

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

THIS IS OUR NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES, WHICH DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION.

Our pledge to protect your privacy:

Buffalo Vascular Care (BVC) is committed to protecting the privacy of your medical information. Your care and treatment is recorded in a medical record. So that we can best meet your medical needs, we share your medical record with the providers involved in your care. We share your information only to the extent necessary to collect payment for the services we provide, to conduct our business operations, and to comply with the laws that govern health care. We will not use or disclose your information for any other purpose without your permission.

Participant Rights - You have the following rights regarding your medical information:

- to request to inspect and obtain a copy of your medical records, subject to certain limited exceptions;
- to request to add an addendum to or correct your medical record;
- to request an accounting of BVC's disclosures of your medical information;
- to request restrictions on certain uses or disclosures of your medical information;
- to request that we communicate with you in a certain way or at a certain location.

We may use and disclose medical information about you for the following purposes:

- to provide you with medical treatment and services;
- to bill and receive payment for the treatment and services you receive;
- for functions necessary to run BVC and assure that our participants receive quality care;
- and as required or permitted by law.

There are additional situations where we may disclose medical information about you without your authorization, such as:

- for workers' compensation or similar programs;
- for public health activities (e.g., reporting abuse or reactions to medications);
- to a health oversight agency;
- in response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, warrant or similar process;
- to law enforcement officials in certain limited circumstances;
- to a coroner, medical examiner or funeral director; and
- to organizations that handle organ, eye, or tissue procurement or transplantation.

Our Notice may be revised or updated from time to time. For further information about the Privacy Practices, please contact: BVC Privacy Officer at (716)852-1977.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

Our Notice of Privacy Practices provides information about how we may use and disclose protected health information about you. The notice contains participant rights section describing your rights under the law. You have the right to review our Notice before signing this Consent. The terms of our Notice may change. You may obtain a revised copy by contacting our office at (716)852-1977.

You have the right to request that we restrict how protected information about you is used or disclosed for treatment, payment or health care operations. We are not required to agree to this restriction, but if we do, we shall honor that agreement.

By signing a consent, you acknowledge our use and disclosure of protected health information about you for treatment, payment and health care operations. You have the right to revoke the Consent in writing, signed by you. However, such a revocation shall not affect any disclosures we have already made in reliance on your prior Consent. BVC provides this form to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA).

The participant understands that:

- Protected health information may be disclosed or used for treatment, payment or health care operations.
- BVC has a Notice of Privacy Practices and that the participant has the opportunity to review this notice.
- BVC reserves the right to change the Notice of Privacy Practices.
- The participant has the right to request restrictions to the uses of their information but BVC does not have to agree to those restrictions.
- The participant may revoke this Consent in writing at any time and full disclosures will then cease.
- BVC may condition receipt of treatment upon the execution of this consent.