

Intake Form



Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Sex: ☐ Female ☐ Male
Email: _____

Date: _____
Occupation: _____
Phone: _____
Okay to leave detailed messages? Yes ☐ No ☐

Referred By: _____ Primary Physician: _____
Preferred Pharmacy (Name and Location): _____

Reason for today's visit: _____

HEALTH HISTORY

Past Medical History:

Anxiety.....☐
Arthritis.....☐
Asthma.....☐
Atrial Fibrillation (Irregular Heartbeat).....☐
Benign Prostate Hypertrophy (BPH).....☐
Bone Marrow Transplant.....☐
Breast Cancer.....☐
Colon Cancer.....☐
COPD.....☐
Coronary Artery Disease.....☐
Depression.....☐
Diabetes.....☐
End Stage Renal Disease.....☐
GERD (Gastric Reflux).....☐
Hearing Loss.....☐

Hepatitis B or C.....☐
Hypertension (High Blood Pressure).....☐
HIV/AIDS.....☐
Hypercholesterolemia (High Cholesterol).....☐
Hyperthyroidism.....☐
Hypothyroidism.....☐
Leukemia.....☐
Lung Cancer.....☐
Lymphoma.....☐
Prostate Cancer.....☐
Radiation Treatment.....☐
Seizures.....☐
Stroke.....☐
Transplant of an organ.....☐

If yes, type or organ _____

List all other medical conditions: _____

Surgeries: Please list all surgeries you've had in the past 12 months. _____

Past Skin Disease History

Acne.....☐
Actinic Keratoses (Pre-Cancers).....☐
Basal Cell Skin Cancer (BCC).....☐
Blistering sunburns.....☐
Dry Skin.....☐
Eczema.....☐
Flaking or Itchy Scalp.....☐
Hay Fever/Allergies.....☐
Melanoma.....☐
Poison Ivy.....☐
Precancerous Moles.....☐
Psoriasis.....☐
Squamous Cell Skin Cancer (SCC).....☐
Shingles.....☐
Shingles Vaccine.....☐

If yes, year _____

Family History of Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer

(Basal Cell Cancer, Squamous Cell Cancer)

Family History of Melanoma..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, which relatives?

Other: _____

None.....☐

Do you wear sunscreen? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, what SPF? _____ Do you tan in a tanning salon? ☐ Yes ☐ No

In accordance with the Federal Health Policy, please answer the following questions:

- | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------------|-------|
| 1. Have you EVER received a pneumonia vaccine? | Yes | No | |
| 2. Have you received the flu vaccine? | Yes | No | |
| 3. Do you use tobacco products? | Yes | Formerly | Never |
| 4. Do you consume alcohol? | Yes | No | |
| 5. Do you have a surrogate Decision Maker? | If Yes, # | of drinks per | |
| If yes, enter information: _____ | | | |
| 6. Do you have a living will? | Yes | No | |

Current Medication List:

By SIGNING BELOW you hereby certify that you are allowing Coastal Dermatology, PLC to request your prescription history information for the purpose of providing direct health care services to you, the patient.

Signature of Patient or Legal Representative Witness

Date

Are you **allergic** to any medications?

Name

Reaction

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

SECTION II: REVIEW OF SYSTEMS

Check below any that apply:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allergy to adhesives | <input type="checkbox"/> Immunosuppression | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allergy to latex | <input type="checkbox"/> Fever or chills | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allergy to topical antibiotic ointments | <input type="checkbox"/> Night sweats | <input type="checkbox"/> Problems with healing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artificial heart valve | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown weight loss or gain | <input type="checkbox"/> Problems with scarring (hypertrophic or keloid) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Defibrillator | <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint aches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pacemaker | <input type="checkbox"/> Blurry vision | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle weakness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blood thinners | <input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal pain | <input type="checkbox"/> Headaches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HIV | <input type="checkbox"/> Bloody stool | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy or planning a pregnancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Artificial joints | <input type="checkbox"/> Bloody urine or kidney problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Fainting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis C | <input type="checkbox"/> Anemia | <input type="checkbox"/> HSV |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Problems with local anesthesia | <input type="checkbox"/> Blood clots | <input type="checkbox"/> Cough |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Leg swelling | <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Problems with bleeding | |

Educate yourself! We are experts in Cosmetic Dermatology procedures! Please help us maintain the highest level of customer service by circling all that apply/interest you!

Hydrafacials	Botox	Dermal Fillers	Chemical Peels
Sclerotherapy	Frown Lines	Smile Lines	Nasal Folds
Fuller Lips	Acne	Brown Spots	Aging Skin
Spider Veins	Loss of Firmness	Loss of Elasticity	Lack of Vibrancy
Poor Skin Texture	Oily Skin	Clogged/Enlarged Pores	Eye Puffiness
Dark Circles	Sun Protection	Hair Restorative Health	Neck Wrinkles

HIPAA Privacy Rule of Patient Authorization Agreement

Authorization for the Disclosure of Protected Health Information for Treatment, Payment, or Healthcare Operations (§164.508(a))

I understand that as part of my healthcare, this Practice originates and maintains health records describing my health history, symptoms, examination and test results, diagnosis, treatment, and any plans for future care or treatment. I understand that this information serves as:

- a basis for planning my care and treatment;
- a means of communication among the health professionals who may contribute to my health care;
- a source of information for applying my diagnosis and surgical information to my bill;
- a means by which a third-party payer can verify that services billed were actually provided;
- a tool for routine health care operations such as assessing quality and reviewing the competence of health care professionals.

I have been provided with a copy of the **Notice of Privacy Practices** that provides a more complete description of information uses and disclosures.

I understand that as part of my care and treatment it may be necessary to provide my Protected Health Information to another covered entity. I have the right to review this Practice's notice prior to signing this authorization. I authorize the disclosure of my Protected Health Information as specified below for the purposes and to the parties designated by me.

Privacy Rule of Patient Consent Agreement

Consent to the Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information for Treatment, Payment, or Healthcare Operations (§164.506(a))

I understand that:

- I have the right to review this Practice's Notice of Information practices prior to signing this consent;
- that this Practice reserves the right to change the notice and practices and that prior to implementation will mail a copy of any notice to the address I've provided, if requested;
- I have the right to object to the use of my health information for directory purposes;
- I have the right to request restrictions as to how my Protected Health Information may be used or disclosed to carry out treatment, payment, or healthcare operations, and that this Practice is not required by law to agree to the restrictions requested;
- I may revoke this consent in writing at any time, except to the extent that this Practice has already taken action in reliance thereon.

Signature of Patient or Legal Representative Witness

Date

Patient Name: _____

Patient Consent for Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information

I hereby give my consent for Coastal Dermatology (the Practice) to use and disclose my protected health information (PHI) to perform Treatment, Payment and health care Operations (TPO).

With this consent, Coastal Dermatology may call me or email me to my home or other alternative location and leave a message by voice, email or in person in reference to any items that assist the practice in carrying out TPO, such as appointment reminders, insurance items and anything pertaining to my clinical care, including laboratory test results. Person(s) you may release this information to:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

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With this consent, the Practice may mail to my home or other alternative location any items that assist the practice in performing TPO, such as appointment reminder cards, patient statements and anything pertaining to my clinical care as long as they are marked "Personal and Confidential."

By signing this form, I am consenting to allow the Practice to use and disclose my PHI to carry out TPO.

I may revoke my consent in writing except to the extent that the Practice has already made disclosures upon my prior consent. If I do not sign this consent, or later revoke it, the Practice may decline to provide treatment to me.

I give my consent to leave a detailed message to the phone number(s) on file along with the parties named above (circle one) Yes No

Signature of Patient or Legal Guardian

Date

Patient Name: _____

Note: This document is a template only. It does not reflect the requirements of your state's laws. You should consult with advisors (your state or local medical or specialty society, or legal or other counsel) familiar with your state's privacy laws prior to using this document.



Consent for Minor Surgery, Biopsy & Cryotherapy

During your visit, the dermatologist may need to perform cryotherapy or a skin biopsy to treat or evaluate your skin condition. Please review and sign the consent form below. You will be given ample time to discuss the procedure if the doctor determines cryotherapy or a biopsy is necessary. This will serve as a standing consent for this and any and all future treatments, however verbal consent will always be obtained prior to any treatment.

PURPOSE:

A biopsy is a surgical procedure used to obtain a sample of tissue for microscopic examination to aid the physician in diagnosis. The entire lesion may not be removed in this procedure. Further medical or surgical treatment may be needed when the diagnosis is made.

cryotherapy is the use of liquid nitrogen to freeze the skin lesions that respond well to sub-zero temperatures. The process freezes potential skin cancers known as actinic keratosis or solar keratosis. The treatment is also used to freeze the virus infections that cause many common warts.

PROPOSED TREATMENT:

I understand that a biopsy requires obtaining a sample of tissue and is a surgical procedure. As in any surgical procedure, there are certain risks including bleeding, post-operative pain, infection, reactions to sutures, anesthetics or topical antibiotics, and scarring. Although all reasonable efforts will be made to minimize the possibility of these potential complications, no guarantees can be made since many factors beyond the control of the physician (such as the degree of sun damage or patient compliance with post-operative instructions) affect the ultimate healing.

A pathologist will examine the tissue obtained in this biopsy procedure. I understand I may receive a separate bill from the pathologist or laboratory for this microscopic examination.

Complications of applying liquid nitrogen to the skin may include:

- Irritation
- Redness
- Temporary discomfort
- Blistering
- Infection
- Permanent loss of pigmentation

After the lesion has been treated, most patients develop a blister or scab that lasts for 1-2 weeks.

CONSENT TO OBTAIN PATIENT MEDICATION HISTORY:

I give my permission to allow my healthcare provider to obtain my medication history from my pharmacy, my health plans, and my other healthcare providers. The collected information will be stored in my electronic medical record and becomes a part of my personal medical record. It is very important that you and your provider discuss all your medications in order to insure that your recorded medication history is 100% accurate. By signing this consent form, you are giving your healthcare provider permission to collect and giving your pharmacy and your health insurer permission to disclose information about your prescriptions that have been filled at any pharmacy or covered by any health insurance plan. This includes prescription medicines to treat AIDS/HIV and medicines used to treat mental health issues such as depression.

OTHER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DISCLOSURE:

I am able to read and understand English. I understand that I will have the opportunity to discuss my procedure with the physician or other professional who is to perform the procedure and have all of my questions answered to my satisfaction.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CONSENT:

I AUTHORIZED AND CONSENT TO THE TAKING OF A SERIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SURGICAL AREAS FOR THE USE OF Dr. Cahill, MD FOR DOCUMENTATION OR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

I agree to not personally photograph or record any part of my procedure during my visit today. This includes by camera, tablet, or cellular device.

Patient Name:

Patient Date of Birth

Patient Signature

Date

Agent / Guardian Signature

Date

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

This information is made available to all patients

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

THIS NOTICE APPLIES TO ALL OF THE RECORDS OF YOUR CARE GENERATED BY THE PRACTICE, WHETHER MADE BY THE PRACTICE OR AN ASSOCIATED FACILITY.

This notice describes our practices policies, which extend to:

Any health care professional authorized to enter information into your chart (including physicians, assistants, nurses, etc.);
All areas of the practice (front desk, administration, billing and collection, etc.);
All employees, staff and other personnel that work for or with our practice;
Our business associates (including a billing service, or facilities to which we refer patients), on-call physicians, and so on.
The Practice provides this Notice to comply with the Privacy Regulations issued by the Department of Health and Human Services in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

OUR THOUGHTS ABOUT YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION:

We understand that your medical information is personal to you, and we are committed to protecting the information about you. As our patient, we create paper and electronic medical records about your health, our care for you, and the services and/or items we provide to you as our patient. We need this record to provide for your care and to comply with certain legal requirements. We are required by law to:

make sure that the protected health information about you is kept private;
provide you with **Notice of our Privacy Practices** and your legal rights with respect to protected health information about you; and
follow the conditions of the Notice that is currently in effect.

HOW WE MAY USE AND DISCLOSE MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU.

The following categories describe different ways that we use and disclose protected health information that we have and share with others. Each category of uses or disclosures provides a general explanation and provides some examples of uses. Not every use or disclosure in a category is either listed or actually in place. The explanation is provided for your general information only.

Medical Treatment. We use previously given medical information about you to provide you with current or prospective medical treatment or services. Therefore we may, and most likely will, disclose medical information about you to doctors, nurses, technicians, medical students, or hospital personnel who are involved in taking care of you. For example, a doctor to whom we refer you for ongoing or further care may need your medical record. Different areas of the Practice also may share medical information about you including your record(s), prescriptions, requests of lab work and x-rays. We may also discuss your medical information with you to recommend possible treatment options or alternatives that may be of interest to you. We also may disclose medical information about you to people outside the Practice who may be involved in your medical care after you leave the Practice; this may include your family members, or others we use or to whom we refer you to provide services that are part of your care. Unless clearly instructed to the contrary, we may release medical information about you to a friend or family member who is involved in your medical care. We may also give information to someone who helps to pay or pays for your care.
Payment. We may use and disclose medical information about you for services and procedures so they may be billed and collected from you, an insurance company, or any other third party. For example, we may need to give your health care information, about treatment you received at the Practice, to obtain payment or reimbursement for the care. We may also tell your health plan and/or referring physician about a treatment you are going to receive to obtain prior approval or to determine whether your plan will cover the treatment, to facilitate payment of a referring physician, or the like.

Operational Uses. We may use and disclose medical information about you so that we can run our Practice more efficiently and make sure that all of our patients receive quality care. These uses may include reviewing our treatment and services to evaluate the performance of our staff, deciding what additional services to offer and when, deciding what services are not needed, and whether certain new treatments are effective. We may also disclose information to doctors, nurses, technicians, medical students, and other personnel for review and learning purposes. We may also combine the medical information we have with medical information from other Practices to compare how we are doing and see where we can make improvements in the care and services we offer. We may remove information that identifies you from this set of medical information so others may use it to study health care and health care delivery without learning who the specific patients are.
We may also use or disclose information about you for internal or external utilization review and/or quality assurance, to business associates for purposes of helping us to comply with our legal requirements, to auditors to verify our records, to billing companies to aid us in this process and the like. We shall endeavor, in all times when business associates are used, to advise them of their continued obligation to maintain the privacy of your medical records.

Appointment and Patient Recall Reminders. We may use and disclose medical information to contact you as a reminder that you have an appointment for medical care with the Practice or that you are due to receive periodic care from the Practice. This contact may be by phone, in writing, e-mail, or otherwise and may involve the leaving an e-mail, a message on an answering machines, or otherwise which could (potentially) be picked up by others.

Others Involved in Your Care. In addition, we may disclose medical information about you to an entity assisting in a disaster relief effort so that your family can be notified about your condition, status and location.

Research. Under certain circumstances, we may use and disclose medical information about you for research purposes regarding medications, efficiency of treatment protocols and the like. All research projects are subject to an approval process, which evaluates a proposed research project and its use of medical information. Before we use or disclose medical information for research, the project will have been approved through this research approval process, but we may, however, disclose medical information about you to people preparing to conduct a research project, for example, to help them look for patients with specific medical needs, so long as the medical information they review does not leave the Practice. We will attempt to make the information non-identifiable to a specific patient but we cannot guarantee that we can always do this. We will endeavor to (but cannot guarantee we will) seek your specific permission if the researcher will have access to your name, address or other information that reveals who you are, or will be involved in your care with the Practice; provided, however that we will obtain your specific authorization if required by law.

Required By Law. We will disclose medical information about you when required to do so by federal, state or local law.

To Avert a Serious Threat to Health or Safety. We may use and disclose medical information about you when necessary to prevent a serious threat either to your specific health and safety or the health and safety of the public or another person. Any disclosure, however, would only be to someone able to help prevent the threat.

Organ and Tissue Donation. If you are an organ donor, we may release medical information to organizations that handle organ procurement or organ, eye or tissue transplantation or to an organ donation bank, as necessary to facilitate organ or tissue donation and transplantation.

Public Health Risks. Law or public policy may require us to disclose medical information about you for public health activities. These activities generally include the following:

- to prevent or control disease, injury or disability;
- to report births and deaths;
- to report child abuse or neglect;
- to report reactions to medications or problems with products;
- to notify people of recalls of products they may be using;
- to notify a person who may have been exposed to a disease or may be at risk for contracting or spreading a disease or condition;
- to notify the appropriate government authority if we believe a patient has been the victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence. We will only make this disclosure if you agree or when required or authorized by law.

Investigation and Government Activities. We may disclose medical information to a local, state or federal agency for activities authorized by law. These oversight activities include, for example, audits, investigations, inspections, and licensure. These activities are necessary for the payor, the government and other regulatory agencies to monitor the health care system, government programs, and compliance with civil rights laws.

Lawsuits and Disputes. If you are involved in a lawsuit or a dispute, we may disclose medical information about you in response to a court or administrative order. This is particularly true if you make your health an issue. We may also disclose medical information about you in response to a subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process by someone else involved in the dispute. We shall attempt in these cases to tell you about the request so that you may obtain an order protecting the information requested if you so desire. We may also use such information to defend ourselves or any member of our practice in any actual or threatened action.

Law Enforcement. We may release medical information if asked to do so by a law enforcement official:

- In response to a court order, subpoena, warrant, summons or similar process;
- To identify or locate a suspect, fugitive, material witness, or missing person;
- About the victim of a crime if, under certain limited circumstances, we are unable to obtain the person's agreement;
- About a death we believe may be the result of criminal conduct;
- About criminal conduct at the Practice; and
- In emergency circumstances to report a crime; the location of the crime or victims; or the identity, description or location of the person who committed the crime.

Coroners, Medical Examiners and Funeral Directors. We may release medical information 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 release medical information about patients of the Practice to funeral directors as necessary to carry out their duties.

Inmates. If you are an inmate of a correctional institution or under the custody of a law enforcement official, we may release medical information about you to the correctional institution or law enforcement official. This release would be necessary (1) for the institution to provide you with health care; (2) to protect your health and safety or the health and safety of others; or (3) for the safety and security of the correctional institution.

CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE

We reserve the right to change this notice at any time. We reserve the right to make the revised or changed notice effective for medical information we already have about you as well as any information we may receive from you in the future. We will post a copy of the current notice in the Practice. The notice will contain on the first page, in the top right-hand corner, the date of last revision and effective date. In addition, each time you visit the Practice for treatment or health care services you may request a copy of the current notice in effect.

COMPLAINTS

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with the Practice or with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. To file a complaint with the Practice, contact our office manager, who will direct you on how to file an office complaint. All complaints must be submitted in writing, and all complaints shall be investigated, without repercussion to you.

You will not be penalized for filing a complaint.

OTHER USES OF MEDICAL INFORMATION.

Other uses and disclosures of medical information not covered by this notice or the laws that apply to us will be made only with your written permission, unless those uses can be reasonably inferred from the intended uses above. If you have provided us with your permission to use or disclose medical information about you, you may revoke that permission, in writing, at any time. If you revoke your permission, we will no longer use or disclose medical information about you for the reasons covered by your written authorization. You understand that we are unable to take back any disclosures we have already made with your permission, and that we are required to retain our records of the care that we provided to you.

PATIENT RIGHTS

THIS SECTION DESCRIBES YOUR RIGHTS AND THE OBLIGATIONS OF THIS PRACTICE REGARDING THE USE AND DISCLOSURE OF YOUR MEDICAL INFORMATION.

You have the following rights regarding medical information we maintain about you:

Right to Inspect and Copy. You have the right to inspect and copy medical information that may be used to make decisions about your care. This includes your own medical and billing records, but does not include psychotherapy notes. Upon proof of an appropriate legal relationship, records of others related to you or under your care (guardian or custodial) may also be disclosed. To inspect and copy your medical record, you must submit your request in writing to our HIPAA Compliance Officer. Ask the front desk person for the name of the HIPAA Compliance Officer. If you request a copy of the information, we may charge a fee for the costs of copying, mailing or other supplies (tapes, disks, etc.) associated with your request. We may deny your request to inspect and copy in certain very limited circumstances. If you are denied access to medical information, you may request that our Compliance Committee review the denial. Another licensed health care professional chosen by the Practice will review your request and the denial. The person conducting the review will not be the person who denied your request. We will comply with the outcome and recommendations from that review.

Right to Amend. If you feel that the medical information we have about you in your record is incorrect or incomplete, then you may ask us to amend the information, following the procedure below. You have the right to request an amendment for as long as the Practice maintains your medical record. To request an amendment, your request must be submitted in writing, along with your intended amendment and a reason that supports your request to

amend. The amendment must be dated and signed by you and notarized. We may deny your request for an amendment if it is not in writing or does not include a reason to support the request. In addition, we may deny your request if you ask us to amend information that:
Was not created by us, unless the person or entity that created the information is no longer available to make the amendment;
Is not part of the medical information kept by or for the Practice;
Is not part of the information which you would be permitted to inspect and copy; or
Is inaccurate and incomplete.

Right to an Accounting of Disclosures. You have the right to request an "accounting of disclosures." This is a list of the disclosures we made of medical information about you, to others for purposes other than treatment, payment or healthcare operations. To request this list, you must submit your request in writing. Your request must state a time period not longer than six (6) years back and may not include dates before April 14, 2004 (or the actual implementation date of the HIPAA Privacy Regulations). Your request should indicate in what form you want the list (for example, on paper, electronically). The first list you request within a twelve (12) month period will be free. For additional lists, we may charge you for the costs of providing the list. We will notify you of the cost involved and you may choose to withdraw or modify your request at that time before any costs are incurred.

Right to Request Restrictions. You have the right to request a restriction or limitation on the medical information we use or disclose about you for treatment, payment or health care operations. You also have the right to request a limit on the medical information we disclose about you to someone who is involved in your care or the payment for your care (a family member or friend). For example, you could ask that we not use or disclose information about treatment you received. We are not required to agree to your request and we may not be able to comply with your request. If we do agree, we will comply with your request except that we shall not comply, even with a written request, if the information is needed to provide emergency treatment to you. To request restrictions, you must make your request in writing. In your request, you indicate:
what information you want to limit;
whether you want to limit our use, disclosure or both; and
to whom you want the limits to apply, (e.g., disclosures to your children, parents, spouse, etc.)

Right to Request Confidential Communications. You have the right to request that we communicate with you about medical matters in a certain way or at a certain location. For example, you can ask that we only contact you at work or by mail, that we not leave voice mail or e-mail, or the like. To request confidential communications, you must make your request in writing. We will not ask you the reason for your request. We will attempt to accommodate all reasonable requests. Your request must specify how or where you wish us to contact you.

Right to a Paper Copy of This Notice. You have the right to a paper copy of this notice. You may ask us to give you a copy of this notice at any time. Even if you have agreed to receive this notice electronically, you are still entitled to a paper copy of this notice.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS FORM AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THIS FORM. I acknowledge that I have been informed how to obtain a copy of HIPAA policies and procedures.

Patient Signature

Patient Name

Date

Financial Responsibility Form

Thank you for choosing Coastal Dermatology as your provider for dermatology care. We strive to provide the most efficient and patient-friendly skin care to all our patients. In an effort to provide the best care, it is important that you read the financial responsibility form below.

- Please inform the front office staff if your insurance plan has changed (active/inactive), if you have received a new insurance card, or if you do not have insurance currently.
- Copayments and past due balances are due following your visit for that day. If you do not have insurance or a referral, you will be responsible for the full charged amount of your visit.
- There are certain fees associated with requesting copies of medical records. Please ask the office staff to clarify the cost of a medical record request.
- Medicare insurance patients will be given an Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) form if a service is not covered by our office. It is your responsibility to sign the ABN for that particular service.
- Cash, personal check, debit, and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover) are acceptable forms of payment.

CONSENT TO EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT: I understand and voluntarily consent to receive medical and health care services given by Coastal Dermatology. I understand the examination procedures will be explained to me and I authorize the administration of all diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, examinations and treatments considered advisable or necessary in the judgment of the physician. I understand that the examination results will be provided to me with recommendations. No guarantee or assurance has been given by anyone as to the results that may be obtained by such treatments. The responsibility for any follow up examinations to check abnormalities found and treated, lies with me and not with Coastal Dermatology. I hereby release my examiner from all responsibility in connection with the examination. I understand that in order for the doctor to give me the best medical care possible, I must follow instructions and notify the office if I have problems with my medications or treatment.

CANCELLED OR MISSED APPOINTMENTS: We are happy to reschedule any appointment for you. We do request Twenty-four (24) hour notice of cancellation. It is our aim to accommodate you the patient. We have patients eager to use your cancelled appointment time. We reserve the right to charge a cancellation fee of twenty five dollars (\$25) for appointments not cancelled 24 hours in advance. We hope you, our valued patient, will cooperate in this simple request.

FOR PROCEDURE APPOINTMENTS: We require 48 hour notice for procedure appointments if you need to reschedule or cancel.

These appointments include but are not limited to: complete skin examinations, biopsies, excisions, and cosmetic procedures. A copy of the HIPAA policies and procedures is available through:

- Asking a staff member for a copy
- Reading a copy, placed throughout the office
- Visiting the website: www.coastaldermatologymd.com. HIPAA document.
- There are certain fees associated with requesting copies of medical records. Please ask the office staff to clarify the cost of a medical record request.

CTA PATHOLOGY

Did you recently visit your dermatologist, have a tissue sample taken and later were billed for pathology lab services? You may have questioned what pathology is, why you got billed for it, or whose name is that? – I never saw a doctor by that name! Your questions are all completely valid and understandable. Let us address them for you.

What is a Pathologist?

Let's start from the beginning and explain what a pathologist is. A pathologist is a type of doctor that specializes in diagnosing diseases using laboratory tests and microscopic examination of your tissue. Some pathologists further specialize in only the diagnosis of skin disease and are called dermatopathologists, or a pathologist of the skin. Think of a dermatopathologist as the Sherlock Holmes of skin diseases. In order to make a definitive diagnosis of your skin condition,

they must make microscopic observations and compare it with other tests performed, along with your provider's examination.

I saw a dermatologist, not pathologist – what is the difference?

Dermatologists see patients in the office and provide treatment options, while dermatopathologists receive the biopsy samples, look at the tissue samples and make the diagnoses.

Why did I get billed for pathology services?

Let us explain the typical process of what happens from the moment a biopsy is performed to when results are received:

Tissue sample is removed via biopsy

You may have come in for a rash or a skin cancer screening. While your dermatologist visually saw something was wrong, some rashes or tumors may look the same to the naked eye. If a visual diagnosis cannot be made, a tissue sample is removed for microscopic exam and diagnosis by a dermatopathologist. The most common tissue samples we review are ones where there is a concern for **skin cancer**. The best way to tell for certain if a mole or other spot on your skin is cancerous is to put it under a microscope.

Sample sent to pathology lab

Once your tissue sample is removed, it is packaged and immediately sent to CTA pathology insuring the dermatopathologist can view your electronic medical record and report results directly to your provider through our integrated network. Your dermatologist is well acquainted and trusts your sample with our team of dermatopathologists. Pathologists, work very closely with your dermatologist. They review your medical record and provider's notes and any photos they may have taken to help us make the best diagnosis so you can receive the most appropriate treatment for your condition. CTA's Pathology lab is composed of many highly-trained and certified medical professionals that use state-of-the-art equipment to turn your skin sample into a glass slide for the dermatopathologist to read.

Pathology results are sent to your dermatologist

Once your tissue sample is prepped, analyzed and diagnosed, the dermatopathologist sends your results directly to your provider. Oftentimes the provider and the dermatopathologist further discuss results prior to informing you of the diagnosis.

Understanding your bill and pathology lab services is important to us. We hope this has helped you understand the vital role a dermatopathologist has in confirming your diagnosis, and why you may receive a separate bill from CTA pathology

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THIS FORM AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THIS FORM. I acknowledge that I have been informed how to obtain a copy of HIPAA policies and procedures.

Patient Signature

Patient Name

Date



Authorization for Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information

Name of Patient _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Request Records From:		Send Records To:	
_____ Clinic Name		Coastal Dermatology _____ Clinic Name or Patient Name	
_____ Street Address		954 Business Park Drive, Ste. 5	Traverse City, MI 49686
_____ City, State, Zip	_____ Street Address	_____ City, State, Zip	_____ City, State, Zip
_____ Phone #	_____ Fax #	231-252-3200	231-252-3206
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Information to be released:

From & To Dates _____

- ☐ History and physical exams _____
- ☐ Lab report _____
- ☐ Biopsy report _____
- ☐ Other _____

Purpose of Disclosure:

- ☐ Changing physicians / Relocation
- ☐ Other _____

1. I understand that this authorization will expire one year from the day this form is signed. A photocopy of this form will be considered as valid as the original.
2. I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time by notifying medical records at the address indicated above, in writing, and this authorization will cease to be effective on the date notified except to the extent action has already been taken in reliance upon it.
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By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this authorization.

Signature of Patient Date OR _____
Parent/Legal Guardian/Authorized Person Date

Records Received By Date _____
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