chest pain                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Palpitation           | <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular heartbeat | <input type="checkbox"/> Fainting             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High blood pressure                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Low blood pressure    | <input type="checkbox"/> Blood clots         | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep vein thrombosis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Varicose/spider veins                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Swelling of feet/legs | <input type="checkbox"/> Swelling of hands   | <input type="checkbox"/> Phlebitis            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other heart or blood vessel concerns: _____ |  |  |   |

**GASTROINTESTINAL**

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belching                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Gas  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bloating                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Indigestion             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea/vomiting              | <input type="checkbox"/> No appetite                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Acid reflux               | <input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal pain/cramps   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive appetite           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sluggish digestion                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Tired after meals         | <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea/loose stools   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blood in stools/Black stools | <input type="checkbox"/> Mucus in stools                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Undigested food in stools | <input type="checkbox"/> Constipation/dry stools |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete bowel movements   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hemorrhoids                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> IBS/Crohn's               | <input type="checkbox"/> Colitis                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gall stones                  | <input type="checkbox"/> How often do you have bowel movements? _____ |  |  |
| Other Stomach or intestinal concerns: _____           |   |  |  |

**URINARY**

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent urination   | <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent urination     | <input type="checkbox"/> Burning/Pain with urination     | <input type="checkbox"/> Blood in urine      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to hold urine   | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty urinating | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of urine or decreased flow | <input type="checkbox"/> Abundant urine flow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent UTI's   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prolapsed bladder    | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney stones                   |  |
| Do you wake at night to urinate? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes How often? _____  |   |  |  |
| What color is your urine? <input type="checkbox"/> clear <input type="checkbox"/> light yellow <input type="checkbox"/> dark yellow <input type="checkbox"/> cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> reddish <input type="checkbox"/> other _____ |   |  |  |
| Does your fluid intake equal your urine output? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |   |  |  |
| Other urinary concerns: _____   |   |  |  |

**FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE**

- Are you pregnant?  Yes  No Age of first menses: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is it possible that you are pregnant?  Yes  No Menopause Age: \_\_\_\_\_
- # Pregnancies: \_\_\_\_\_ # Live births: \_\_\_\_\_ # Miscarriages: \_\_\_\_\_ # Terminations: \_\_\_\_\_ # Premature births: \_\_\_\_\_
- Pregnancies:  Easy  Difficult Deliveries:  Easy  Difficult  Vaginal  Cesarean
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|--|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular periods                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Painful periods            | <input type="checkbox"/> Endometriosis      | <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding between cycles                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breast tenderness                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Fibrocystic breast tissue  | <input type="checkbox"/> Breast lumps       | <input type="checkbox"/> Nipple discharge                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal dryness                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal discharge          | <input type="checkbox"/> bleeding after sex | <input type="checkbox"/> Polycystic Ovarian syndrome                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uterine fibroids                            | <input type="checkbox"/> increased/decreased libido | <input type="checkbox"/> yeast infection    | <input type="checkbox"/> genital itching/rash/sores                       |
| Cramps: <input type="checkbox"/> dull <input type="checkbox"/> sharp |   |   |   |
| PMS:   |   |   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> nausea/vomiting                             | <input type="checkbox"/> breast tenderness/swelling | <input type="checkbox"/> headache           | <input type="checkbox"/> water retention                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> loose stools                                | <input type="checkbox"/> constipation               | <input type="checkbox"/> depression         | <input type="checkbox"/> irritability <input type="checkbox"/> cry easily |
- Cravings: \_\_\_\_\_

- Menstrual flow:  light  moderate  heavy Clots?  No  Yes  small  large
- Menstrual color?  Pale red  Bright red  Purple  Black  Brown/rust
- How many days does your period last? \_\_\_\_\_ How many days in your cycle? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently on birth control? What type? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What are your previous methods? \_\_\_\_\_  
 History of sexually transmitted infections: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any other female concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

**MALE REPRODUCTIVE**

Enlarged/inflamed Prostate       Cancer       Testicular pain/swelling       decreased libido  
 genital itching/rash/sores       feeling of cold or numbness in the external genitalia       Impotence  
 fungal infection       history of sexually transmitted infections: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any other concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEURO-PSYCHOLOGICAL**

seizures       tremors       stroke       poor memory       concussion  
 loss of balance       loss of coordination       vertigo       dizziness       neuropathy  
 anxiety       panic attacks       depression       ADD/ADHD       Bipolar  
 excessive worry       overthinking       easily stressed       easily angered       fearful  
 poor concentration       overwhelmed       mood swings       nervousness  
 Have you ever considered/attempted suicide?  No  Yes  
 Any other neuro-psychological concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

**MUSCULOSKELETAL**

Muscle tension       Muscle weakness       Muscle spasms       Joint pain/swelling  
 Numbness       Tingling       Repetitive stress injury       cold extremities  
 Muscle Pain:  Neck       Shoulder       Elbow       Hand/wrist       Hip       Knee       Ankle/foot  
 Back  upper  mid  lower       sacrum       sciatica       Leg cramps       Plantar fasciitis  
 Osteoporosis       Degenerative disc disease       Degenerative joint disease  
 Hardware implants? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any other muscle, joint, bone concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything not covered in this questionnaire that you would like to discuss? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for taking the time to answer these questions thoughtfully. Please sign & date:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Patient signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Today's date

PATIENT NAME:

## ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

**Article 1: Agreement to Arbitrate:** It is understood that any dispute as to medical malpractice, that is as to whether any medical services rendered under this contract were unnecessary or unauthorized or were improperly, negligently or incompetently rendered, will be determined by submission to arbitration as provided by state and federal law, and not by a lawsuit or resort to court process, except as state and federal law provides for judicial review of arbitration proceedings. Both parties to this contract, by entering into it, are giving up their constitutional right to have any such dispute decided in a court of law before a jury, and instead are accepting the use of arbitration. Further, the parties will not have the right to participate as a member of any class of claimants, and there shall be no authority for any dispute to be decided on a class action basis. An arbitration can only decide a dispute between the parties and may not consolidate or join the claims of other persons who have similar claims.

**Article 2: All Claims Must be Arbitrated:** It is also understood that any dispute that does not relate to medical malpractice, including disputes as to whether or not a dispute is subject to arbitration, as to whether this agreement is unconscionable, and any procedural disputes, will also be determined by submission to binding arbitration. It is the intention of the parties that this agreement bind all parties as to all claims, including claims arising out of or relating to treatment or services provided by the health care provider, including any heirs or past, present or future spouse(s) of the patient in relation to all claims, including loss of consortium. This agreement is also intended to bind any children of the patient whether born or unborn at the time of the occurrence giving rise to any claim. This agreement is intended to bind the patient and the health care provider and/or other licensed health care providers, preceptors, or interns who now or in the future treat the patient while employed by, working or associated with or serving as a back-up for the health care provider, including those working at the health care provider's clinic or office or any other clinic or office whether signatories to this form or not.

All claims for monetary damages exceeding the jurisdictional limit of the small claims court against the health care provider, and/or the health care provider's associates, association, corporation, partnership, employees, agents and estate, must be arbitrated including, without limitation, claims for loss of consortium, wrongful death, emotional distress, injunctive relief, or punitive damages. This agreement is intended to create an open book account unless and until revoked.

**Article 3: Procedures and Applicable Law:** A demand for arbitration must be communicated in writing to all parties. Each party shall select an arbitrator (party arbitrator) within thirty days, and a third arbitrator (neutral arbitrator) shall be selected by the arbitrators appointed by the parties within thirty days thereafter. The neutral arbitrator shall then be the sole arbitrator and shall decide the arbitration. Each party to the arbitration shall pay such party's pro rata share of the expenses and fees of the neutral arbitrator, together with other expenses of the arbitration incurred or approved by the neutral arbitrator, not including counsel fees, witness fees, or other expenses incurred by a party for such party's own benefit. Either party shall have the absolute right to bifurcate the issues of liability and damage upon written request to the neutral arbitrator.

The parties consent to the intervention and joinder in this arbitration of any person or entity that would otherwise be a proper additional party in a court action, and upon such intervention and joinder, any existing court action against such additional person or entity shall be stayed pending arbitration. The parties agree that provisions of state and federal law, where applicable, establishing the right to introduce evidence of any amount payable as a benefit to the patient to the maximum extent permitted by law, limiting the right to recover non-economic losses, and the right to have a judgment for future damages conformed to periodic payments, shall apply to disputes within this Arbitration Agreement. The parties further agree that the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association shall govern any arbitration conducted pursuant to this Arbitration Agreement.

**Article 4: General Provision:** All claims based upon the same incident, transaction, or related circumstances shall be arbitrated in one proceeding. A claim shall be waived and forever barred if (1) on the date notice thereof is received, the claim, if asserted in a civil action, would be barred by the applicable legal statute of limitations, or (2) the claimant fails to pursue the arbitration claim in accordance with the procedures prescribed herein with reasonable diligence.

**Article 5: Revocation:** This agreement may be revoked by written notice delivered to the health care provider within 30 days of signature and, if not revoked, will govern all professional services received by the patient and all other disputes between the parties.

**Article 6: Retroactive Effect:** If patient intends this agreement to cover services rendered before the date it is signed (for example, emergency treatment), patient should initial here. \_\_\_\_\_. Effective as of the date of first professional services.

If any provision of this Arbitration Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and shall not be affected by the invalidity of any other provision. I understand that I have the right to receive a copy of this Arbitration Agreement. By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have received a copy.

**NOTICE: BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT YOU ARE AGREEING TO HAVE ANY ISSUE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE DECIDED BY NEUTRAL ARBITRATION AND YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR RIGHT TO A JURY OR COURT TRIAL. SEE ARTICLE 1 OF THIS CONTRACT.**

(Date)  
PATIENT SIGNATURE **X**  
(Or Patient Representative) (Indicate relationship if signing for patient)

(Date)  
OFFICE SIGNATURE **X**

**ALSO SIGN THE INFORMED CONSENT ON REVERSE SIDE**

## ACUPUNCTURE INFORMED CONSENT TO TREAT

I hereby request and consent to the performance of acupuncture treatments and other procedures within the scope of the practice of acupuncture on me (or on the patient named below, for whom I am legally responsible) by the acupuncturist indicated below and/or other licensed acupuncturists who now or in the future treat me while employed by, working or associated with or serving as back-up for the acupuncturist named below, including those working at the clinic or office listed below or any other office or clinic, whether signatories to this form or not.

I understand that methods of treatment may include, but are not limited to, acupuncture, moxibustion, cupping, electrical stimulation, Tui-Na (Chinese massage), Chinese herbal medicine, and nutritional counseling. I understand that the herbs may need to be prepared and the teas consumed according to the instructions provided orally and in writing. The herbs may have an unpleasant smell or taste. I will immediately notify a member of the clinical staff of any unanticipated or unpleasant effects associated with the consumption of the herbs.

I have been informed that acupuncture is a generally safe method of treatment, but that it may have some side effects, including bruising, numbness or tingling near the needling sites that may last a few days, and dizziness or fainting. Burns and/or scarring are a potential risk of moxibustion and cupping, or when treatment involves the use of heat lamps. Bruising is a common side effect of cupping. Unusual risks of acupuncture include spontaneous miscarriage, nerve damage and organ puncture, including lung puncture (pneumothorax). Infection is another possible risk, although the clinic uses sterile disposable needles and maintains a clean and safe environment.

I understand that while this document describes the major risks of treatment, other side effects and risks may occur. The herbs and nutritional supplements (which are 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. I understand that some herbs may be inappropriate during pregnancy. Some possible side effects of taking herbs are nausea, gas, stomachache, vomiting, headache, diarrhea, rashes, hives, and tingling of the tongue. I will notify a clinical staff member who is caring for me if I am or become pregnant.

While I do not expect the clinical staff to be able to anticipate and explain all possible risks and complications of treatment, I wish to rely on the clinical staff to exercise judgment during the course of treatment which the clinical staff thinks at the time, based upon the facts then known, is in my best interest. I understand that results are not guaranteed.

I understand the clinical and administrative staff may review my patient 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, or have had read to me, the above consent to treatment, have been told about the risks and benefits of acupuncture and other procedures, 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 for any future condition(s) for which I seek treatment.

ACUPUNCTURIST NAME:

(Date)

PATIENT SIGNATURE

X

(Or Patient Representative)

(Indicate relationship if signing for patient)

**ALSO SIGN THE ARBITRATION AGREEMENT ON REVERSE SIDE**