

# Patient Rights and Responsibilities

As a valued patient at **Vanguard Physicians**, we want to ensure that you are fully informed about your rights and responsibilities. Please take a moment to review the following details:

## Consent to Treat:

- **What does this mean?**
  - You have the right to receive information about your diagnosis, treatment options, and potential risks and benefits.
  - You can ask questions and make informed decisions about your care.
  - You may refuse treatment or request a second opinion.
- **What you can expect:**
  - Our healthcare providers will explain your condition, treatment plan, and any available alternatives.
  - We encourage open communication, so feel free to ask questions or seek clarification.
  - If you have concerns, please discuss them with your healthcare provider.

## Consent for Use of AI for Note Transcription:

- **What does this mean?**
  - We use artificial intelligence (AI) tools to transcribe medical notes.
  - Your medical information will be anonymized and securely stored.
  - If you have concerns, please discuss them with your healthcare provider.
- **What you can expect:**
  - Our AI system helps improve accuracy and efficiency in documenting your medical history.
  - Rest assured that your privacy is our priority, and your information will remain confidential.

## Consent to Bill Insurance and Collect Payment:

- **What does this mean?**
  - By receiving care at our practice, you agree to allow us to bill your insurance company for services rendered.
  - You are responsible for any copayments, deductibles, or non-covered services.
  - We will work with you to find payment options if needed.
- **What you can expect:**
  - Our billing team will handle insurance claims on your behalf.
  - You will receive statements detailing the services provided and any associated costs.
  - If you have financial difficulties, please let us know so we can assist you.

### **Financial Responsibility:**

- **What does this mean?**
  - You are responsible for understanding your insurance coverage and any out-of-pocket costs.
  - If you have financial difficulties, please let us know so we can assist you.
- **What you can expect:**
  - We will provide transparent information about costs and payment options.
  - Our team is available to discuss payment plans or financial assistance programs.

### **HIPAA Acknowledgement of Privacy Practices:**

- **What does this mean?**
  - The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is a federal law that protects your health information.
  - We are committed to safeguarding your privacy and complying with HIPAA regulations.
  - Our Notice of Privacy Practices explains how we use, disclose, and protect your health information.
  - You have the right to access your medical records and request corrections.
- **What you can expect:**
  - You will receive a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices upon request.
  - We maintain strict confidentiality and limit access to your health information.
  - If you have any privacy-related concerns, please contact our privacy officer.

We appreciate your trust in **Vanguard Physicians**. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to our staff. Your well-being is our priority, and we are here to support you in your healthcare journey.

Thank you for choosing us as your healthcare provider!

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**Note:** This form is for informational purposes only and does not require a signature. If you have specific legal requirements or need a formal consent form, please consult with legal counsel or a healthcare compliance professional.