

## **Informed Consent for Physical Therapy Services**

"Informed Consent" is a process for getting permission before we provide therapeutic services to you, the patient. A sound informed consent includes an explanation of the potential risks, benefits, and alternatives to any treatment that has been proposed to you or, in the case of a minor, your representative. We will discuss the Plan of Care established for you and give you time to ask questions about it; your consensus is a critical part of achieving a successful outcome.

**Potential Benefits:** You may experience improvement in your symptoms and functional activities as well as resolution of other key complaints or problems. In addition to treatment, we provide education to you about your condition throughout your episode of care. This education is often accompanied by handout material that you can refer to regarding proper techniques and home program execution. These resources will help you maintain a sound level of function and will also help you minimize symptoms, should they reoccur.

**Potential Risks:** You may experience an increase in your current level of pain, if pain is part of your complaint. Often, an increase in activity or therapy interventions will bring on some discomfort, this is usually temporary. If your pain or discomfort does not subside within twenty-four (24) hours, you should discontinue any home program involving that particular activity, if applicable, and contact your therapist.

**Alternatives:** We establish a Plan of Care based on the best interventions for your condition, but on occasion our choice of treatment is not well tolerated. You are asked to voice any unfavorable reaction you experience to any aspect of your treatment so that we can modify or terminate it promptly and progress your rehabilitation. If you decide not to continue your participation in your therapy program you will be asked to consult with your physician about other treatment alternatives.

**No Warranty:** Please note that we cannot make any promises or guarantees regarding a full resolution of and/or correction of your condition. We will, however, work in conjunction with you to achieve optimal improvement.

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