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PATIENT REGISTRATION

Note: This form may be completed manually or on your computer. To complete this form on the computer: 1.Type your answer in each feld. 2. Save your work ofen on your computer or device. 3. Print the completed form and bring it with you to your frst appointment.

PATIENT INFORMATION

NAME (FIRST, M.I., LAST)		SSN	BIRTH DATE	SEX M ☐ F ☐
MAILING ADDRESS	APT#	CITY	STATE	ZIP
HOME PHONE XXX-XXX-XXXX	WORK PHONE XXX-XXX-XXXX	CELL PHONE XXX-XXX-XXXX	EMAIL ADDRESS (EXAMPLE@TEST.COM)	
PREFERRED CONTACT METHOD (REQUIRED) CELL ☐ HOME ☐ WORK ☐ EMAIL ☐ TEXT ☐	MARITAL STATUS	RACE	ETHNICITY	LANGUAGE
PRIMARY EMPLOYER		EMERGENCY CONTACT	EMERGENCY PHONE	
ADDRESS	SUITE #	TO WHOM MAY WE RELEASE MEDICAL INFORMATION		
CITY, STATE, ZIP		PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN		
OCCUPATION	STATUS FT ☐ PT ☐ NOT EMPLOYED ☐	REFERRING PHYSICIAN		

GUARANTOR/RESPONSIBLE PARTY *(if different than patient)*

NAME (FIRST, M.I., LAST)		SSN	BIRTH DATE	SEX M ☐ F ☐
MAILING ADDRESS		CITY	STATE	ZIP
HOME PHONE XXX-XXX-XXXX	WORK PHONE XXX-XXX-XXXX	CELL PHONE XXX-XXX-XXXX	EMAIL ADDRESS (EXAMPLE@TEST.COM)	
PREFERRED CONTACT METHOD (REQUIRED) CELL ☐ HOME ☐ WORK ☐ EMAIL ☐ TEXT ☐	RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT			

PRIMARY INSURANCE

NAME OF INSURANCE COMPANY		POLICY #
NAME OF POLICY HOLDER	BIRTH DATE	GROUP #
RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	GROUP NAME

SECONDARY INSURANCE

NAME OF INSURANCE COMPANY		POLICY #
NAME OF POLICY HOLDER	BIRTH DATE	GROUP #
RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	GROUP NAME

FINANCIAL POLICY: Payment in full or co-payment is expected at the time of service. Services provided that are not a covered benefit of your health plan will be your responsibility. You may also be required to pay deductible, co-insurance, supplies, at the time of service. For patients without insurance, payment is due at the time of service. This includes initial urological consultation, office visits, medications, supplies as well as diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. An approximate cost for anticipated services will be provided to you at the time of the scheduling of your appointment or procedure. Payment may be made by cash, check, or credit card. Exceptions to this policy will be made by the urgency and severity of your medical condition and no patient will be denied emergent medical care.

ADDITIONAL OFFICE CHARGES NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE INCLUDE:

No-Show Appointment Fee $50.00 — (Cancellations require 24 hour notice. Discharge from practice occurs after 2nd no-show)
Same Day Cancellation Fee $25/$50 — (Follow-up visits: $25.00; Procedures: $50.00)
Form Fees (per form) $25.00 — (Forms include:Disability,Life Insurance,Health Insurance,Jury Duty, Assisted Living, & Leave of Absence forms)
Returned Check Fee $25.00

Any questions concerning this policy are to be coordinated through the Administration Office: Urology Associates of the Central Coast, Administration Office, 225 Prado Rd. Ste. D, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 (805) 786-2500

CONSENT TO TREATMENT/RELEASE OF INFORMATION: I grant Urology Associates of the Central Coast the authority to administer medical treatment and perform medical procedures as deemed necessary; and the authority to access Private Health Information (PHI) via Health Information Exchanges (HIE) including, but not limited to pharmacy, hospital and other physicians' records involved in my care. I authorize the release of medical information to my insurer, or the insurer's agents to process my payments for service. To the best of my knowledge, all of the information above is true and correct.

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS: I hereby assign all benefits payable by my insurance company to Urology Associates of the Central Coast.

PATIENT /RESPONSIBLE PARTY SIGNATURE

DATE

RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT

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HEALTH HISTORY

PATIENT NAME _____

BIRTH DATE _____

CURRENT MEDICATIONS

NAME	DOSE	FREQUENCY
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

PREFERRED PHARMACY	LOCATION

ALLERGIES *Do you have any allergies to medications?*

NAME	DOSE	FREQUENCY
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

REVIEW OF SYSTEMS *Please check the following if you are experiencing now or have in the past few years.*

- ☐ Anxiety
- ☐ Appetite Change
- ☐ Arm / Leg Numbness
- ☐ Back Problems
- ☐ Blood In Stool
- ☐ Bone Or Joint Pain
- ☐ Bruising Or Bleeding (Excessive)
- ☐ Chest Pain
- ☐ Constipation / Diarrhea
- ☐ Cough (Persistant)
- ☐ Depression
- ☐ Fainting / Blackout Spells
- ☐ Feet / Ankle Swelling
- ☐ Fever / Chills
- ☐ Hearing Trouble
- ☐ Heart Rate (Irregular / Fast)
- ☐ Hot Flashes
- ☐ Nausea / Vomiting
- ☐ Night Sweats
- ☐ Rash
- ☐ Sexual Function Problems
- ☐ Stress At Home / Work (Excessive)
- ☐ Swallowing Difficulty
- ☐ Urinating Difficulty
- ☐ Urine Leakage
- ☐ Vision Trouble
- ☐ Wheezing / Shortness Of Breath
- ☐ Weight Change - Unintended
- ☐ Other: _____

_____

PAST SURGICAL HISTORY

DATE	TYPE OF SURGERY

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HEALTH HISTORY

PATIENT NAME _____

BIRTH DATE _____

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY *(check all applicable)*

- ☐ Artificial Joint
- ☐ Asthma
- ☐ Bladder Infection
- ☐ Blood Clotting Disorder
- ☐ Blood Disease
- ☐ Blood In Urine
- ☐ Cancer *Type:* _____
- ☐ Diabetes *Type:* _____
- ☐ Glaucoma *Type:* _____
- ☐ Gout
- ☐ Heart Attack
- ☐ Heart Disease
- ☐ Heart Rhythm - Abnormal
- ☐ Heart Valve
- ☐ Hepatitis
- ☐ Hernia
- ☐ High Blood Pressure
- ☐ HIV AIDS
- ☐ Kidney Disease
- ☐ Kidney Infection
- ☐ Kidney - Solitary
- ☐ Kidney Stones
- ☐ Liver Disease
- ☐ Lung Disease
- ☐ Mental Disorder
- ☐ Nervous Disorder
- ☐ Prosthesis *Type:* _____
- ☐ Pace Maker
- ☐ Rheumatic Fever
- ☐ Seizure
- ☐ Stroke
- ☐ Ulcers
- ☐ Venereal Disease
- ☐ Other: _____

FAMILY HISTORY *Have any of your blood relatives had any of the following conditions: (check all applicable)*

	Mother	Father	Sister	Brother		Mother	Father	Sister	Brother
Bleeding Disorder	☐	☐	☐	☐	High Blood Pressure	☐	☐	☐	☐
Cancer, Type:_____	☐	☐	☐	☐	Kidney Stones	☐	☐	☐	☐
Diabetes	☐	☐	☐	☐	Other_____	☐	☐	☐	☐

SOCIAL HISTORY

Alcohol Use ○ CURRENT ○ PAST ○ NEVER	# DRINKS	PER ○ DAY ○ WEEK ○ MONTH	# OF YEARS	LAST USED
Tobacco Use ○ CURRENT ○ PAST ○ NEVER	TYPE	# OF PACKS PER DAY	# OF YEARS	LAST USED
Drug Use ○ CURRENT ○ PAST ○ NEVER	TYPE		# OF YEARS	LAST USED
PATIENT OCCUPATION	STATUS ○ FULL TIME ○ PART TIME ○ DISABLED ○ RETIRED ○ STUDENT ○ NOT EMPLOYED			
MARITAL STATUS ○ SINGLE ○ MARRIED ○ LIFE PARTNER ○ SEPARATED ○ NEVER MARRIED ○ DIVORCED ○ WIDOWED			# OF CHILDREN	
Exercise ○ YES ○ NO	TYPE		TIMES PER WEEK	

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

Privacy Officer: Samuel B. Kieley, 805-786-2500

Effective Date: July 21, 2017

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

We understand the importance of privacy and are committed to maintaining the confidentiality of your medical information. We made a record of the medical care we provide and may receive such records from others. We use these records to provide or enable other health care providers to provide quality medical care, to obtain payment for services provided to you as allowed by your health plan and to enable us to meet our professional and legal obligations to operate this medical practice properly. We are required by law to maintain the privacy of protected health information and to provide individuals with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to protected health information. This notice describes how we may use and disclose your medical information. It also describes your rights and our legal obligations with respect to your medical information. If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact our Privacy Officer listed above.

A. How This Medical Practice May Use or Disclose Your Health Information

This medical practice collects health information about you and stores it in a chart and on a computer. This is your medical record. The medical record is the property of this medical practice, but the information in the medical record belongs to you. The law permits us to use or disclose your health information for the following purposes:

Treatment. We use medical information about you to provide your medical care. We disclose medical information to our employees and others who are involved in providing the care you need. For example, we may share your medical information with other physicians or other health care providers who will provide services which we do not provide. Or we may share this information with a pharmacist who needs it to dispense a prescription to you, or a laboratory that performs a test. We may also disclose medical information to members of your family or others who can help you when you are sick or injured.

Payment. We use and disclose medical information about you to obtain payment for the services we provide. For example, we give your health plan the information it requires before it will pay us. We may also disclose information to other health care providers to assist them in obtaining payment for services they have provided to you.

Health Care Options. We may use and disclose medical information about you to operate this medical practice. For example, we may use and disclose this

information to review and improve the quality of care we provide, or the competence and qualifications of our professional staff. Or we may use and disclose this information to get your health plan to authorize services or referrals. We may also use and disclose this information as necessary for medical reviews, legal services and audits, including fraud and abuse detection and compliance programs and business planning and management. We may also share your medical information with our "business associates," such as our billing service, that perform administrative services for us. We have a written contract with each of these business associates that contains terms requiring them to protect the confidentiality and security of your medical information. Although federal law does not protect health information which is disclosed to someone other than another healthcare provider, health plan or healthcare clearinghouse, under California law all recipients of health care information are prohibited from re-disclosing it except as specifically required or permitted by law. We may also share your information with other health care providers, health care clearinghouses or health plans that have a relationship with you, when they request this information to help them with their quality assessment and improvement activities, their efforts to improve health or reduce health care costs, their review of competence, qualifications and performance of health care professionals, their training programs, their accreditation, certification or licensing activities, or their health care fraud and abuse detection and compliance efforts. We may also share medical information about you with the other health care providers, health care clearinghouses and health plans that participate with us in "organized health care arrangements" (OHCA's) for OHCAs' health care operations. OHCAs include hospitals, physician organizations, health plans, and other entities which collectively provide health care services. A listing of the OHCAs we participate in is available from the Privacy Official.

Appointment Reminders. We may use and disclose medical information to contact and remind you about appointments. If you are not home, we may leave this information on your answering machine or in a message left with the person answering the phone. We may use your preferred method of contact including, but not limited to, automatic calls, emails, or texts for appointment reminders. You may choose your preferred means of appointment reminder at any time.

Sign In Sheet. We may use and disclose medical information about you by having you sign in when you arrive at our office. We may also call out you name when we are ready to see you.

Notification and Communication with Family. We may disclose your health information to notify or assist in notifying a family member, your personal representative or another person responsible for your care about your location, your general condition or in the event of your death. In the event of a disaster, we may disclose information to a relief organization so that they may coordinate these notification efforts. We may also disclose information to someone who is involved with your care or helps pay for your care. If you are able and available to agree or object, we will give you the opportunity to object prior to making these disclosures, although we may disclose this information in a disaster even over your objection if we believe it is necessary to respond to the emergency circumstances. If you are unable or unavailable to agree or object, our health professionals will use their best judgement in communication with your family and others.

Marketing. We may contact you to give you information about products or services related to your treatment, case management or care coordination, or to direct or recommend other treatments or health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you, or to provide you with small gifts. We may also encourage you to purchase a product or service when we see you. If you are currently an enrollee of a health plan, we may receive payment for communications to you in conjunction with our provision, coordination, or management of your health care and related services, including our coordination or management of your health care with a third party, our consultation with other health care providers relating to your care, or if we refer you for health care, but only to the extent these communications describe: 1) a provider's participation in the health plan's network, 2) the extent of your covered benefits, or 3) concerning the availability of more cost-effective pharmaceuticals. We will not accept any payment for other marketing communications without your prior written authorization unless you have a chronic and seriously debilitating or life-threatening condition and we are making the communication in conjunction with our provision, coordination, or management of your health care and related services, including our coordination or management of your health care with a third party, our consultation with other health care providers relating to your care, or if we refer you for health care. If we make these types of communications to you while you have a chronic and seriously debilitating or life- threatening condition, we will tell you who is paying us, and we will also tell you how to stop these communications if you prefer not to receive them. We will not otherwise use or disclose your medical information for marketing purposes without your written authorization, and we will disclose whether we receive any payments for ay marketing activity you authorize.

Required by Law. As required by law, we will use and disclose your health information, but we will limit our use or disclosure to the relevant requirements of the law. When the law requires us to report abuse, neglect or domestic violence, or respond to judicial or administrative proceedings, or to law enforcement officials, we will further comply with the requirement set forth below concerning those activities.

Public Health. We may, and are sometimes required by law to disclose your health information to public health authorities for purposes related to: preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability; reporting child, elder or dependent adult abuse or neglect; reporting domestic violence; reporting to the Food and Drug Administration problems with products and reactions to medications; and reporting disease or infection exposure. When we report suspected elder or dependent adult abuse or domestic violence, we will inform you or your personal representative promptly unless in our best professional judgement, we believe the notification would place you at risk of serious harm or would require informing a personal representative we believe is responsible for the abuse or harm.

Health Oversight Activities. We may, and are sometimes required by law to disclose your health information to health oversight agencies during the course of audits, investigations, inspections, licensure and other proceedings, subject to limitations imposed by federal and California law.

Judicial and Administrative Proceedings. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your health information in the course of any administrative or judicial proceeding to the extent expressly authorized by a court or administrative order. We may also disclose information about you in response to a subpoena, discovery request or other lawful process if reasonable efforts have been made to notify you of the request and you have not objected, or if your objections have been resolved by a court or administrative order.

Law Enforcement. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your health information to a law enforcement official for purposes such as identifying or locating a suspect, fugitive, material witness or missing person, complying with a court order, warrant, grand jury subpoena and other law enforcement purposes.

Coroners. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your health information to coroners in connection with their investigations of deaths.

Organ or Tissue Donation. We may disclose your health information to organizations involved in procuring, banking or transplanting organs and tissues.

Public Safety. We may, and are sometimes required by law, to disclose your health information to appropriate persons in order to prevent or lessen a serious

and imminent threat to the health or safety of a particular person or the general public.

Specialized Government Functions. We may disclose your health information for military or national security purposes or to correctional institutions or law enforcement officers that have you in their lawful custody.

Workers' Compensation. We may disclose your health information as necessary to comply with workers' compensation laws. For example, to the extent your care is covered by workers' compensation, we will make periodic reports to your employer about your condition. We are also required by law to report cases of occupational injury or occupational illness to the employer or workers' compensation insurer.

Change of Ownership. In the event that this medical practice is sold or merged with another organization, your health information/record will become the property of the new owner, although you will maintain the right to request that copies of your health information be transferred to another physician or medical group.

Breach Notification. In the case of a breach or unsecured protected health information, we will notify you as required by law. In some circumstances our business associate may provide the notification. We may also provide notification by other methods as appropriate.

Research. We may disclose your health information to researchers conducting research with respect to which your written authorization is not required as approved by an Institutional Review Board or privacy board, in compliance with governing law.

Electronic Health Information Exchange. We participate in the electronic sharing of health information with other health care providers, health plans, other health care-related entities, and others, through SacValley MedShare, a health information exchange (HIE). Your electronic health records, including certain sensitive health information, e.g., mental health information, HIV/AIDS, genetic information, some alcohol and drug abuse treatment information, communicable diseases, and developmental and intellectual disability treatment, may be accessible through the HIE to properly authorized uses for purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations, as well as other purposes permitted or required by law unless you submit an opt-out request online through www.sacvalleyms.org. Please review "right to electronic health information exchange" below for more information.

B. When This Medical Practice May Not Use or Disclose Your Health Information
Except as described in this Notice of Privacy Practices, this medical practice will not use or disclose health information which identifies you without your written authorization. If you do authorize this medical practice to use or disclose your health information for another purpose, you may revoke your authorization in writing at any time.

C. Your Health Information Rights
Right to Request Special Privacy Protections. You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your health information by a written request specifying what information you want to limit, and what limitations on our use or disclosure of that information you with to have imposed. If you tell us not to disclose information to your commercial health plan concerning health care items or services for which you paid in full out-of-pocket, we will abide by your request, unless we must disclose the information for treatment or legal reasons. We reserve the right to accept or reject any other request, and will notify you of our decision.

Right to Request Confidential Communications. You have the right to request that you receive your health information in a specific way or at a specific location. For example, you may ask that we send information to a particular e-mail account or to your work address. We will comply with all reasonable requests submitted in writing which specify how or where you wish to receive these communications.

Right to Inspect and Copy. You have the right to inspect and copy your health information, with limited exceptions. To access your medical information, you must submit a written request detailing what information you want access to and whether you want to inspect it or get a copy of it. We will charge a reasonable fee, as allowed by California and federal law. We may deny your request under limited circumstances. If we deny your request to access your child's records or the records of an incapacitated adult you are representing because we believe allowing access would be reasonably likely to cause substantial harm to the patient, you will have a right to appeal our decision. If we deny your request to access your psychotherapy notes, you will have the right to have them transferred to another mental health professional. [Add if you use an electronic health record: If your written request was clearly, conspicuously and specifically asks us to send you or some other person or entity an electronic copy of your medical record, and we do not deny the request as discussed above, we will send a copy of the electronic health record as you requested, and will change you no more than what it costs us to respond to your request.

Right to Amend or Supplement. You have a right to request that we amend your health information that you believe is incorrect or incomplete. You must make a request to amend in writing, and include the reasons you believe the information is inaccurate or incomplete. We are not required to change your health information, and will provide you with information about this medical practice's denial and how you can disagree with the denial. We may deny your request if we do not have the information, if we did not create the information (unless the person or entity that created the information is no longer available to make the amendment), if you would not be permitted to inspect or copy the information at issue, or if the information is accurate and complete as is. You also have the right to request that we add to your record a statement of up to 250 words concerning any statement or item you believe to be incomplete or incorrect.

Right to an Accounting of Disclosures. You have a right to receive an accounting of disclosures of your health information made by this medical practice, except that this medical practice does not have to account for the disclosures provided to you or pursuant to your written authorization, or as described in paragraphs 1 (treatment), 2 (payment), 3 (health care operations), 6 (notification and communication with family), and 16 (specialized government functions) of Section A of this Notice of Privacy Practices or disclosures for purposes of research or public health which exclude direct patient identifiers, or which are incident to a use or disclosure otherwise permitted or authorized by law, or the disclosures to a health oversight agency or law enforcement official to the extent this medical practice has received notice from that agency or official that providing this accounting would be reasonably likely to impede their activities.

Right to Electronic Health Information Exchange. You have the right to opt-out if you do not want your electronic health records shared and used through the HIE by submitting your opt-out request online at www.sacvalleyms.org. Even if you opt-out of having your health information used and disclosed through the HIE, some of your information may still be available through the HIE to properly authorized individuals as necessary in an emergency, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program or to report specific information to a government agency as required by law (e.g. reporting of certain communicable diseases or suspected incidents of abuse).

You have a right to a paper copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices, even if you have previously requested its receipt by e-mail.

If you would like to have a more detailed explanation of these rights or if you would like to exercise one of more of these rights, contact our Privacy Officer listed at the top of this Notice of Privacy Practices.

D. Changes to this Notice of Privacy Practices

We reserve the right to amend this Notice of Privacy Practices at any time in the future. Until such amendment is made, we are required by law to comply with this Notice. After an amendment is made, the revised Notice of Privacy Protections will apply to all protected health information that we maintain, regardless of when it was created or received. We will keep a copy of the current notice posted in our reception area, and a copy will be available at each appointment. We will also post the current notice on our website.

E. Complaints

Complaints about this Notice of Privacy Practices or how this medical practice handles your health information should be directed to our Privacy Officer listed at the top of this Notice of Privacy Practices.

If you are not satisfied with the manner in which this office handles a complaint, you may submit a formal complaint to:

Region IX
Office for Civil Rights
U.S. Department of Health & Human
Services 90 7th Street, Suite 4-100
San Francisco, CA 94103
(415) 437-8310; (415) 437-8311 (TDD)
(415) 437-8329 FAX
OCRMail@hhs.gov
The complaint form may be found at
www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/hipcomplaint.pdf . You will not be penalized for filing a complaint.

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RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES
WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

I, _____, have received a copy of **Urology Associates of the Central Coast** Notice of Privacy Practices.

_____ _____

Signature of Patient Date

Statement of Non-Discrimination

Urology Associates of the Central Coast complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. Urology Associates of the Central Coast does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

Patient Non-Discrimination Acknowledgment & Agreement

Purpose:
Our practice is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all patients, providers, and staff. To ensure the highest quality of care, discrimination of any kind is not tolerated.

Non-Discrimination Policy:
Patients are expected to treat all providers, staff members, and fellow patients with respect, without discrimination based on (including but not limited to): • Race or ethnicity • National origin • Religion • Sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation • Disability or medical condition • Age • Any other protected characteristic under federal or state law

Acknowledgment & Agreement:
1. I understand that discrimination, harassment, abusive language, or threatening behavior toward providers, staff, or other patients is strictly prohibited.
2. I understand that discriminatory behavior may result in my discharge from this practice, except in cases where immediate care is legally required.
3. I understand that if my behavior compromises the safety, dignity, or well-being of others, the practice has the right to terminate the patient-provider relationship in accordance with state and federal regulations.
4. I agree to uphold the standards of respect and professionalism expected within this practice.

Patient Confirmation:
I, _____, have read and fully understand Urology Associates of the Central Coast Patient Non-Discrimination Acknowledgment & Agreement. I agree to comply with all policies described above.

_____ _____

Signature of Patient Date

Urology Associates of the Central Coast:

Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare Policy

Introduction:

As part of our commitment to providing high-quality, equitable healthcare, we utilize Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies in certain aspects of patient care and healthcare operations. AI refers to computer systems designed to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence, such as interpreting medical data, assisting in administrative tasks, and supporting clinical decisions.

When AI is used in connection with your care, including during a clinical encounter, diagnosis, or treatment, you will be informed prior to or at the time of such use, except in emergency situations.

AI technologies may be used before, during, or after your visit, including within the exam room, for purposes such as documentation, clinical decision support, or diagnostic assistance. AI tools are intended to support your healthcare provider, who remains fully responsible for all medical decisions related to your care.

Potential Uses of AI in Your Healthcare:

AI may be used in the following ways:

1. **Virtual Scribe Services:** AI may assist in documenting your medical visits by transcribing and summarizing conversations between you and your healthcare provider. This allows the provider to focus on you during the appointment rather than on notetaking. Although the AI will assist in the documentation, the provider will review and verify the information for accuracy.
2. **Medical Billing and Coding:** AI may be used to assist in medical billing and coding, helping to streamline the process of billing insurance companies for the services provided. AI systems may analyze medical records to assign appropriate diagnosis and treatment codes. These AI systems will be programmed to adhere to industry standards, but the final responsibility for ensuring billing accuracy remains with healthcare professionals.
3. **Clinical Decision Support:** AI systems may assist healthcare providers in diagnosing conditions, recommending treatment options, and monitoring your health. These systems are designed to process medical data and

provide evidence-based suggestions to support clinical decision-making. However, all decisions regarding your care will ultimately be made by your healthcare provider, who will consider your individual circumstances.

4. **Medical Imaging and Diagnostic Assistance:** AI technologies may be used to assist in analyzing medical images (e.g., X-rays, MRIs, CT scans) to identify potential conditions or abnormalities. These AI systems are designed to assist, but not replace, medical professionals' interpretation of images. Your healthcare provider will review the results and make the final interpretation.
5. **Patient Communication and Engagement:** AI-powered tools may be used to communicate with you regarding appointment reminders, medication instructions, and other aspects of your care. Additionally, AI may be used to answer general health-related questions through chatbots or other virtual platforms. While AI can provide helpful information, it is not a substitute for personalized medical advice from a healthcare provider.
6. **Predictive Analytics and Risk Assessment:** AI may be used to analyze your health history, lifestyle, and other relevant data to predict potential risks for certain conditions (e.g., heart disease, diabetes, etc.). These AI systems will provide insights to help your healthcare provider make proactive decisions about your care, but these predictions are not always definitive and will be considered alongside other clinical factors.
7. **Personalized Treatment Plans:** AI may be used to analyze large datasets, including medical literature, clinical trial results, and individual patient data, to recommend personalized treatment plans. These plans will be reviewed and adjusted by your healthcare provider based on your unique needs.
8. **Automated Monitoring and Follow-up:** AI may be used to monitor chronic conditions or other health metrics remotely (e.g., through wearable devices or health apps). AI systems may analyze the collected data and alert your healthcare provider if concerns require attention. These systems help keep your provider informed but do not replace in-person consultations or clinical assessments.
9. **AI in Research and Clinical Trials:** AI may be involved in analyzing patient data for research purposes, including the development of new treatments or clinical trials. Participation in any research involving AI will be voluntary, and you will be provided with additional information and acknowledgment if applicable.

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Commitment to Fairness and Equity in AI Use:

We recognize that ensuring AI tools operate fairly and without discrimination is critical to providing the best care for all individuals, regardless of background, race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, or other factors. Discrimination in AI-driven healthcare tools, whether intentional or unintentional, can lead to uneven care, diminish patient trust, and expose healthcare providers to legal and regulatory risks. To mitigate these risks, we are committed to the following:

1. **Equitable AI Design and Deployment:** We will use AI systems that are designed to work fairly and equitably across diverse populations. This includes ensuring that AI models are tested and validated across demographic groups, including but not limited to race, gender, age, and socioeconomic status. We strive to ensure that all patients receive equally effective and personalized care.
2. **Transparency and Oversight:** We are committed to maintaining transparency in the use of AI tools in healthcare. This includes providing clear explanations of how AI systems are being used in your care, how data is processed, and how outcomes are determined. Additionally, we will continuously monitor AI tools to ensure they function as intended and are free from bias or discrimination.
3. **Ongoing Evaluation and Improvement:** AI systems will be regularly reviewed and updated to ensure that they reflect the most current medical knowledge and best practices. This ongoing evaluation helps avoid unintended bias or inequality in healthcare delivery.
4. **Ensuring Trust and Accountability:** We understand that building and maintaining trust is essential. By implementing robust safeguards and ethical standards, we aim to demonstrate that AI tools in healthcare can enhance, rather than replace, the care you receive. Your healthcare provider will always be involved in the decision-making process, and AI will serve only as a support tool, never as a substitute for clinical judgment.
5. **Protection Against Discrimination:** We are dedicated to preventing AI systems from perpetuating or amplifying existing disparities in healthcare. The AI models we use are specifically designed to avoid discriminatory outcomes. If any AI system's performance appears to disproportionately affect certain groups, we will take immediate steps to address and rectify the issue.

Your Rights and Acknowledgments:

- **Review and Oversight:** AI technologies used in healthcare are reviewed by healthcare professionals and relevant regulatory authorities to ensure they meet safety and accuracy standards. However, AI is a tool, and human oversight is always a critical part of the decision-making process.
- **Data Privacy and Security:** Your health data is protected by laws and regulations, such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), and we take steps to ensure that AI systems comply with these standards. While AI systems are designed to be secure, no technology is entirely free from risks, and we strive to mitigate any potential privacy or security concerns.
- **Potential Risks and Limitations:** AI is continuously evolving, and while it offers significant benefits, it is not infallible. There may be instances where AI systems make errors or miss critical information. Your healthcare provider will always review AI-generated insights, but it's important to be aware of the limitations of these technologies.

Questions or concerns can be directed to the UACC AI Committee:

Urology Associates of the Central Coast

Attn: AI Committee

225 Prado Rd. Suite D, San Luis Obispo, Ca. 93401

Email: Administration@urologyslo.com

Confidential Fax: 805-781-0423

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Acknowledgment of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use in Your Care

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What is Artificial Intelligence (AI)?

Artificial Intelligence (AI) uses computer systems to help with tasks like reviewing medical information, documenting visits, and supporting healthcare decisions.

How AI May Be Used During Your Visit

In our outpatient clinic, AI may be used to support your care in the following ways:

- **Visit Documentation:** AI may help record and summarize your appointment so your provider can focus on you
- **Billing & Insurance:** AI may assist with coding and processing your visit
- **Clinical Support:** AI may help your provider review information and consider treatment options
- **Imaging Review:** AI may assist in reviewing X-rays or other imaging, if applicable
- **Communication:** You may receive appointment reminders or general follow-up messages
- **Health Monitoring:** If you use health apps or devices, AI may help track and flag concerns

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Important Information

- Your healthcare provider is always responsible for your care. AI is only a support tool.
- You will be informed when AI is used in your care whenever possible. In urgent situations, this may occur afterward.
- AI is not perfect. Your provider carefully reviews all information before making decisions.

Our Commitment to You

We are committed to:

- Providing fair and equal care for all patients
- Using AI responsibly and without discrimination
- Regularly reviewing AI tools for accuracy and quality
- Protecting your privacy in accordance with healthcare laws (including HIPAA)

Your Rights

- You may ask questions about how AI is used in your care
- You may request limits on certain uses of AI when possible
- You can discuss any concerns with your provider at any time

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Acknowledgment

By signing below, you confirm that:

- You have received a copy of, or have been provided access to, Urology Associates of the Central Coast AI in Healthcare Policy
- You understand how AI may be used in your outpatient care
- You understand that AI supports, but does not replace, your healthcare provider
- You have had the opportunity to ask questions

Patient Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Staff/Witness (Optional): _____

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