Martha Cortés, DDS

"Your Smile, Your Health"

Name_____ Birth Date___/___/____ SSN_____

(As appears on your ID)

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Home Phone_____ Work Phone _____ Cell _____

Email_____

Spouse_____ Telephone_____

Or Emergency Contact

Referral _____ Telephone_____

Pharmacy:_____

Address_____

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Phone:_____

I give permission for photography to Dr. Cortés for clinical photos with the understanding that such photos are for confidential clinical recording and all photos will remain property of the doctor. Occasionally such photos are used for teaching purposes and for ethical dental publications. Further, I consent to the use of my photos for the above purposes.

Patient Signature_____ Date_____

MEDICAL

Yes / No Any hospitalization during the last 5 years
Yes / No Do you require any antibiotic before any dental procedure
Yes / No Are you under the care of a physician?
If so, for what?_____
Yes / No Illness/ Surgery_____
Yes / No Prescription/ over the counter drugs
If so, please list:_____
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Yes / No Rheumatic fever
Yes/ No Heart Condition/ Heart Murmur
Yes/ No High Blood Pressure
Yes / No Chest Pain
Yes / No Fever blisters, herpes
Yes / No Stomach ulcer, pain
Yes / No Respiratory difficulty
Yes / No Anemia bleeding, bruising
Yes / No Jaundice, hepatitis
Yes / No Venereal disease
Yes / No Allergy to drugs
Yes / No Asthma, hay fever
Yes / No Sinusitis
Yes / No Tuberculosis
Yes / No Diabetes
Yes / No Kidney/ urinary problem
Yes / No Radiation Treatment
Yes / No Cancer/tumor chemotherapy
Yes / No Seizure, convulsion, fainting
Yes / No Arthritis
Yes / No Endocrine disturbance
Yes / No Psychiatric care
Yes / No Headache/ migraine
Yes / No Pregnant
Yes / No HIV positive
Yes / No Implants, breast augmentation or bone hardware

DENTAL

Yes / No Do you have discomfort at this time?
If so, please explain:_____
Date of last dental visit: _____
What was done? _____
_____
Yes / No Do you have tooth sensitivity to: heat, cold, sweet or pressure? (Circle applicable)
Yes / No Have you had orthodontic braces?
Yes / No Gum infection/ periodontitis
Yes / No Gum periodontal treatment
Yes / No Gum bleeds with brushing or flossing
Yes / No Unpleasant taste, bad breath
Yes / No Smoke
Yes / No Grind, clench teeth, jaw popping
Yes / No Prior occlusal bite adjustment
How often do you brush?_____
When?_____
Type of brush used: Manual/ electric
Brush bristle: soft, medium, hard
Yes / No Floss
Yes / No Phobia or reaction from previous dental treatment

Have you had a reaction to:

Yes / No Local anesthetics
Yes / No Oral surgery/ tooth extraction
Yes / No Antibiotics, penicillin
Yes / No Drugs or medicine

Patient Signature_____ **Date**_____

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Please describe anything else about yourself that you suspect might be related to your condition:

Chief Complaints:

a. In your own words, please describe the main problem that brings you to our office:

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b. Did your problem begin: ***Suddenly*** | ***Gradually*** | ***Unknown*** (circle one)

c. How long has this problem bothered you? ***Years | Months | Days | Unknown*** (circle one)

d. Which side do your symptoms affect? ***Right | Left | Both sides | Both sides equally*** (circle one)

Pain Symptoms:

Do you have **PAIN** or **DISCOMFORT** in any of the items (A thru M) below? Please circle area(s) of pain (left or right or both) that applies and mark with an "**X**" on the line indicating severity of pain.

0 = No Pain, 5 = Moderate Pain, and 10 = Most Severe Pain Imaginable

	Area of Pain	No Pain	Moderate	Severe
a. TMJ (jaw joint)	**Right | Left**	**0**	**5**	**10**
b. Ear	**Right | Left**	**0**	**5**	**10**
c. Upper teeth of jaw	**Right | Left**	**0**	**5**	**10**
d. Lower teeth of jaw	**Right | Left**	**0**	**5**	**10**
e. Temple	**Right | Left**	**0**	**5**	**10**
f. Eye	**Right | Left**	**0**	**5**	**10**
g. Cheek	**Right | Left**	**0**	**5**	**10**
h. Throat	**Right | Left**	**0**	**5**	**10**
i. Neck	**Right | Left**	**0**	**5**	**10**
j. Shoulder	**Right | Left**	**0**	**5**	**10**
k. Face	**Right | Left**	**0**	**5**	**10**
l. Tongue	**Right | Left**	**0**	**5**	**10**
m. Forehead	**Right | Left**	**0**	**5**	**10**

n. Please indicate below all types of pain that you experience: (circle all that apple)

Sharp | Dull | Aching | Deep | Superficial | Burning | Pulsating | Spreading | Tingling

o. Is the pain constant or intermittent? (circle one)

Patient Signature:_____ Date:_____

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Protecting Your Confidential Health Information is Important to Us

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.

Our Promise!

Dear Patient:
This is not meant to alarm you! Quite the opposite! It is our desire to communicate to you that we are taking the new Federal (HIPAA - Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) laws written to protect the confidentiality of your health information seriously. We do not ever want you to delay treatment because you are afraid your personal health history might be unnecessarily made available to others outside of our office.

So what has changed? Why a privacy policy now? Very good questions!

The most significant variable that has motivated the Federal government to legally enforce the importance of the privacy of health information is the rapid evolution of computer technology and its use in healthcare. The government has appropriately sought to standardize and protect the privacy of the electronic exchange of your health information. This has challenged us to review not only how your health information is used within our computers but also with the Internet, phone, faxes, copy machines, and charts. We believe this has been an important exercise for us because it has disciplined us to put in writing the policies and procedures we use to ensure the protection of your health information everywhere it is used.

We want you to know about these policies and procedures which we developed to make sure your health information will not be shared with anyone who does not require it. Our office is subject to State and Federal law regarding the confidentiality of your health information and in keeping with these laws, we want you to understand our procedures and your rights as our valuable patient.

We will use and communicate your HEALTH INFORMATION only for the purposes of providing your treatment, obtaining payment and conducting health care operations. Your health information will not be used for other purposes unless we have asked for and been voluntarily given your written permission.

How your HEALTH INFORMATION may be used

To Provide Treatment

We will use your HEALTH INFORMATION within our office to provide you with the best dental care possible. This may include administrative and clinical office procedures designed to optimize scheduling and coordination of care between hygienist, dental assistant, dentist, and business office staff. In addition, we may share your health information with physicians, referring dentists, clinical and dental laboratories, pharmacies or other health care personnel providing you treatment.

To Obtain Payment

We may include your health information with an invoice used to collect payment for treatment you receive in our office. We may do this with insurance forms filed for you in the mail or sent electronically. We will be sure to only work with companies with a similar commitment to the security of your health information.

To Conduct Health Care Operations

Your health information may be used during performance evaluations of our staff. Some of our best teaching opportunities use clinical situations experienced by patients receiving care at our office. As a result, health information may be included in training programs for students, interns, associates, and business and clinical employees. It is also possible that health information will be disclosed during audits by insurance companies or government appointed agencies as part of their quality assurance and compliance reviews. Your health information may be reviewed during the routine processes of certification, licensing or credentialing activities.

In Patient Reminders

Because we believe regular care is very important to your oral and general health, we will remind you of a scheduled appointment or that it is time for you to contact us and make an appointment. Additionally, we may contact you to follow up on your care and inform you of treatment options or services that may be of interest to you or your family.

These communications are an important part of our philosophy of partnering with our patients to be sure they receive the best preventive and restorative care modern dentistry can provide. They may include postcards, folding postcards, letters, telephone reminders or electronic reminders such as email (unless you tell us that you do not want to receive these reminders).

Abuse or Neglect

We will notify government authorities if we believe a patient is the victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence. We will make this disclosure only when we are compelled by our ethical judgment, when we believe we are specifically required or authorized by law or with the patient's agreement.

Public Health and National Security

We may be required to disclose to Federal officials or military authorities health information necessary to complete an investigation related to public health or national security. Health information could be important when the government believes that the public safety could benefit when the information could lead to the control or prevention of an epidemic or the understanding of new side effects of a drug treatment or medical device.

For Law Enforcement

As permitted or required by State or Federal law, we may disclose your health information to a law enforcement official for certain law enforcement purposes, including, under certain limited circumstances, if you are a victim of a crime or in order to report a crime.

Family, Friends and Caregivers

We may share your health information with those you tell us will be helping you with your home hygiene, treatment, medications, or payment. We will be sure to ask your permission first. In the case of an emergency, where you are unable to tell us what you want we will use our very best judgment when sharing your health information only when it will be important to those participating in providing your care.

Authorization to Use or Disclose Health Information

Other than is stated above or where Federal, State or Local law requires us, we will not disclose your health information other than with your written authorization. You may revoke that authorization in writing at any time.

Patient Acknowledgment

Patient Name(s):_____

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Thank you very much for taking time to review how we are carefully using your health information. If you have any questions we want to hear from you. If not, we would appreciate very much your acknowledging your receipt of our policy by signing and returning this card. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

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Patient Signature

Date _____/_____/_____

Patient Rights

This new law is careful to describe that you have the following rights related to your health information.

Restrictions

You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your health information. Our office will make every effort to honor reasonable restriction preferences from our patients.

Confidential Communications

You have the right to request that we communicate with you in a certain way. You may request that we only communicate your health information privately with no other family members present or through mailed communications that are sealed. We will make every effort to honor your reasonable requests for confidential communications.

Inspect and Copy Your Health Information

You have the right to read, review, and copy your health information, including your complete chart, x-rays and billing records. If you would like a copy of your health information, please let us know. We may need to charge you a reasonable fee to duplicate and assemble your copy.

Amend Your Health Information

You have the right to ask us to update or modify your records if you believe your health information records are incorrect or incomplete. We will be happy to accommodate you as long as our office maintains this information. In order to standardize our process, please provide us with your request in writing and describe your reason for the change.

Your request may be denied if the health information record in question was not created by our office, is not part of our records or if the records containing your health information are determined to be accurate and complete.

Documentation of Health Information

You have the right to ask us for a description of how and where your health information was used by our office for any reason other than for treatment, payment or health operations. Our documentation procedures will enable us to provide information on health information usage from April 14, 2003 and forward. Please let us know in writing the time period for which you are interested. Thank you for limiting your request to no more than six years at a time. We may need to charge you a reasonable fee for your request.

Request a Paper Copy of this Notice

You have the right to obtain a copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices directly from our office at any time. Stop by or give us a call and we will mail or email a copy to you.

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your health information and to provide to you and your representative this Notice of our Privacy Practices. We are required to practice the policies and procedures described in this notice but we do reserve the right to change the terms of our Notice. If we change our privacy practices we will be sure all of our patients receive a copy of the revised Notice.

You have the right to express complaints to us or to the Secretary of Health and Human Services if you believe your privacy rights have been compromised. We encourage you to express any concerns you may have regarding the privacy of your information. Please let us know of your concerns or complaints in writing.

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