

Southwest Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Consent for Treatment and Payment Agreement

I hereby authorize Southwest Cardiothoracic Surgeons to use and/or disclose my health information which specifically identifies me or which can reasonable be used to identify me to carry out my treatment, payment and healthcare operations.

Treatment includes but is not limited to: the administration and performance of all treatments, the administration of any needed anesthetics, the use of prescribed medication, the performance of such procedures as may be deemed necessary or advisable in the treatment of this patient such as diagnostic procedures, the taking and utilization of cultures and of other medically accepted laboratory tests, all of which in the judgment of the attending physician or their assigned designees may be considered medically necessary or advisable.

Payment includes but is not limited to: the authorization of payment directly to Southwest Cardiothoracic Surgeons of benefits otherwise payable to me. I hereby acknowledge the release of my medical records to third party insurers or authorized persons to whom disclosure is necessary to establish or collect a fee for the services provided, such as billing and collection services, insurance payers, auto accident insurers, or for work related injury to my employer or designee understand that I am financially responsible for charges not covered. I acknowledge that patient records may be stored electronically and made available through computer networks.

Healthcare Operations include but are not limited to: release of my medical information to any of my physicians and their offices or insurance companies participating in my care or treatment and the quality of that care.

I understand that this is given in advance of any specific diagnosis or treatment and that these services are voluntary and that I have the right to refuse these services. I intend this consent to be continuing in nature even after a specific diagnosis has been made and treatment recommended. This consent will remain in full force unless revoked in writing and will not affect any actions that were taken prior to receiving my revocation. A photocopy of this consent shall be considered as valid as the original.

Patient and/or guarantor are responsible for charges incurred. It is a courtesy for our office to file with your insurance, however, you are responsible for your co-pay and or percentage which the insurance is not responsible for on the day of your visit. It is the patient's responsibility to obtain any necessary referral forms from your primary care physician when required. If the referral is not obtained before the visit, the patient is liable for payment in full on the date of service. If we are unable to obtain payment within a reasonable amount of time from the patient/guarantor we will place your account with a collection agency which will leave you liable for any additional charges incurred.

I have fully read and understand the above payment policy. I agree to forward to Southwest Cardiothoracic Surgeons, all insurance or third party payments that I receive for services rendered to me immediately upon receipt. Patient Initial: _____

MEDICARE LIFETIME AUTHORIZATION

I certify that the information given to me in applying for payment under Title XVII of the Social Security Act is correct. I authorize any holder of medical information about me to release to the Social Security Administration of its intermediaries or carriers any information needed for this or a related Medicare claim. I request that the payments of authorized benefits be paid on my behalf. I assign the benefits payable for services to the physician or organization furnishing the services or authorize such physician or organization to submit a claim to Medicare for payment.

I assign the benefits payable for services to Southwest Cardiothoracic Surgeons. Patient Initial: _____

I request this authorization also apply to all other insurance. Patient Initial: _____

I acknowledge that I have been given Southwest Cardiothoracic Surgeons Notice of Privacy Practices. I understand that if I have questions or complaints that I should contact the Facility Privacy Official. Patient Initial: _____

RELEASE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

I give permission for my protected health information to be disclosed for purposes of communicating results, findings and care decisions to the family members and others listed below. I understand that I may request individuals to leave the exam room at any time.

Name of Person who is <u>Authorized to receive information</u>	Release info <u>(please circle)</u>	Allowed in exam room <u>(please circle)</u>
_____	Y N	Y N
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***If the requestor/receiver of information is not a healthcare provider, the released information may no longer be protected from re-disclosure**

I certify that I have read and fully understand the above statements and consent fully and voluntarily to its contents.

Patient Signature _____

Date _____ **Patient Date of Birth** _____