

Notice of Privacy Practices and Patient Rights

How Your Information is Used

Treatment: We will use and disclose Protected Health Care Information (PHI) to provide, coordinate, or manage your healthcare and any related services.

Payment: PHI will be used and disclosed, as needed to obtain payment for healthcare services provided by us or another provider.

Healthcare Operations: As needed, we may use or disclose PHI to support business or administrative activities.

Admissible Unauthorized Disclosures

Law: When required by local, state, or federal law.

Legal proceedings: We may disclose PHI during any judicial or administrative proceeding in response to an order of a court or tribunal, or in certain circumstances in response to a subpoena, discovery, or other lawful process.

Public Health: As required by law, we must disclose PHI to public health or legal authorities responsible for preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability.

Correctional Institutions: If you are or become an inmate of a correctional institution, we may disclose PHI to the institution or its agents when necessary for your health or the health and safety of others.

Victims of Abuse, Neglect, or Domestic Violence: We may disclose PHI to a public health authority that is authorized by law to receive reports of child abuse, neglect, or domestic violence.

Coroners, Organ Procurement: We may disclose PHI to a coroner or medical examiner, as necessary by law. Consistent with applicable law, we may release your PHI to organ procurement organizations engaged in tissue/organ procurement and transplantation.

Federal Drug Administration (FDA): We may disclose PHI to the FDA your PHI relative to adverse events with respect to drugs, foods, supplements, products, and product defects to enable product recalls, repairs, or replacement.

Close identifiable Persons: Staff, using their professional judgment, may disclose PHI to a person(s) you have designated or acting as your "agent" or authorized representative, as permitted under law. This may include relevant information regarding your care or payment.

Health Oversight: We may disclose PHI to a health oversight agency for activities such as audits, investigations, and inspections.

Research: We may disclose for research purposes when the research is approved with established protocols to ensure the privacy of your information, or with your written authorization.

Your Rights

- You have the right to inspect and receive a copy of your PHI.
- You have the right to request a restriction of your PHI.
- You have the right to request to receive confidential communications from us by alternative means or location.
- You have the right to have your request an amendment to your PHI.
- You have a right to receive an accounting of certain disclosures we have made, if any, of your PHI.
- You have the right to obtain a paper copy of this notice.