

Westside Gastroenterology Associates

Patient Acknowledgement Form for

Patient Name: _____
(Please Print)

When you visit the Practice, it is very important that you feel safe in telling your physician personal information that may be required to fully diagnose or treat a problem. The Practice has strict policies and procedures to protect the confidentiality of the information that you have entrusted to us. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") rules require that the Practice provide all of our patients with the attached Notice of Privacy Practices on their first visit. The Notice describes how the medical information we receive from you may be used or disclosed by the Practice and your rights related to your access to this information.

Please sign below that we have provided you with a copy of our Notice to review. If you have any questions about our Privacy Practices, please feel free to contact our Privacy Officer. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please Tell Us How to Contact You to Discuss Your Medical Care

It is our policy to not release a patient's confidential and/or unauthorized information by telephone or voice mail except for appointment confirmation. Whenever returning phone calls, we do not leave a message in voice mail if the name or telephone number is not on the recorded message to identify the residence. Information will not be left with an unauthorized person who may answer the telephone. If you would like to have information released to someone other than yourself, please complete the following:

I authorize the Westside Gastroenterology Associates to leave medical information pertaining to my care by the following methods and will assume responsibility to notify the Practice, in writing, whenever this information changes.

Home telephone: yes____ no____ Cell phone: yes____ no____

Voice Mail/Answering machine: yes____ no____ Work phone: yes____ no____

Pager: yes____ no____

May we fax medical records for referrals? yes____ no____

Please list names of people with whom we can discuss your medical care:

Spouse Name _____

Parent Name _____

Other Name (s) & Relationship _____

Please list a "unique identifier" as a way to confirm your identity when calling the office. This "unique identifier" must be given before any information can be disclosed.

Unique Identifier: _____
(last four digits of your social security number or mother's maiden last name)

I also acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Practice's Notice of Privacy Practices and have been given an opportunity to ask questions.

Signature of Patient or Personal Representative:

Date: _____

If Personal Representative, give relationship to patient:
