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**Patient Consent for Treatment-Release of Information-Communication Authorization**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Acct #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TO OUR PATIENTS:** Before you begin treatment at Orthopaedic Specialists of North County (OSNC), the law requires that we explain your rights and responsibilities while a patient at OSNC. If you have a complaint or concern about your care, please discuss it with your Provider or a management person. If your concern remains unresolved, you may call the Privacy Officer, Courtney Alston (760-477-2102). Please read and sign this form below. We will, unless you object, do the following and use communications like post cards, telephone, about our appointments, e-mail, faxing, paging, e-mail voice messaging to reach you, alert you, and leave you messages. Your signature at the bottom connotes agreement and understanding. We also may use a sign in sheet at the front desk and ask that you sign your name. We have your permission to acquire your medication history: Initial \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT FOR TREATMENT:** By signing this form, I consent to and authorize my health care provider to examine and treat me. I understand that this could include lab tests, x-rays, education or other diagnostic procedures. I understand that my Provider is available to explain the purpose of the procedures and treatment, and that I have the right to refuse the recommended treatment. My provider has my permission to secure any of my medical records for the purpose of treating me and communicate with my PCP or other medical providers as necessary. A record of my visit can be sent to my referring physician. We will also communicate with any agency as required by law, such as the CA State Workers Compensation Board, or employer in the case of a Workers Compensation Injury. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

**RELEASE OF MEDICAL RECORDS FOR MY MEDICAL CARE OR AS REQUIRED BY LAW:** I understand that it is important that medical providers have access to any of my medical records which will help them to safely treat me and manage my medical care. I agree and understand that a copy of my medical records including AIDS, HIV, Behavioral Health Service, Psychiatric Care, and treatment for Alcohol or Drug use will be included as part of my health information for purposes of my medical care and for business operations. I also agree that OSNC can release my medical records to accrediting or regulatory agencies if those agencies request my records and if the law allows those agencies access to my records. The following people may have access to my medical information at OSNC: Please list by relationship & name: i.e. Wife: Jane Smith

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Exr Consent:** I agree that Orthopaedic Specialists of North County may request and use my prescription medication history from other healthcare providers or third party pharmacy benefit payers for treatment purposes. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

**Others Involved in Your Healthcare.** We may disclose to a relative (or any other person you identify) your health information that directly relates to that person's involvement in your health care or who has responsibility for payment of your health care. We may also use or disclose your health information to notify or assist in notifying a relative or any person responsible for your care of your location, general condition.

**RELEASE OF MEDICAL RECORDS FOR BILLING PURPOSES:** In many instances, a "third party payer" will pay a portion or all of my medical bills related to today's visit. In order for a "third party payer" to pay any or all of my bills related to today's visit at OSNC I understand the "third party payer" may require information about the medical care and treatment I received. I authorize OSNC or its related entities to release to the "third party payer" any information needed to determine the payments related to the medical treatment I receive.

**PATIENTS RIGHT TO PRIVACY:** I acknowledge that I have been made aware of OSNC's privacy practices, and HIPAA regulations which are posted in the reception area or website. I have been offered a copy of OSNC's notice of Privacy Practices to keep for myself.

**AUTHORIZATION TO COMMUNICATE VIA E-MAIL, ANSWERING MACHINE, ETC:** I authorize OSNC to leave messages about my Private Health Information for me on my answering machine, e-mail or text if I have provided that information. We may leave messages on your answering machine or with an individual that answers your home phone; we may call your place of employment to give you information about your visit. We may schedule appointments for follow-up visits or diagnostic tests while you are at our check-out window. We may send post-cards and other correspondence. I understand I have the right to revoke this consent, in writing, at any time except where Orthopaedic Specialists of North County has already made a disclosure in reliance on this consent. This Authorization expires 5 years from date noted unless withdrawn in writing. I understand that if NO objection is noted above, I am giving my consent for ALL listed above. Initial \_\_\_\_\_

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Patient or Authorized Signature

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Date