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We are pleased you have chosen Advanced Cardiovascular Specialists, LLP (ACS) for your cardiovascular evaluation. In order to facilitate the new patient process, we are sending the attached forms for your completion. ***PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORMS IN DETAIL AND RETURN THEM TO THIS OFFICE PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED.***

***APPOINTMENT ON \_\_\_\_\_, \*\*\*MAIL or FAX BACK\*\*\****

You can fax the completed forms to **409-892-6792** or mail them to **755 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. P2200, Beaumont, TX 77702.**

If you are taking any medication, **PLEASE BRING ALL OF YOUR MEDICINES WITH YOU** at the time of your visit!

**We must have “ALL” paperwork back @ least 72 hrs prior to your appointment, Thanks.**

**\*\*\* PLEASE use BLACK ink ONLY to fill out the following pages!!**

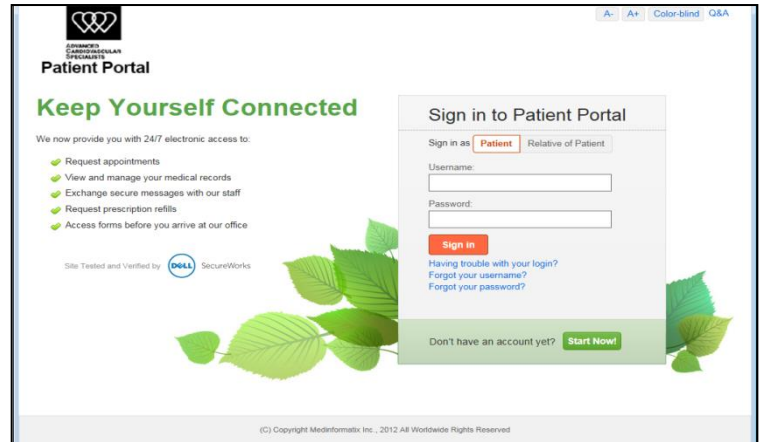
Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you.

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# Create Acct with Patient Portal

- 🔴 Type in [accscardio.com](http://accscardio.com)
- 🔴 Click on *Patient Portal* at the bottom.
- 🔴 Click on the green **"Start Now"** to get started
- 🔴 Create username and password
- 🔴 Fill out Demographic page
- 🔴 Choose and answer **3** Secure Questions
- 🔴 Confirm by clicking **"Back to Login"**



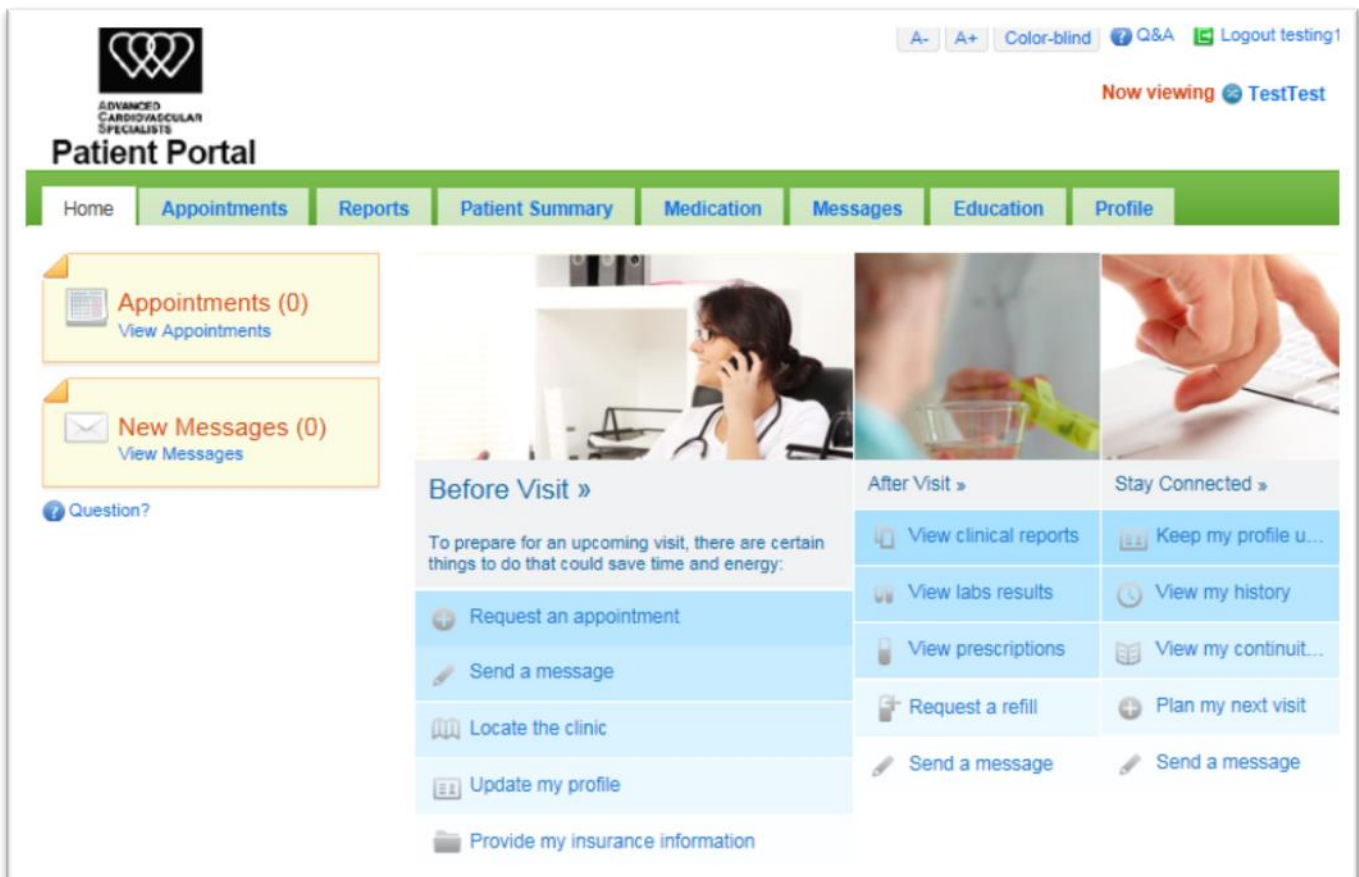
- 🔴 ACS will verify you are a patient and you will receive a Notification email stating your acct has been *Verified*.
- 🔴 You are now ready to start using the Patient Portal to access the following:

- View Reports
- View Appointments
- Request Medication refills
- Send secure messages
- Education

**Username:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Password:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## CARDIOVASCULAR HISTORY

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ **SEX:** MALE / FEMALE

Have you ever seen a Cardiologist before? Yes / No

If Yes, what was the Cardiologist's name and address? \_\_\_\_\_

**CHIEF COMPLAINT:** List the major symptom/problem that brought you to our office? Date of onset?

**Pharmacy Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone#** \_\_\_\_\_

## CURRENT MEDICATIONS

**(Please list ALL medicines currently taken including: aspirin, vitamins, over-the-counter, herbal, etc.)**

Name of Drug	Strength	Instructions	Prescribing physician
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	_____

Do you have any known **DRUG ALLERGIES?** Yes / No

If yes - **please list drug name and the type of reaction it causes:** \_\_\_\_\_

## SOCIAL HISTORY

1. Do you smoke? Yes / No / Never

If yes --- Packs per day \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years \_\_\_\_\_

Discontinued smoking? Yes / No How long ago? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Alcohol intake? Never / Occasionally / Socially How often? Daily / Weekly / Monthly

3. Diet: No Particular diet \_\_\_\_\_ Low Fat/Cholesterol \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. Lifestyle: Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. Exercise: (walking, running, weights, working out in gym, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Education: High school education \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

7. Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

## FAMILY HISTORY

Please list family medical history (Age, Living/Deceased) of mother, father, brothers, sisters, etc.

Relationship	Sex	Age	Type of Problem	Age at Death
Mother				
Father				
Brothers / Sisters	M F			
	M F			
	M F			
Children	M F			
	M F			
	M F			

## PAST MEDICAL HISTORY

**{Please list any problems you may have had in the past}**

**HEENT:** (Head, eyes, ears, nose & throat) \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPIRATORY:** (Chronic Lung disease, pneumonia, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**HEART:** \_\_\_\_\_

Stroke \_\_\_\_\_ Heart murmur \_\_\_\_\_ Thrombophlebitis \_\_\_\_\_ Congestive Heart Failure \_\_\_\_\_

**BONE & JOINT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SKIN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NEUROLOGICAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PSYCHIATRY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ENDOCRINE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VASCULAR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GASTROINTESTINAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GENITOURINARY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HEMATOLOGY:** (Anemia, blood disorders, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been diagnosed as having **HIGH CHOLESTEROL?** Yes / No

Have you ever been diagnosed as having **DIABETES?** Yes / No

Have you ever been diagnosed as having **HYPERTENSION?** Yes / No

Have you ever been diagnosed as having **RHEUMATIC FEVER?** Yes / No

## PAST SURGICAL HISTORY

**Please list ALL PAST SURGERIES:** (Including DATE, HOSPITAL & SURGEON who performed surgery, including ANY PRIOR HEART SURGERY)

<u>Type of Surgery</u>	<u>Hospital/Doctor</u>	<u>Date</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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**PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET**

*Please fill out all information completely or this form will be returned to you.*

<b>Patient</b>	
NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____ GENDER: M F	
ADDRESS: _____ MARITAL STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed	
CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____	
HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____	
SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____ DRIVERS LICENSE #: _____	
FAMILY DOCTOR: _____ EMAIL : _____	

<b>Employer</b>	
RETIRED: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
NAME: _____ WORK PHONE: _____	
ADDRESS: _____	

<b>Spouse</b>	
NAME: _____ DOB: _____	
HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____	
SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____ EMPLOYER: _____	

<b>Emergency Contact – Someone other than spouse</b>	
NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____	
ADDRESS: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____	
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____	

<b>Insurance - A copy of your card must be on file</b>	
PRIMARY CARRIER: _____	SECONDARY CARRIER: _____
ADDRESS: _____	ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____	CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____	PHONE: _____
POLICY HOLDER: _____ DOB: _____	POLICY HOLDER: _____ DOB: _____
RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT: _____	RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT: _____
EMPLOYER NAME: _____	EMPLOYER NAME: _____
MEMBER#: _____ GRP# _____	MEMBER#: _____ GRP# _____

DO YOU HAVE AN ADVANCED DIRECTIVE (Living Will)  Yes  No



ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS/CONSENT FOR TREATMENT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

I HEREBY AGREE TO PAY IN FULL FOR MEDICAL SERVICES BY ADVANCED CARDIOVASCULAR SPECIALISTS (ACS) AND/OR ITS STAFF, UNLESS OTHERWISE CONTRACTUALLY OR STATUTORILY PROHIBITED. UNLESS SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED, I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL BE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY CHARGES NOT PAID BY MY INSURER, EMPLOYER, OR OTHER THIRD PARTY. I ALSO AGREE THAT ANY PAYMENT DUE FROM ME WILL BE MADE AT THE TIME SERVICES ARE RENDERED OR PROMPTLY UPON BILLING. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I/MY CHILD NEED MEDICAL SERVICES BECAUSE OF MY/ HIS/HER CONDITION. THEREFORE, I HEREBY DO VOLUNTARILY CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT AND/OR DIAGNOSTIC TESTING, AND OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES, UNDER THE GENERAL AND SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS OF THE PHYSICIANS OF ACS. THEIR ASSISTANT(S) OR THEIR DESIGNEE(S) AS IS NECESSARY IN HIS/HER JUDGEMENT. I ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IS NOT AN EXACT SCIENCE AND THAT NO GUARANTEES HAVE BEEN MADE TO ME AS TO THE RESULT OR OUTCOME OF TREATMENTS, EXAMINATIONS, OR TESTING BY THE PHYSICIANS OF ACS, THEIR ASSISTANT(S) OR THEIR DESIGNEE(S).

I AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST PAYMENT(S) OF MEDICAL BENEFITS DIRECTLY TO ACS OR THEIR DESIGNEE(S). I FURTHER AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT ACS, THEIR ASSISTANTS AND DESIGNEES TO RELEASE TO MY INSURANCE COMPANY(IES) ANY AND ALL MEDICAL INFORMATION (INCLUDING THAT OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE NECESSARY TO PROCESS MY INSURANCE CLAIMS. I ADDITIONALLY AUTHORIZE ACS TO ORDER STAFF TO RELEASE COPIES OF MY/MY CHILD'S MEDICAL RECORDS (INCLUDING TESTING RESULTS, AND MEDICAL SERVICES OF A CONFIDENTIAL NATURE TO OTHER PHYSICIAN(S) GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, INSURANCE COMPANIES, ETC. AS I MAY DIRECT EITHER VERBALLY OR IN WRITING.

I AUTHORIZE: ADVANCED CARDIOVASCULAR SPECIALISTS TO RECEIVE INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ILLNESS/INJURY WHICH I HAVE SUFFERED OR ANY TREATMENT RENDERED TO ME.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PATIENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT (IF LEGAL GUARDIAN)

\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS

**NURSE PRACTITIONER CONSENT**

THIS FACILITY HAS ON STAFF, NURSE PRACTITIONERS TO ASSIST IN THE DELIVERY OF CARDIOVASCULAR CARE. A NURSE PRACTITIONER IS NOT A DOCTOR. A NURSE PRACTITIONER IS A REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS RECEIVED ADVANCED EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE. A NURSE PRACTITIONER CAN DIAGNOSE, TREAT, AND MONITOR COMMON ACUTE AND CHRONIC DISEASES AS WELL AS PROVIDE HEALTH MAINTENANCE CARE.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE, AND HEREBY CONSENT TO THE SERVICES OF A NURSE PRACTITIONER FOR MY HEALTH CARE NEEDS. I UNDERSTAND THAT AT ANY TIME I CAN REFUSE TO SEE THE NURSE PRACTITIONER AND REQUEST TO SEE A PHYSICIAN.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PATIENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT (IF LEGAL GUARDIAN)

\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS

**PATIENT AUTHORIZATION FOR USE AND DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

BY SIGNING THIS AUTHORIZATION, I AUTHORIZE ADVANCED CARDIOVASCULAR SPECIALISTS, LLP (ACS) TO USE AND/OR DISCLOSE CERTAIN PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION (PHI) ABOUT MYSELF. THIS AUTHORIZATION PERMITS ACS TO USE AND/OR DISCLOSE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT ME. THE INFORMATION WILL BE USED OR DISCLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSE: **MEDICAL TREATMENT, INSURANCE INFORMATION, OR ANY ISSUE RELATED TO MY HEALTH CARE.** IF REQUESTED BY THE PATIENT, PURPOSE MAY BE LISTED AS "AT THE REQUEST OF THE INDIVIDUAL." THE PURPOSE (S) IS/ARE PROVIDED SO THAT I CAN MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION WHETHER TO ALLOW RELEASE OF THE INFORMATION. THIS AUTHORIZATION WILL EXPIRE ONE YEAR FROM SIGNATURE DATE BELOW. THE PRACTICE WILL NOT RECEIVE PAYMENT OR OTHER REMUNERATION FROM A THIRD PARTY IN EXCHANGE FOR USING OR DISCLOSING THE PHI. I DO NOT HAVE TO SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE TREATMENT FROM ACS. IN FACT, I HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION. WHEN MY INFORMATION IS USED OR DISCLOSED PURSUANT TO THIS AUTHORIZATION, IT MAY BE SUBJECT TO REDISCLOSURE BY THE RECIPIENT AND MAY NO LONGER BE PROTECTED BY THE FEDERAL HIPAA PRIVACY RULE. I HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVOKE THIS AUTHORIZATION IN WRITING EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE PRACTICE HAS ACTED IN RELIANCE UPON THIS AUTHORIZATION. MY WRITTEN REVOCATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRIVACY OFFICIAL AT: 755 N. 11<sup>TH</sup> ST., SUITE P2200, BEAUMONT, TX 77702

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PATIENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
RELATIONSHIP TO PATIENT (IF LEGAL GUARDIAN)

\_\_\_\_\_  
WITNESS



## Limited Patient Authorization for Disclosure of Protected Health Information

Please print all information, then sign and date form at bottom.

Name of Practice: **Advanced Cardiovascular Specialists**

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE OF REQUEST:** (WHO WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT ME)

- I authorize the practice to disclose or provide protected health information, about me, to:

Entity/Person receiving information:

Relationship to you:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Description of information to be disclosed** - I authorize the practice to disclose the following protected health information about me to the entity, person, or persons identified above:

\_\_\_\_lab results \_\_\_\_diagnostic test results \_\_\_\_billing/collections information

XXXXXX any and all information in my health record including but not limited to the above mentioned as well as diagnoses, treatment plans and prognosis

**PURPOSE OF DISCLOSURE:** (please list the purpose of the disclosure or check patient request):

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Patient Request

**Expirations or termination of authorization:** This authorization will expire one year from the date of your signature below, unless you specify an earlier termination. You must submit a new authorization after the expiration date to continue the authorization. You have the right to terminate this authorization at any time. You must notify our privacy manager, in writing, if you decide to terminate the authorization prior to the normal expiration date.

Please list an earlier expiration if less than one year:\_\_\_\_\_

**Right to revoke or terminate:** As stated in our Notice of Privacy Practices, you have the right to revoke or terminate this authorization by submitting a written request to our Privacy Manager. This can be done in-person or by mailing a request to the attention of Privacy Manager at:

**Advanced Cardiovascular Specialists**  
**755 N. 11th Street, P2200**  
**Beaumont, TX 77702**

**Re-disclosure:** We have no control over the person(s) you have listed to receive your protected health information. Therefore, your protected health information disclosed under this authorization will no longer be protected by the requirements of the Privacy Rule and will no longer be the responsibility of the practice.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Provider Request for Treatment, Payment, or Healthcare Operations Disclosure from Another Covered Entity

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose of Authorization:** A disclosure of protected health information (regarding the patient listed below) is requested for the purpose of  treatment,  payment,  healthcare operations.

Note: **as stated in the Privacy Rule - (section 164.506(c)(2-4) Implementation Specification for Treatment, Payment, or Healthcare Operations) – §164.506(2) A covered entity may disclose protected health information for the treatment activities of a healthcare provider. §164.506(3) A covered entity may disclose protected health information to another covered entity or a healthcare provider for the payment activities of the entity that receives the information. §164.506(4) A covered entity may disclose protected health information to another covered entity for the healthcare operations of the entity that receives the information.**

**Entity Requesting Information:**  
The patient information is being requested by:

**Entity Providing Information:**

**Practice:** Advanced Cardiovascular Specialists

**Practice:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** 755 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, P2200

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** Beaumont, TX 77702

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (409) 892-1192

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** (409) 892-6792

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Patient Information** - The requested information is for the following patient:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Patient Signature**

**Expirations or termination of authorization:** This authorization is a one-time request and will expire 14 days from the date of this request.

**Re-disclosure:** The providing entity has no control over the covered entity requesting the information. Therefore, the protected health information disclosed under this authorization will no longer be the responsibility of the entity providing the protected health information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Requesting Provider's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





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**RECEIPT OF  
NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES  
WRITTEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have received a copy of  
ADVANCED CARDIOVASCULAR SPECIALISTS, L.L.P. 's  
Notice of Privacy Practices.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Patient

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

Date of Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed, and how you can gain access to this information. Please review it carefully.

Protected health information (PHI), about you, is maintained as a written and/or electronic record of your contacts or visits for healthcare services with our practice. Specifically, PHI is information about you, including demographic information (i.e., name, address, phone, etc.), that may identify you and relates to your past, present or future physical or mental health condition and related healthcare services.

Our practice is required to follow specific rules on maintaining the confidentiality of your PHI, using your information, and disclosing or sharing this information with other healthcare professionals involved in your care and treatment. This Notice describes your rights to access and control your PHI. It also describes how we follow applicable rules and use and disclose your PHI to provide your treatment, obtain payment for services you receive, manage our healthcare operations and for other purposes that are permitted or required by law.

### Your Rights Under The Privacy Rule

Following is a statement of your rights, under the Privacy Rule, in reference to your PHI. Please feel free to discuss any questions with our staff.

**You have the right to receive, and we are required to provide you with, a copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices** - We are required to follow the terms of this notice. We reserve the right to change the terms of our notice, at any time. Upon your request, we will provide you with a revised Notice of Privacy Practices if you call our office and request that a revised copy be sent to you in the mail or ask for one at the time of your next appointment. The Notice will also be posted in a conspicuous location within the practice, and if such is maintained by the practice, on its web site.

**You have the right to authorize other use and disclosure** - This means you have the right to authorize any use or disclosure of PHI that is not specified within this notice. For example, we would need your written authorization to use or disclose your PHI for marketing purposes, for most uses or disclosures of psychotherapy notes, or if we intended to sell your PHI. You may revoke an authorization, at any time, in writing, except to the extent that your healthcare provider, or our practice has taken an action in reliance on the use or disclosure indicated in the authorization.

**You have the right to request an alternative means of confidential communication** – This means you have the right to ask us to contact you about medical matters using an alternative method (i.e., email, telephone), and to a destination (i.e., cell phone number, alternative address, etc.) designated by you. You must inform us in writing, using a form provided by our practice, how you wish to be contacted if other than the address/phone number that we have on file. We will follow all reasonable requests.

**You have the right to inspect and copy your PHI** - This means you may inspect, and obtain a copy of your complete health record. If your health record is maintained electronically, you will also have the right to request a copy in electronic format. We have the right to charge a reasonable fee for paper or electronic copies as established by professional, state, or federal guidelines.

**You have the right to request a restriction of your PHI** - This means you may ask us, in writing, not to use or disclose any part of your protected health information for the purposes of treatment, payment or healthcare operations. If we agree to the requested restriction, we will abide by it, except in emergency circumstances when the information is needed for your treatment. In certain cases, we may deny your request for a restriction. You will have the right to request, in writing, that we restrict communication to your health plan regarding a specific treatment or service that you, or someone on your behalf, has paid for in full, out-of-pocket. We are not permitted to deny this specific type of requested restriction.

**You may have the right to request an amendment to your protected health information** - This means you may request an amendment of your PHI for as long as we maintain this information. In certain cases, we may deny your request.

**You have the right to request a disclosure accountability** - This means that you may request a listing of disclosures that we have made, of your PHI, to entities or persons outside of our office.

**You have the right to receive a privacy breach notice** - You have the right to receive written notification if the practice discovers a breach of your unsecured PHI, and determines through a risk assessment that notification is required.

If you have questions regarding your privacy rights, please feel free to contact our Privacy Manager. Contact information is provided on the following page under Privacy Complaints.

## How We May Use or Disclose Protected Health Information

Following are examples of uses and disclosures of your protected health information that we are permitted to make. These examples are not meant to be exhaustive, but to describe possible types of uses and disclosures.

**Treatment** - We may use and disclose your PHI to provide, coordinate, or manage your healthcare and any related services. This includes the coordination or management of your healthcare with a third party that is involved in your care and treatment. For example, we would disclose your PHI, as necessary, to a pharmacy that would fill your prescriptions. We will also disclose PHI to other Healthcare Providers who may be involved in your care and treatment.

**Special Notices** - We may use or disclose your PHI, as necessary, to contact you to remind you of your appointment. We may contact you by phone or other means to provide results from exams or tests and to provide information that describes or recommends treatment alternatives regarding your care. Also, we may contact you to provide information about health-related benefits and services offered by our office, for fund-raising activities, or with respect to a group health plan, to disclose information to the health plan sponsor. You will have the right to opt out of such special notices, and each such notice will include instructions for opting out.

**Payment** - Your PHI will be used, as needed, to obtain payment for your healthcare services. This may include certain activities that your health insurance plan may undertake before it approves or pays for the healthcare services we recommend for you such as, making a determination of eligibility or coverage for insurance benefits.

**Healthcare Operations** - We may use or disclose, as needed, your PHI in order to support the business activities of our practice. This includes, but is not limited to business planning and development, quality assessment and improvement, medical review, legal services, auditing functions and patient safety activities.

**Health Information Organization** - The practice may elect to use a health information organization, or other such organization to facilitate the electronic exchange of information for the purposes of treatment, payment, or healthcare operations.

**To Others Involved in Your Healthcare** - Unless you object, we may disclose to a member of your family, a relative, a close friend or any other person, that you identify, your PHI that directly relates to that person's involvement in your healthcare. If you are unable to agree or object to such a disclosure, we may disclose such information as necessary if we determine that it is in your best interest based on our professional judgment. We may use or disclose PHI to notify or assist in notifying a family member, personal representative or any other person that is responsible for your care, of your general condition or death. If you are not present or able to agree or object to the use or disclosure of the PHI, then your healthcare provider may, using professional judgment, determine whether the disclosure is in your best interest. In this case, only the PHI that is necessary will be disclosed.

**Other Permitted and Required Uses and Disclosures** - We are also permitted to use or disclose your PHI without your written authorization for the following purposes: as required by law; for public health activities; health oversight activities; in cases of abuse or neglect; to comply with Food and Drug Administration requirements; research purposes; legal proceedings; law enforcement purposes; coroners; funeral directors; organ donation; criminal activity; military activity; national security; worker's compensation; when an inmate in a correctional facility; and if requested by the Department of Health and Human Services in order to investigate or determine our compliance with the requirements of the Privacy Rule.

## Privacy Complaints

You have the right to complain to us, or directly to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services if you believe your privacy rights have been violated by us. You may file a complaint with us by notifying the Privacy Manager at:

**409-892-1192**

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We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.