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INFORMED CONSENT FOR PHOTOBIO-MODULATION, INCLUDING LOW LEVEL LASER TREATMENTS

I am executing this informed consent document (“informed consent”) to verify and confirm my discussion with Provider regarding the risks, benefits, and alternatives to treatment through Photobiomodulation, including Low Level Laser treatments.

I understand that I am a participant in the decision-making process and I am free to decline services or treatments at any time, including after treatment or services have begun. I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time before or during treatment.

I agree to bring to the attention of practice’s clinical staff, if, at any time, I have any lack of understanding of such risks, benefits and alternatives, and inquire of clinical staff for further explanation until I have a full understanding before giving consent to this specific treatment or procedure.

Photobiomodulation, including Low Level Laser treatment

RISKS

I understand that, as with any health treatment, Photobiomodulation, including Low Level Laser treatment is not without risk. Potential risks of this treatment include, but are not limited to:

Fatigue

Eye Damage if laser directly to eyes (MUST wear protective goggles with Class 3B laser, not LED lights)

Contradictions:

Inform Practice if pregnant (cannot use over a pregnant uterus), have cancer or suspicious lesion, had a recent steroid injection or used other anti-inflammatory medication in past 15 days

Open wounds (must be covered with clear protective barrier)

I understand that other side effects and risks may occur.

BENEFITS

I understand the thought process behind why Provider has suggested this particular treatment. I understand that, in general, Photobiomodulation, including Low Level Laser treatment may provide benefits that include:

Increase local microcirculation resulting in temporary relief of minor muscle and joint aches, pains and stiffness and the relaxation of muscles, for muscle spasms and minor pain and stiffness associated with arthritis.

Accelerated tissue repair

Decreased inflammation and swelling

Enhanced immune response and blood vessel growth

No particular outcome can be warranted or guaranteed.

ALTERNATIVES

As alternatives, Provider encourages me to speak with and consider the advice of other providers, including conventional or mainstream physicians and providers. In addition to discussing other modes of therapy that may be used for the treatment of my condition, Provider and I have discussed, and I understand, the possibility of a referral to a specialist for my condition(s) if I have not already consulted with an appropriate specialist.

I also understand that one alternative to this treatment is to refuse this particular treatment and to seek alternative treatments with Provider or Practice, or to refuse this particular treatment without seeking alternatives with Provider, Practice, or any other providers.

NOTE: Do not sign this form unless you have read it and feel that you understand it. Ask any questions you might have before signing this form. Do not sign this form if you have taken medications which may impair your mental abilities or if you feel rushed or under pressure.

By signing below, I acknowledge and certify that I have had opportunities to ask questions and have had them answered to my satisfaction; I have read and fully understand the foregoing Informed Consent, and I have all of the knowledge I currently desire; I have discussed the issues noted above with Provider; and I agree and accept all of the terms above. I am legally competent and have sufficient knowledge to give voluntary and informed consent.

PATIENT

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

TITLE (if legal representative or guardian): _____

DATE: _____

I have explained this Informed Consent and answered all questions in layman's terms, and informed the patient of the available alternatives and of the potential risks. To the best of my knowledge, the patient has been adequately informed, comprehends the information, and has consented.

PRACTICE

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

DATE: _____