



# WASHINGTON NEPHROLOGY ASSOCIATES

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## PATIENT REGISTRATION FORM

New Patient

Update of information

Date of birth (MM/DD/YY):

Telephone Numbers:

Home:

Work:

Cell:

Email:

Email communication is not HIPAA secure.

Please see our EMAIL POLICY for more information.

Preferred Communication Method:

Home      Work      Cell      Email

Marital status:

Single      Married      Divorced      Widowed

Patient Information

Last

First

Also Known As Name

Last

First

Home Address:

Street:

State:

City:

Zip:

Social Security Number:

Gender:

Male      Female      Nonbinary

Ethnicity:      Hispanic      Not Hispanic or Latino      Others:

Race:      Asian      American Indian/Alaska Native

Black or African American      Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian

White      Other:      Declined

Preferred Language:      English      Spanish      Other:

Employer Name:

Employer's Address:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

School Name (If student):

School Address:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Person Financially Responsible

Person Financially Responsible (if other than patient):

Last Name

First

Middle

Relationship to Patient:

Spouse      Child

Other:

Home Address

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Telephone Number:

Insurance Information

### Primary Insurance:

Insurance Company Name:

Phone No:

Insurance Company Address:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Subscriber Name:

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Effective Date (MM/DD/YY):

Policy Number:

Group Identification Number:

### Secondary Insurance:

Insurance Company Name:

Phone No:

Insurance Company Address:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Subscriber Name:

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Effective Date (MM/DD/YY):

Policy Number:

Group Identification Number:

I authorize payment of medical benefits to be made directly to Washington Nephrology Associates, LLP. I authorize any insurance company, organization, employer, hospital, physician or pharmacist to release any information necessary to process this request. Deductibles and Co-payments are due at the time of service. Please read page 2 for additional information.

Emergency Contact

Emergency Contact (who we may contact in case of an emergency):

Name:

Relationship to Patient:

Spouse

Child

Other

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

Telephone Number:

Patient Name:

DOB:

Primary Care Physician: Name: Address: Telephone Number:	Referring Physician (if other than Primary Care Physician): Name: Address: Telephone Number:
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Referrals must be presented at the time of service. If a referral is required but not obtained by the time of the appointment, the appointment may be re-scheduled.

Our office provides statements of account activity including charges and payments. Please contact our Billing Department. Patient is responsible for all co-payments, deductibles and non-covered charges by health insurance.

I am a patient of Washington Nephrology Associates, LLP and I hereby authorize the physicians and staff to discuss my medical condition with the following individuals:

Name:	Relationship to Patient		
	Spouse	Child	Other:
<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle Initial</i>	
Telephone Number:			

Name:	Relationship to Patient		
	Spouse	Child	Other:
<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle Initial</i>	
Telephone Number:			

Name:	Relationship to Patient		
	Spouse	Child	Other:
<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle Initial</i>	
Telephone Number:			

Washington Nephrology Associates, LLP will apply for benefits on the patient's behalf for covered services. The payment will be made from the patient's insurance company to the company. The patient is ultimately responsible for the balance on the account.

Initials:

**Restriction on Release of Information When Paying Out-of-Pocket**

You may choose to tell WNA not to release certain protected health information to a health plan if you paid in full. It is your responsibility to discuss out-of-pocket payments with the staff.

A scheduled appointment is the time that doctors and staff at WNA have reserved for your care. If you need to cancel an appointment, we request at least a 48-hour notice to avoid a missed appointment fee of \$100 for a missed consultation appointment, and \$60 for a missed follow-up appointment. Please note, this charge is not covered by insurance.

Initials:

Please review our **Notice of Privacy Practices** for information regarding your protected health information. In addition, please note that you may complete additional forms to restrict or amend your PHI, request confidential communication

Initials:

I have reviewed **ALL PATIENT POLICY FORMS AND DOCUMENTS**.  
I agree that the information documented on this form is accurate and current to the best of my knowledge.

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*Signature of Patient or Legal Representative*

*PRINT Name of Legal Representative* Relationship to Patient: Spouse Child Other:

**If Legal Representative, I warrant that I am authorized to sign on behalf of the Patient.**

Date (MM/DD/YY):





<b>Gastrointestinal</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> GERD (Gastric Reflux) <input type="checkbox"/> Stomach/Bowel Ulcers <input type="checkbox"/> Gall Bladder Disease <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis	<input type="checkbox"/> Inflammatory Bowel Disease <input type="checkbox"/> Irritable Bowel Syndrome <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Intolerance <input type="checkbox"/> Lactose Intolerance
<b>Genitourinary</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Enlarged Prostate <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney Stones	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequent UTIs (Urinary Tract Infections)
<b>OB History</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Preeclampsia <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy Induced Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/> Gestational Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> History of Complicated Pregnancy
<b>Musculoskeletal</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Osteoarthritis	<input type="checkbox"/> Osteoporosis
<b>Neurological</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sclerosis <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures	<input type="checkbox"/> Parkinson's <input type="checkbox"/> Dementia
<b>Psychiatric</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Depression	<input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety Disorder
<b>Endocrine</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hypothyroidism <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperthyroidism	<input type="checkbox"/> Adrenal Insufficiency
<b>Hematology</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Anemia <input type="checkbox"/> Sickle Cell Disease <input type="checkbox"/> Sickle Cell Trait	<input type="checkbox"/> Blood Transfusion <input type="checkbox"/> Thalassemia
<b>Immuno/Allergy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> HIV <input type="checkbox"/> AIDS	<input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatoid Arthritis <input type="checkbox"/> Lupus

### PAST MEDICAL HISTORY – SURGERY HISTORY

**Have any of the following surgeries been performed on you?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Appendectomy<br><input type="checkbox"/> CABG<br><input type="checkbox"/> Carotid Endarterectomy<br><input type="checkbox"/> Cataract Surgery<br><input type="checkbox"/> D & C<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gall Bladder Removal<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gastric Bypass<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hemorrhoidectomy<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hernia Repair | <input type="checkbox"/> Hip Replacement<br><input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Bilateral<br><input type="checkbox"/> Right<br><input type="checkbox"/> Knee Replacement<br><input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Bilateral<br><input type="checkbox"/> Right<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hysterectomy<br><input type="checkbox"/> Prostatectomy<br><input type="checkbox"/> Nephrectomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Renal Transplant<br><input type="checkbox"/> Thyroidectomy<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tonsillectomy<br><input type="checkbox"/> Valve Replacement<br><input type="checkbox"/> AV Fistula<br><input type="checkbox"/> AV Graft<br><input type="checkbox"/> PD Catheter<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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**Other Health Problems Not Listed Above:**

## FAMILY HISTORY – ILLNESSES

**Do the following family members have any of the following medical conditions?**

<b>Kidney Disease</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Óí[ @!   <input type="checkbox"/> Ùã ¢!	Child
<b>Diabetes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Óí[ @!   <input type="checkbox"/> Ùã ¢!	Child
<b>High Blood Pressure</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Óí[ @!   <input type="checkbox"/> Ùã ¢!	Child
<b>Ischemic Heart Disease</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Óí[ @!   <input type="checkbox"/> Ùã ¢!	Child
<b>Cancer</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Óí[ @!   <input type="checkbox"/> Ùã ¢!	Child
<b>Stroke</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Óí[ @!   <input type="checkbox"/> Ùã ¢!	Child
<b>Gout</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Óí[ @!   <input type="checkbox"/> Ùã ¢!	Child
<b>ADPKD</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Óí[ @!   <input type="checkbox"/> Ùã ¢!	Child
<b>Dementia</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Óí[ @!   <input type="checkbox"/> Ùã ¢!	Child

## FAMILY HISTORY – STATUS

<b>Father</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Living <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased <input type="checkbox"/> Age at Death: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cause of Death: _____
<b>Mother</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Living <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Deceased <input type="checkbox"/> Age at Death: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Cause of Death: _____

**Other Family History Not Listed Above:**

## SOCIAL HISTORY – GENERAL

<b>Current Marital Status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced
<b>Living Arrangement</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Alone <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> In Home Caregiver <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Other <input type="checkbox"/> Assisted Living Facility
<b>Occupation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed <input type="checkbox"/> Employed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Full - time</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Part - time</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> Student  List your Current or Former Occupation: _____	
<b>Deficits</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Loss <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Mobility	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor Vision or Blindness <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Challenges

## SOCIAL HISTORY – HABITS

<b>Tobacco Use</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Current or Former User <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cigarettes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Chewing Tobacco</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pipes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Snuff</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cigars</li> </ul>		<input type="checkbox"/> Never Used <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
	If a current or former user, what year did you start? _____		
	If a former user, what year did you quit? _____		

	<p><b>Complete the following section if you are a current or former cigarette user:</b></p> <p>How often do you currently smoke or how often did you smoke before you quit?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Every Day   <input type="checkbox"/> Some Days   <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p> <p>How many packs per day do you currently smoke or how many packs per day did you smoke before you quit?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>How many total years have you used cigarettes?</p> <p>_____</p>
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<b>Alcohol Use</b>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Current or Former User   <input type="checkbox"/> Never Used</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Occasional</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 per Day</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3 or more per Day</p> <p>If a former user, what year did you quit?</p> <p>_____</p>
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<b>Recreational Drug Use</b>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Current or Former User</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marijuana   <input type="checkbox"/> Opium</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Amphetamines   <input type="checkbox"/> Cocaine</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LSD   <input type="checkbox"/> Barbiturates</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heroin   <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ecstasy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Never Used</p> <p>If a former user, what year did you quit?</p> <p>_____</p>
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**Other Social History Not Listed Above:**





## PRIVACY NOTICE

This Privacy 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.

### A. Our Responsibilities

We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your protected health information. We will let you know promptly if a breach occurs that may have compromised the privacy or security of your information.

We must follow the duties and privacy practices described in this notice and give you a copy of it. We will not use or share your information other than as described here unless you tell us that we can in writing. If you tell us we can, you may change your mind at any time, and you will be required to notify us in writing.

We share a single patient record with other practices that use our electronic medical record system (Acumen 2.0), in compliance with state and federal laws, and in accordance with Acumen 2.0 rules which are available at

<https://acumenmd.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Acumen-Data-Sharing-Rules-ofthe-Road.pdf>. Our medical group's ability to access your records for treatment and related purposes is critical to maintaining continuity of patient care and improving the quality and efficiency of health care, all of which benefit the individual patient. Each practice is responsible for obtaining your consent or authorization required by state and federal laws applicable to that practice before accessing, using or disclosing information in your record.

We can change the terms of this notice and the changes will apply to all the information we have about you. The new notice will be available at the time of any changes.

#### Our Uses and Disclosures

1. Treatment: We can use your health information and share it with other professionals who are treating you. For example, your information may be disclosed to your primary care physician or to another specialist who referred you to WNA for treatment.
2. Healthcare Operations: We can use and share your health information to run our practice, improve your care, and contact you when necessary. For example, your information may be used and disclosed by WNA to engage in case management, coordinate your care, schedule your appointments and inform you of your lab results. We may contact you to give you information about treatment alternatives or other health benefits and services that may be of interest to you.
3. Payment: We can use and share your health information to bill and get payment from health plans or other entities. For example, your information may be used and disclosed to submit claims to your insurer and/ or to obtain payment for services provided.

### B. Your Choices: Uses and Disclosures with Your Verbal Consent

For certain health information, you can tell us your choices about what we share. If you have a clear preference for how we share your information in the situations described below, please tell us what you want us to do.



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In these cases, you have both the right and choice to tell us to:

- Share information with your family, close friends or others involved in your care.
- Share information in a disaster relief situation
- Include your information in a hospital directory
- Contact you for fundraising efforts- We may contact you for fundraising, but you can tell us not to contact you again for fundraising.

**Please note: If you are not able to tell us your preference, for example, if you are unconscious, we may go ahead and share your information if we believe it is in your best interest. We may also share your information when needed to lessen a serious and imminent threat to health or safety.**

In these cases, we never share your information unless you give us written permission: For marketing

For the sale of your information

For most sharing of psychotherapy notes

## C. Other Uses and Disclosures without your consent.

We are allowed or required to share your information in other ways- usually in ways that contribute to the public good, such as public health and research. We have to meet many conditions in the law before we can share your information for these purposes.

### Public Health and Safety

We can share health information about you for certain situations such as:

- Preventing disease
- Helping with product recalls
- Reporting adverse reactions to medications
- Reporting suspected abuse, neglect or domestic violence
- Preventing or reducing a serious threat to anyone's health or safety

### Research

We can use or share your information for health research.

### Comply with the law

We will share information about you if state or federal laws require it, including with the Department of Health and Human Services if it wants to see that we are complying with federal privacy law.

### Respond to organ and tissue donation requests

We can share health information about you with organ procurement organizations.

### Work with a medical examiner or funeral director

We can share health information with a coroner, medical examiner or funeral director when an individual die.

### Address worker's compensation, law enforcement and other government requests

We can use or share health information about you:



- For workers' compensation claims
- For law enforcement purposes or with a law enforcement official with health oversight agencies for activities authorized by law
- For special government functions such as military, national security, and presidential protective services.

#### Respond to lawsuits and legal actions

We can share health information about you in response to a court or administrative order, or in response to a subpoena.

## D. Your Rights

When it comes to your health information, you have certain rights. This section explains your rights and some of our responsibilities to help you.

1. Get a copy of your medical record. You can ask to see or get a copy of your medical record and other health information we have about you. We will provide a copy or a summary of your health information, usually within 30 days of your request. We will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee.
2. Ask us to correct your medical record. You can ask us to correct health information about you if you think it is incorrect or incomplete. We may say "no" to your request, but we'll tell you why in writing within 60 days.
3. Request confidential communications. You can ask us to contact you in a specific way (for example, home or office phone) or to send mail to a different address. We will say "yes" to all reasonable requests. Please note that email is not always secure. We will do our best to protect your health information, but we do not guarantee privacy through email.
4. Ask us to limit what we use or share. You can ask us not to use or share certain health information for treatment, payment or our operations. We are not required to agree to your request, and we may say "no" if it would affect your care. If you pay for a service or health care item out-of-pocket in full, you can ask us not to share that information for the purpose of payment or our operations with your health insurer. We will say "yes" unless a law requires us to share that information.
5. Get a list of those with whom we've shared information. You can ask for a list (accounting) of the times we've shared your health information for six years prior to the date you ask, who we shared



it with and why. We will include all the disclosures except for those about treatment, payment and health care operations and certain other disclosures (such as any you asked us to make). We'll provide one accounting a year for free but will charge a reasonable, cost-based fee if you ask for another one within 12 months.

6. Get a copy of this Privacy Notice. You can ask for a paper copy of this notice at any time, even if you have agreed to receive the notice electronically. We will provide you with a paper copy promptly.
7. Choose someone to act for you. If you have given someone medical power of attorney or if someone is your legal guardian, that person can exercise your rights and make choices about your health information. We will make sure that a person has this authority and can act for you before we take action. We will require an executed medical power of attorney form for our records.
8. File a complaint. If you feel your rights have been violated, you can contact us at:  
Barbara Rotter, Privacy Officer  
Administration  
Washington Nephrology Associates, LLP  
1201 Seven Locks Rd, Suite 200,  
Rockville, MD 20854  
You can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights by sending a letter to  
200 Independence Ave, SW  
Washington, DC 20201  
1-877-696-6775  
[www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/)  
We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

## Missed/Canceled Appointment Policy

We want to thank you for choosing us as your health care provider. In order to give you and all our patients, the best possible care, we request that you review our policy regarding missed appointments. A missed appointment is when you fail to show up for an allotted appointment time, without a phone call or cancellation notice of at least 48-hour notice. Please remember we reserved appointment times especially for you. Therefore, we request at least a 48-hour notice in order to cancel and reschedule your appointment. This will allow us the opportunity to better serve our patients and ensure we can accommodate everyone by offering your canceled time to others.



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If you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment time, please call our office at least 48-hours in advance in order to avoid a missed appointment fee of \$100 for a consultation visit or \$60 fee for a follow-up visit. This charge is not covered by your insurance carrier.

## Release and Use of Health Information

PATIENT AUTHORIZATION WAIVER FOR DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO ANY WASHINGTON NEPHROLOGY ASSOCIATES ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF EMPLOYEE TO DISCUSS ANY MEDICAL CONDITION (S) WITH FAMILY MEMBERS OR DESIGNATED PERSON (S)

I am a patient of Washington Nephrology Associates, L.L.P. (WNA) and hereby authorize the support staff. I.e. secretaries, medical assistants, nurses, etc. to discuss my medical condition with the members of my family listed in the Registration Form.

The patient or the patient's legal representative must read the following statements:

A. I understand that the provision of health care and the payment of health care will not be affected if this form is not signed.

B. I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time by notifying Washington Nephrology Associates in writing, but it will not affect any actions taken by Washington Nephrology Associates prior to receiving the revocation.

Please initial and sign on Registration Form

## Patient Consent to the Use and Disclosure of Information

Washington Nephrology Associates, L.L.P. ("WNA") obtains and maintains health information relating to my past, present or future physical or mental condition, and provision of health care or payment for health care, referred to as "Protected Health Information." This Protected Health Information may be used or disclosed by WNA for purposes of treatment, payment or health care operations, including, but not limited to:

- Planning for my care and treatment
- Calling me with appointment reminders and lab results
- Submitting a claim to my insurer or health plan
- Assessing the quality of care provided to me



WNA'S Notice of Privacy Practices contains a more complete description of how my Protected Health Information may be used or disclosed and how I can obtain access to this information. I understand WNA reserves the right to change its Notice and practices and I can request a copy of its current Notice.

I understand that I have the right to request restrictions as to how my Protected Health Information may be used or disclosed by WNA. WNA is not required to agree to my request but if WNA does agree, the requested restrictions will be binding on WNA.

I further understand that, at any time, I may revoke this consent in writing, except to the extent that WNA has already taken action in reliance on it.

## **USE OF TELEHEALTH FOR PHYSICIAN AND/OR CARE TEAM VISITS**

By providing my consent, I agree to participate in telehealth visits with members of Washington Nephrology Associates team, including my physician and members of my physician's practice group, and if applies, members of dialysis unit (Care Team) during the term of the national/state (i.e. COVID-19 pandemic). I understand certain steps are being taken to reduce the risk of potential exposure and spread of the virus, including the option to receive health care services via telehealth visits when appropriate. Some portions of my care may be reasonably provided via telehealth instead of an in-person visit when my Care Team determines telehealth visits are appropriate for me. Reduced frequency of in-person visits may reduce my risk of potential exposure to the virus and may also help protect others. My Care Team will inform me if and when it is necessary to conduct an in-person visit. In such cases, my care team will follow all relevant policies, procedures, and infection control practices to reduce my risk of potential exposure I understand using telehealth services involves some increased risk that an unauthorized person may see, access, copy, or interrupt my personal information. I also understand there is some risk unencrypted electronic communications could be intercepted in transmission or misdirected to a third party not authorized to receive the information. I understand my Care Team may need to end, delay, or pause my telehealth session. I agree to cooperate with these interruptions and with directions given by my Care Team. I understand telehealth services are subject to the laws protecting the confidentiality of my medical information and my right to access that information. My Care Team will not share information obtained through telehealth if prohibited by federal or state law. I understand this consent will be effective until I am notified that this consent is no longer in effect because of resolution of the national and/or applicable state pandemic emergency. I may withdraw or revoke it at any time. I understand I have a right to receive a copy of this consent. I understand it is my choice to use telehealth visits and my decision to use, or not use, telehealth visits will not affect my right to future dialysis treatments. I understand my health benefits plan may not cover telehealth services and I may need to pay for telehealth visits, including copayments, co-insurance, or deductibles. I understand I am encouraged to discuss my telehealth service coverage with my health benefits plan.



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## **Medical Release Authorization and Insurance Assignment**

I hereby authorize Washington Nephrology Associates to apply for benefits on my behalf for covered services rendered. I request payment from my insurance company to be made to the above-named provider. I understand and agree that, regarding my insurance status, I am ultimately responsible for the balance on my account for any professional services rendered.

I request that payment of authorized Medicare benefits be made to Washington Nephrology Associates for any services rendered. I authorize any holder of medical information about me to be released to the Health Care Financing Administration and its agents, any information needed to determine these benefits or the benefits payable for related services.

I certify that the information I have reported regarding my insurance coverage is correct and further authorize the release of any necessary information, including medical information, to my insurance company in order to determine insurance benefits to which I may be entitled. I may revoke this authorization at any time in writing.

I authorize Washington Nephrology to release and/or send medical information regarding my case to other consulting and/or referring physicians.

## **Financial Responsibility Agreement**

I understand that my insurance is a contract between me and the insurance carrier, and not between the insurance carrier and Washington Nephrology Associates, and that I am still fully responsible for all fees. Should timely payments of this account not be made, I authorize Washington Nephrology Associates to retain the services of an attorney and/or collection agency to assist with the collection of only outstanding balance. Any expenses incurred by such action shall become an additional liability for which I assume responsibility.

## **Email Disclaimer**



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Washington Nephrology Associates (WNA) will use reasonable means to protect the privacy of your health information sent by email. However, because of the risks outlined below WNA cannot guarantee that email communications will be confidential. Additionally, WNA will not be liable if you or anyone else inappropriately uses your email. WNA will not be liable for improper disclosure of your health information that is not caused by WNA's intentional misconduct.

## **Email risks and your responsibility**

At the discretion of the WNA, its staff, physicians and agents (WNA) and upon your agreement to the terms outlined within this consent form, you may use email to communicate with WNA. These emails may contain your personal health information. If you decide to use email to communicate with WNA, you should be aware of the following risks and/or your responsibilities:

1. As the Internet is not secure or private, unauthorized people may be able to intercept, read and possibly modify email you send or are sent by WNA.
2. You must protect your email account, password and computer against access by unauthorized people.
3. Since email can be used to spread viruses, some which cause email messages to be sent to people who you do not intend to send email messages to, you should install and maintain virus protection software on your computer.
4. Since emails can be copied, printed and forwarded by people to whom you send emails, you should be careful regarding whom you send emails.
5. As your employer may claim ownership of, or the right to access, the email account issued to you by our email, you should avoid using an employer issued email account to communicate with WNA.

## **Conditions for the use of email**

By consenting to the use of email with WNA, you agree that:

WNA may forward emails as appropriate for diagnosis, treatment, reimbursement, and other related reasons. As such, WNA staff members, other than the recipient, may have access to emails that you send. Such access will only be to such persons who have a right to access your email to provide services to you. Otherwise, WNA will not, otherwise, forward emails to independent third parties without your prior written consent, except as authorized or required by law.

1. Although WNA will try to read and respond promptly to your emails, WNA staff may not read your email immediately. Therefore, you should not use email to communicate with WNA if there is an emergency or where you require an answer in a short period of time.
2. If your email requires or asks for a response, and you have not received a response within a reasonable time period, it is your responsibility to follow up directly with WNA.





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3. You should carefully consider the risk of using email for the communication of sensitive medical
4. Information, such as, but not limited to, information regarding sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS/HIV, mental health, developmental disability, or substance abuse.
5. You should carefully word your email messages, so the information provided clearly, yet briefly,
6. Describes the information you intend to convey. You should avoid writing long “chatty” emails.
7. You are responsible for correcting any unclear or incorrect information.
8. WNA reserves the right to save your email and include your email or information contained within your email in your medical record.
9. It is the patient’s responsibility to follow up and/or schedule an appointment if warranted or recommended by WNA.
10. Emails may not be the only form of communication that WNA will use to communicate with you.
11. Additionally, WNA may decide that it is not in your best interest to continue to communicate with you by email. In such case, WNA will notify that it no longer intends to communicate with you by email.