

## 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 Chinese medicine on me (or on the patient named below, for whom I am legally responsible) by the acupuncturists at Acupuncture Wellness Center, LLC.

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 will be notified of and be given the opportunity to ask questions about any and all of the aforementioned methods of treatment before they are performed.

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, and dizziness or fainting. Infection is another possible risk, although the clinic uses sterile disposable needles and maintains a clean and safe work environment. Bruising is a common side effect of cupping. The herbs and supplements 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. I will notify a clinical staff member who is caring for me if I am or become pregnant.

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

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.

Patient Signature: