

### Patient Acknowledgement and Consent Form

Effective April 14, 2003, the new federal law known as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") requires that this office comply with certain rules regarding the maintenance of the privacy of your information that we have collected and will collect in the future.

To comply with one of HIPAA's requirements, we can provide you a copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices upon your request. This Notice of Privacy Practices contains the information that HIPAA requires us to disclose regarding our privacy practices.

Existing Maryland Law requires us to first obtain your written consent prior to disclosing any of your information except for our disclosures in connection with: a defense to a claim challenging our professional competence; a review entity's functions; a claim for payment of fees; a third party payer's examination of our records; a court order as part of a criminal investigation; an identification of a dead body; a licensure investigation; or child abuse/neglect investigation.

From time to time it may be necessary for us to make disclosures of your information in connection with your treatment. For example, we may make a referral to or consult with another dentist or other health care professional, provide a specimen to a laboratory for testing or otherwise make disclosures of your information in connection with providing or coordinating your treatment.

#### Patient Acknowledgement

*Please sign this form below under the heading "acknowledgement" to acknowledge that you have been given the opportunity to receive a copy of our notice of privacy practices.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Name (print)

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **For office use only**

Patient Refused to Sign

The following circumstances prohibited the patient from signing the Acknowledgement:

\_\_\_\_\_  
An emergency situation prevented the patient from signing the Acknowledgement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office Personnel (Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office Personnel (Signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Patient Consent

Please sign this form below under the heading "Consent" to consent to our disclosures of your information that we deem necessary in order to provide you with proper treatment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Name (please print)

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_