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acupuncture advisory

PATIENT ADVISORY TO CONSULT A PHYSICIAN

Acupuncture has a great deal to offer as a health care system, however it cannot totally replace the resources available through biomedical physicians. Acupuncturists practicing in the state of Illinois are not primary care providers and regular primary care by a licensed physician is an important choice that is strongly recommended by Ruby Room.

THE UNDERSIGNED AFFIRMS THAT _____ (patient) HAS BEEN ADVISED BY PAMELA POLICASTRO (licensed acupuncturist) TO CONSULT A PHYSICIAN REGARDING THE CONDITION OR CONDITIONS FOR WHICH SUCH PATIENT SEEKS ACUPUNCTURE TREATMENT.

Patient Signature

Date

Licensed Acupuncturist Signature

Date

INFORMED CONSENT TO TREATMENT

By signing below, I voluntarily consent to be treated by Pamela Policastro. (hereinafter referred to as "the acupuncturist").

Acupuncture/Moxibustion: I understand that acupuncture is performed by the insertion of needles through the skin or by the application of heat to the skin (or both) at certain points on or near the surface of the body in an attempt to treat bodily dysfunction or symptoms, to modify or prevent pain perception, and to normalize the body's physiological functions.

Cupping/Gua Sha: I understand that I may be offered cupping, a technique using glass cups on the surface of the skin with a heat-created vacuum, and Gua Sha, the rubbing on an area of the body with a blunt, round instrument. Both techniques are used in an attempt to release local stagnation, to invigorate the flow of "Qi" and to relieve tension and pain.

Notice to Pregnant Women: All female patients must alert the acupuncturist if they know or suspect that they are pregnant, since some of the therapies used could potentially present a risk to the pregnancy.

I have been informed that acupuncture is a safe method of treatment, but that it may cause side effects, including bruising, numbness or tingling near the needling sites, pain or discomfort, and dizziness or fainting. Unusual risks of acupuncture include spontaneous miscarriage, nerve damage and organ puncture. Bruising is a common and expected side effect of cupping and gua sha. Burns and/or scarring are a potential risk of moxibustion. I understand that while this document describes the major risks of treatment, other side effects and risks may occur. I understand that I may refuse any particular treatment or stop treatment at any time.

I have carefully read and understand all of the above information and am fully aware of what I am signing. I understand that I may ask the acupuncturist for a more detailed explanation. I give my permission and consent to treatment, and I intend this consent form to cover the entire course of treatment for my present condition and for any future condition(s) for which I seek treatment.

Printed Patient Name

Date

Patient Signature

Date

Licensed Acupuncturist Signature

Date