

The Dentists at North Cypress Notice of Privacy Practices

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of protected health information, to provide individuals with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to protected health information, and to notify affected individuals following a breach of unsecured protected health information. We must follow the privacy practices that are described in this Notice while it is in effect. This Notice takes effect 1/1/2015, and will remain in effect until we replace it.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices and the terms of this Notice at any time, provided such changes are permitted by applicable law, and to make new Notice provisions effective for all protected health information that we maintain. When we make a significant change in our privacy practices, we will change this Notice and post the new Notice clearly and prominently at our practice location, and we will provide copies of the new Notice upon request.

You may request a copy of our Notice at any time. For more information about our privacy practices, or for additional copies of this Notice, please contact us using the information listed at the end of this Notice.

HOW WE MAY USE AND DISCLOSE HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

We may use and disclose your health information for different purposes, including treatment, payment, and health care operations. For each of these categories, we have provided a description and an example. Some information, such as HIV-related information, genetic information, alcohol and/or substance abuse records, and mental health records may be entitled to special confidentiality protections under applicable state or federal law. We will abide by these special protections as they pertain to applicable cases involving these types of records.

Treatment. We may use and disclose your health information for your treatment. For example, we may disclose your health information to a specialist providing treatment to you.

Payment. We may use and disclose your health information to obtain reimbursement for the treatment and services you receive from us or another entity involved with your care. Payment activities include billing, collections, claims management, and determinations of eligibility and coverage to obtain payment from you, an insurance company, or another third party. For example, we may send claims to your dental health plan containing certain health information.

Healthcare Operations. We may use and disclose your health information in connection with our healthcare operations. For example, healthcare operations include quality assessment and improvement activities, conducting training programs, and licensing activities.

Individuals Involved in Your Care or Payment for Your Care. We may disclose your health information to your family or friends or any other individual identified by you when they are involved in your care or in the payment for your care. Additionally, we may disclose information about you to a patient representative. If a person has the authority by law to make health care decisions for you, we will treat that patient representative the same way we would treat you with respect to your health information.

Disaster Relief. We may use or disclose your health information to assist in disaster relief efforts.

Required by Law. We may use or disclose your health information when we are required to do so by law.

Public Health Activities. We may disclose your health information for public health activities, including disclosures to:

- Prevent or control disease, injury or disability;
- Report child abuse or neglect;
- Report reactions to medications or problems with products or devices;
- Notify a person of a recall, repair, or replacement of products or devices;
- Notify a person who may have been exposed to a disease or condition; or
- Notify the appropriate government authority if we believe a patient has been the victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence.

National Security. We may disclose to military authorities the health information of Armed Forces personnel under certain circumstances. We may disclose to authorized federal officials health information required for lawful intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities. We may disclose to correctional institution or law enforcement official having lawful custody the protected health information of an inmate or patient.

Secretary of HHS. We will disclose your health information to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services when required to investigate or determine compliance with HIPAA.

Worker's Compensation. We may disclose your PHI to the extent authorized by and to the extent necessary to comply with laws relating to worker's compensation or other similar programs established by law.

Law Enforcement. We may disclose your PHI for law enforcement purposes as permitted by HIPAA, as required by law, or in response to a subpoena or court order.

Health Oversight Activities. We may disclose your PHI to an oversight agency for activities authorized by law. These oversight activities include audits, investigations, inspections, and credentialing, as necessary for licensure and for the government to monitor the health care system, government programs, and compliance with civil rights laws.

Judicial and Administrative Proceedings. If you are involved in a lawsuit or a dispute, we may disclose your PHI in response to a court or administrative order. We may also disclose health information about you in response to a subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process instituted by someone else involved in the dispute, but only if efforts have been made, either by the requesting party or us, to tell you about the request or to obtain an order protecting the information requested.

Research. We may disclose your PHI to researchers when their research has been approved by an institutional review board or privacy board that has reviewed the research proposal and established protocols to ensure the privacy of your information.

Coroners, Medical Examiners, and Funeral Directors. We may release your PHI to a coroner or medical examiner. This may be necessary, for example, to identify a deceased person or determine the cause of death. We may also disclose PHI to funeral directors consistent with applicable law to enable them to carry out their duties.

Fundraising. We may contact you to provide you with information about our sponsored activities, including fundraising programs, as permitted by applicable law. If you do not wish to receive such information from us, you may opt out of receiving the communications.

Other Uses and Disclosures of PHI

Your authorization is required, with a few exceptions, for disclosure of psychotherapy notes, use or disclosure of PHI for marketing, and for the sale of PHI. We will also obtain your written authorization before using or disclosing your PHI for purposes other than those provided for in this Notice (or as otherwise permitted or required by law). You may revoke an authorization in writing at any time. Upon receipt of the written revocation, we will stop using or disclosing your PHI, except to the extent that we have already taken action in reliance on the authorization.

Your Health Information Rights

Access. You have the right to look at or get copies of your health information, with limited exceptions. You must make the request in writing. You may obtain a form to request access by using the contact information listed at the end of this Notice. You may also request access by sending us a letter to the address at the end of this Notice. If you request information that we maintain on paper, we may provide photocopies. If you request information that we maintain electronically, you have the right to an electronic copy. We will use the form and format you request if readily producible. We will charge you a reasonable cost-based fee for the cost of supplies and labor of copying, and for postage if you want copies mailed to you. Contact us using the information listed at the end of this Notice for an explanation of our fee structure.

If you are denied a request for access, you have the right to have the denial reviewed in accordance with the requirements of applicable law.

Disclosure Accounting. With the exception of certain disclosures, you have the right to receive an accounting of disclosures of your health information in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. To request an accounting of disclosures of your health information, you must submit your request in writing to the Privacy Official. If you request this accounting more than once in a 12-month period, we may charge you a reasonable, cost-based fee for responding to the additional requests.

Right to Request a Restriction. You have the right to request additional restrictions on our use or disclosure of your PHI by submitting a written request to the Privacy Official. Your written request must include (1) what information you want to limit, (2) whether you want to limit our use, disclosure or both, and (3) to whom you want the limits to apply. We are not required to agree to your request except in the case where the disclosure is to a health plan for purposes of carrying out payment or health care operations, and the information pertains solely to a health care item or service for which you, or a person on your behalf (other than the health plan), has paid our practice in full.

Alternative Communication. You have the right to request that we communicate with you about your health information by alternative means or at alternative locations. You must make your request in writing. Your request must specify the alternative means or location, and provide satisfactory explanation of how payments will be handled under the alternative means or location you request. We will accommodate all reasonable requests. However, if we are unable to contact you using the ways or locations you have requested we may contact you using the information we have.

Amendment. You have the right to request that we amend your health information. Your request must be in writing, and it must explain why the information should be amended. We may deny your request under certain circumstances. If we agree to your request, we will amend your record(s) and notify you of such. If we deny your request for an amendment, we will provide you with a written explanation of why we denied it and explain your rights.

Right to Notification of a Breach. You will receive notifications of breaches of your unsecured protected health information as required by law. Electronic Notice. You may receive a paper copy of this Notice upon request, even if you have agreed to receive this Notice electronically on our Web site or by electronic mail (e-mail).

Questions and Complaints

If you want more information about our privacy practices or have questions or concerns, please contact us.

If you are concerned that we may have violated your privacy rights, or if you disagree with a decision we made about access to your health information or in response to a request you made to amend or restrict the use or disclosure of your health information or to have us communicate with you by alternative means or at alternative locations, you may complain to us using the contact information listed at the end of this Notice. You also may submit a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We will provide you with the address to file your complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services upon request.

We support your right to the privacy of your health information. We will not retaliate in any way if you choose to file a complaint with us or with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Our Privacy Official:		Jill Yeager	
Phone:	281-664-8100	Fax:	281-664-8104
Address:		21212 Northwest Freeway #275, Cypress, TX 77429	
Email:		admin@tdatnc.com	

The Dentists at North Cypress

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES AND CONSENT FOR USE AND DISCLOSURE OF HEALTH INFORMATION

****You may refuse to sign this acknowledgement****

Notice of Privacy Practices: You have the right to read our Notice of Privacy Practices before you decide whether to sign this Consent. Our notice provides a description of our treatment, payment activities and healthcare operations, of the uses and disclosures we may make of your protected health information, and other important matters about your protected health information. A copy of our notice accompanies this Consent. We encourage you to read it carefully and completely before signing this Consent.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices as described in our Notice of Privacy Practices. If we change our privacy practices, we will issue a revised Notice of Privacy Practices, which will contain the changes. Those changes may apply to any of your protected health information that we maintain.

You may obtain a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices, including any revisions, at any time by contacting:

The Dentists at North Cypress
21212 Northwest Freeway #275 Cypress, Texas 77429
Telephone: 281-664-8100 Fax: 281-664-8104

Right to Revoke: You have the right to revoke this Consent at any time by giving us written notice of your revocation submitted to the contact person(s) listed above. Please understand that the revocation of this Consent will not affect any action we took in reliance on this Consent before we received your revocation, and that we may decline to treat you or continue treating you if you revoke this Consent.

I, _____, have received a copy of this office's Notice of Privacy Practices and have had full opportunity to read and consider the contents of this Consent form and Notice of Privacy Practices. I understand that, by signing this Consent form, I am giving my consent to your use and disclosure of my protected health information to carry out treatment, payment activities and healthcare operations.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If this Consent is signed by a personal representative on behalf of the patient, complete the following:

Personal Representative's Name: _____

Relationship to Patient: _____

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A COPY OF THIS CONSENT AFTER YOU SIGN IT. PLEASE ASK FOR A COPY.

For Office Use Only

We attempted to obtain written acknowledgement of receipt of our Notice of Privacy Practices, but acknowledgement could not be obtained because:

- Individual refused to sign
- Communication barriers prohibited obtaining the acknowledgement
- An emergency situation prevented us from obtaining the acknowledgement
- Other _____

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Welcome

Thank you for selecting our dental healthcare team! We will strive to provide you with the best possible dental care. To help us meet all of your dental healthcare needs, please complete this form. If you have any questions or need assistance, please ask and we will be happy to help.

Patient Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home #: _____ Work #: _____ Cellular #: _____ Text Messages Y N

Birth Date: _____ Soc Sec: _____ Drivers Lic: _____

E-mail: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Check appropriate box: Single Married Divorced Widowed Separated

Who may we thank for referring you? _____

Responsible Party Information Same as above

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home #: _____ Work #: _____ Cellular #: _____ Text Messages Y N

Birth Date: _____ Soc Sec: _____ Drivers Lic: _____

E-mail: _____

Primary Insurance Information

Name of Insured: _____ Relationship to Insured: Self Spouse Child Other

Insured Soc Sec: _____ Insured Birth Date: _____

Insured Employer: _____ Plan #: _____

Insurance Company: _____ Subscriber ID#: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Insurance Company Phone #: _____

Authorization for Treatment and Acceptance of Financial Responsibility

We provide comprehensive, quality dental care, but also strive to keep our fees affordable for our patients. By asking for payment at the time services are rendered, we can eliminate the costs associated with billing. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card. For treatment plans exceeding \$1500.00, application for special credit arrangements can be offered.

I have read and understand the above. I authorize and request my insurance company to pay directly to the dentist (unless I file claims myself). I understand that my dental insurance carrier may pay less than the actual bill for services or estimate, and I agree to be responsible for payment of all services rendered on my behalf or for my dependent at the time services are rendered.

Signature of patient or responsible party

Date

Although dental personnel primarily treat the area in and around your mouth, your mouth is a part of your entire body. Health problems that you may have, or medication that you may be taking, could have an important interrelationship with the dentistry you will receive. Thank you for answering the following questions.

Are you under a physicians care now?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, explain:
Have you ever been hospitalized or had a major operation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, explain:
Have you ever had a serious neck injury?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, explain:
Are you taking any medication, pills or drugs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, explain:
Do you take, or have you taken, Phen-Fen or Redux?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, explain:
Are you on a special diet?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, explain:
Do you use tobacco?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	What form and how much:
Do you use controlled substances?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Is yes, explain:

Women: Are you

Pregnant/Trying to get pregnant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Taking oral contraceptives?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Nursing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Are you allergic to any of the following?

<input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin	<input type="checkbox"/> Penicillin	<input type="checkbox"/> Codeine	<input type="checkbox"/> Acrylic	<input type="checkbox"/> Metal	<input type="checkbox"/> Latex	<input type="checkbox"/> Local anesthetics
<input type="checkbox"/> Other If yes, explain:						

Do you have, or have you had, any of the following?

AIDS/HIV Positive	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Excessive Bleeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Lung Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Alzheimers Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Excessive Thirst	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Mitral Valve Prolapse	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Anaphylaxis	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fainting Spells/Dizziness	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Pain in Jaw Joint	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Anemia	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Frequent Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Parathyroid	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Angina	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Frequent Diarrhea	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Psychiatric Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Arthritis /Gout	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Frequent Headaches	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Radiation Treatments	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Artificial Heart Valve	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Genital Herpes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Recent Weight Loss	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Artificial Joint	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Glaucoma	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Renal Dialysis	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Hay Fever	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Rheumatism	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Blood Transfusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Heart Murmur	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Scarlet Fever	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Breathing Problem	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Heart Pace Maker	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Shingles	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Bruise Easily	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Heart Trouble/Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Sickle Cell Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Hemophilia	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Sinus Trouble	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Chemotherapy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Hepatitis A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Spina Bifida	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Chest Pains	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Hepatitis B or C	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Stomach/Intestinal Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Cold Sores/Fever Blisters	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Herpes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Stroke	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Congenital Heart	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	High Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Swelling of Limbs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Convulsions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Hives or Rash	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Thyroid Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Cortisone Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Hypoglycemia	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Tonsilitis	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Irregular Heartbeat	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Tuberculosis	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Drug Addiction	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Kidney Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Tumors or Growths	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Easily Winded	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Leukemia	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Ulcers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Emphysema	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Liver Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Venereal Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Epilepsy or Seizures	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Low Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Yellow Jaundice	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you ever had any serious illness not listed above?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Explain:			

Comments:

To the best of my knowledge, the questions on this form have been accurately answered. I understand that providing incorrect information can be dangerous to my (or patient's) health. It is my responsibility to inform the dental office of any changes in medical status.

Signature of patient, parent or guardian

Date