

PRIVACY PRACTICE-HIPAA

Our Notice of Privacy Practices provides information about how we may use and disclose protected health information about you. The Notice contains a Patient 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. If we change our Notice, you may obtain a revised copy by contacting our office.

You have the right to request that we restrict how protected health 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.

You consent to our use and disclosure of protected health information about you for treatment, payment, and health care operations. You have the right to revoke this 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. The Practice provides this form to comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

The patient understands that:

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

PATIENT FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

1. **Purpose:** This policy outlines the procedures and guidelines for addressing unpaid medical bills at South Tampa Cardiology. The primary goal is to ensure fair and consistent handling of unpaid bills while maintaining patient relationships and financial stability for the medical office.

2. **Responsibilities:**

2.1. Patients: Patients are responsible for understanding their insurance coverage and promptly paying any outstanding balances not covered by insurance.

2.2. Medical Office Staff: Medical office staff will be responsible for billing, invoicing, and handling unpaid bills according to this policy.

3. **Billing and Invoicing:**

3.1. Timely Billing: The medical office will promptly submit bills to patients' insurance providers and provide patients with itemized invoices for services rendered.

3.2. Insurance Claims: The medical office will assist patients in processing insurance claims, but it is ultimately the patient's responsibility to follow up with their insurance provider.

4. **Payment Plans:**

4.1. Payment Arrangements: Patients unable to pay their bills in full may request a payment plan. The medical office will consider reasonable payment arrangements on a case-by-case basis.

4.2. Terms and Conditions: Payment plans will be subject to specific terms and conditions, which will be outlined in a written agreement between the patient and the medical office.

5. **Collection Efforts:**

5.1. Reminder Notices: Patients with unpaid bills will receive reminder notices through mail, email, or phone calls.

5.2. Debt Collection: If a bill remains unpaid after repeated reminders, the medical office may engage a debt collection agency or take legal action to recover the outstanding balance. Patients will be informed of this step in advance.

6. **Financial Hardship:**

6.1. Financial Assistance: Patients facing genuine financial hardship may apply for financial assistance or hardship programs offered by the medical office, subject to eligibility criteria.

7. **Dispute Resolution:**

7.1. Billing Disputes: Patients with billing disputes should contact the medical office's billing department promptly. The office will investigate and resolve disputes in a timely manner.

8. **Confidentiality:** All patient billing information will be handled in accordance with relevant privacy laws and regulations, maintaining strict confidentiality.

9. **Review and Revision:** This policy will be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary to reflect changes in regulations or procedures.

10. **Communication:** Patients will be informed of the unpaid bills policy through various channels, including the medical office's website, patient registration forms, and printed materials.

11. **Compliance:** All medical office staff will be required to comply with this policy, and violations may result in disciplinary action.

12. **Legal Compliance:** This policy will comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations regarding medical billing and debt collection.

13. **Contact Information:** Patients may contact the medical office's billing department at 813-973-3762 for any billing-related inquiries or assistance.

14. **Effective Date:** This policy will be effective as of 09/01/2023.

By adhering to this policy, South Tampa Cardiology, aims to maintain a fair and transparent process for handling unpaid bills while providing essential medical services to the community.

PATIENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT & CONSENT for AI-ASSISTED MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION

At South Tampa Cardiology, we use advanced AI-assisted documentation technology to ensure accurate and efficient medical records. This system securely records conversations between you and your healthcare provider to enhance the quality of your care and improve medical documentation.

Your privacy is our priority. All recordings are protected under HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) regulations and are used solely for medical record-keeping and healthcare purposes.

Patient Acknowledgment & Consent

By signing below, I acknowledge the following:

1. I understand that my visit may be recorded to enhance the accuracy of my medical records.
2. I understand that this technology helps my provider focus more on my care while ensuring complete and precise documentation.
3. I acknowledge that all recordings are securely stored and protected under HIPAA and will only be used for medical documentation.
4. I have been informed that I may discuss any concerns about this process with my provider.

PATIENT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ M.I.: _____ Last Name: _____
 Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
 Zip Code: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Marital Status: Single Married Partnered Divorced Other
 Email: _____ (Circle One) SSN: _____
 Patients Employer: _____ Occupation: _____
 Work Number: _____ Work Address: _____
 Emergency Contact/Relation: _____ Phone Number: _____
 Preferred Pharmacy/Address: _____ Phone: _____

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Primary Policy Name: _____ ID Number: _____
 Group Number: _____ Primary Policy Holder: Self Spouse Parent
 Primary Policy Holder's Name: _____ (Circle One) Date of Birth: _____
 Secondary Policy Name: _____ ID Number: _____
 Group Number: _____ Secondary Policy Holder: Self Spouse Parent
 Secondary Policy Holder's Name: _____ (Circle One) Date of Birth: _____
 Tertiary Policy Name: _____ ID Number: _____
 Group Number: _____ Tertiary Policy Holder: Self Spouse Parent
 Tertiary Policy Holder's Name: _____ (Circle One) Date of Birth: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICE, FINANCIAL AGREEMENT, AI-ASSISTED MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION

I acknowledge and agree that I have received a copy of South Tampa Cardiology's Notice of Privacy Practices, Financial Agreement, and AI-Assisted Medical Documentation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name of Legal Representative: _____ Relationship: _____

Reason for today's visit? (Why are you here?): _____

Do you give consent for our office to retrieve your prior labs from outside laboratory portals?
_____ YES _____ NO

PATIENT HISTORY FORM

PATIENT CARE TEAM- List all doctors providing care

Doctor's Name	Type of Doctor (Primary Care, Urologist, etc.)	Phone Number	Fax Number

ALLERGIES Do you have allergies to drugs, food, latex, dye? (circle one) YES NO

Allergy- list medication, food, latex, dye (contrast), etc.	Reaction- rash, shortness of breath, hives, itching, etc.	Severity (circle one)
		HIGH MODERATE LOW
		HIGH MODERATE LOW
		HIGH MODERATE LOW
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		HIGH MODERATE LOW

MEDICATIONS Please list all prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, and vitamins.
(Bring in medication bottles for further clarity)

Medication Name (full name from bottle)	Dosage/Strength (mg, mcg, ml etc.)	How often do you take it? (Daily, twice daily, etc.)	How long have you taken? (1 month, 2 years, etc.)	Prescribing Doctor?

REVIEW OF SYSTEMS

Circle symptoms you are experiencing OR circle "no symptoms"

<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Symptoms Recent Fever Chills Night Sweats Recent weight loss/gain Loss of energy 	<p>Respiratory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Symptoms Recent Cough Wheezing Pain when breathing Excessive sputum Shortness of breath 	<p>Musculoskeletal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Symptoms Unusual muscle aches Arthritis Back problems
<p>Integumentary (Skin)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Symptoms Rashes Changes in hair or nails Breast Lumps Breast Biopsy 	<p>Cardiovascular</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Symptoms Chest pain Shortness of Breath Leg Swelling Heart murmur Palpitations 	<p>Neurological</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Symptoms Headaches Dizziness/off balance Stroke Weakness Numbness
<p>Eyes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Symptoms Blind Spots Double Vision Recent change in vision 	<p>Abdominal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Symptoms Nausea Vomiting Diarrhea Constipation Abdominal pain/Cramping Blood in stools Pain with food 	<p>Ear, Nose, and Throat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Symptoms Recent Hearing loss Ringing in ears Sore throat Difficulty swallowing Nasal Congestion Nose bleeds Visual changes
<p>Hematological</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Symptoms Excessive bleeding Easy bruising 	<p>Genitourinary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Symptoms Burning on urination Bloody urine Difficulty urinating Urination at night: #of times _____ Difficulty with erections 	<p>Endocrine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Symptoms Goiter Excessive thirst Increased Urination Unexplained changes in weight

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY

Circle your history/diagnoses

Current/Past Illnesses

Asthma
Bronchitis/Emphysema/COPD
Cancer: _____
Diabetes
Kidney stones/kidney failure
Liver/Gallbladder
Peptic Ulcer-GERD
Prostate
Rheumatic Fever
Seizures
Sleep Apnea
Stroke/CVA
Thyroid Disease
DVT/Pulmonary Embolism
Other _____

Infectious Disease History

Trauma History

Current/Past Cardiac Illnesses

Angina/Chest Pain
Atrial Fibrillation
Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)
Coronary Artery Disease
Heart Attack (MI)
Heart Disease
High Blood Pressure
High Cholesterol
Irregular Heartbeat (Arrhythmias)
Peripheral Vascular Disease
Valvular Heart Disease

Cardiac Risk Factors

History of tobacco use
History of Alcohol Abuse
History of Obesity
Sedentary Lifestyle
Age (male over 45/female over 55)
Menopausal Female

Past Surgeries/Procedures and year done

Appendectomy _____
Back Surgery _____
Cataract Surgery _____
Gallbladder _____
Hernia-Hiatal/Inguinal _____
Hip Surgery _____
Hysterectomy _____
Intestinal _____
Knee Surgery _____
Prostate Surgery _____
Tonsils/Adenoids _____
Cosmetic Surgery _____
Shoulder Surgery _____
Other _____

Past Cardiac Surgeries/Procedures and year done

Cardiac Cath _____
Cardioversion _____
Coronary Angioplasty/Stent _____
Coronary Artery Bypass _____
EP Study _____
ICD _____
Pacemaker Implant _____
RF Ablation _____

Alcohol Use

YES NO Do you consume alcohol?
Average number per week:
_____ beer _____ wine _____ liquor

Exercise

YES NO Do you exercise on a regular basis?
(Minimum 30 minutes/3 times a week)

Smoking/Tobacco Use

YES NO Do you smoke or use tobacco?
YES NO Do you use e-cigarettes/vape?
YES NO Have you smoked in the past?
_____ Number of years? _____ Packs per day?
_____ Year quit?

Substance Abuse

YES NO Do you have history of drug dependency?
If yes, specify: _____

Occupation

_____ Retired _____ Unemployed _____ Student

Diet

YES NO Are you on a special diet?
What type of diet? _____
YES NO Do you drink caffeinated beverages?
(coffee, tea, cola, etc.)
How many daily? _____

Residence (patient lives...)(check one)

_____ Alone _____ with children _____ with parents
_____ with spouse _____ with spouse & children
_____ with male partner _____ with female partner
_____ in nursing home _____ in assisted living facility

FAMILY HISTORY (Please check all that apply)

FATHER

Alive
 Deceased
 At age _____

Heart attack before age 60
 Stroke
 Sudden cardiac death
 Other History _____

MOTHER

Alive
 Deceased
 At age _____

Heart attack before age 60
 Stroke
 Sudden cardiac death
 Other History _____

Sibling(s)

_____ **Number of Brother(s)**
 # Alive
 # Deceased
 At age _____
 At age _____
 At age _____

Heart attack before age 60
 Stroke
 Sudden cardiac death
 Other History _____

_____ **Number of Sister(s)**
 # Alive
 # Deceased
 At age _____
 At age _____
 At age _____

Heart attack before age 60
 Stroke
 Sudden cardiac death
 Other History _____

South Tampa Cardiology LLC
AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS

I hereby assign all medical and/or surgical benefits to which I am entitled, including Medicare, to be paid to South Tampa Cardiology, LLC. I authorize the sending of all medical information needed to secure payment. Copies of these records can be mailed, faxed, or transmitted electronically via secure sites. This assignment will remain in effect until revoked in writing. I further permit a copy of this authorization to be used in place of the original.

I fully understand that I am financially responsible for all amounts not otherwise paid by my insurance carrier. **(This includes annual deductibles, co-payments, and charges denied as not covered by my insurance program.)** Account balance are to be paid in full within 30 days of receiving a statement. I understand accounts become delinquent 90 days following date of service and these charges may be assigned to a collection agency.

Insurance Patients: Billing your insurance is a courtesy we are happy to provide you. If the insurance does not respond you will become responsible. All co-pays and deductibles are due in full at time of service. If you are unable to pay your deductible in full, you will need to meet with the billing department to set up a payment plan. If no insurance card is presented upon arrival, you will be considered self-pay.

Authorizations: Please call your insurance to obtain insurance requirements for your visit or testing. Failure to obtain necessary pre-authorization or notification may result in a reduction or rejection of benefits by the insurance company.

Missed appointment fee: If you miss your appointment, or you cancel with less than 24-hour notice, there may be a \$25.00 missed appointment fee charged. Please call us 24 hours prior to your appointment to cancel or reschedule.

Returned Check: There is a fee (currently \$25.00) for any checks returned by the bank.

Confidential information expressly identifies the medical nature of the services rendered. It includes all information and records in the course of treatment. I authorize South Tampa Cardiology, LLC to send copies of my records to my referring physician, primary care doctor, or other medical care providers for treatment purposes. Copies of these records can be mailed, faxed, or transmitted electronically via secure sites.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS FINANCIAL AGREEMENT. I HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS AND HAVE RECEIVED A COPY UPON MY REQUEST. I ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY OF ITS TERMS.

Printed Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If someone other than the patient is signing this authorization, please state the relationship to the patient and the reason why the patient is unable to sign.

Records Release Authorization

Date: _____

Requesting Records from: _____

Type of Records Needed: _____

I hereby authorize you to release my medical records to:

South Tampa Cardiology, LLC
Cesar Alberto Morales-Pabon MD
3704 W. Euclid Avenue
Tampa, FL 33629
Phone: 813-870-1747
Fax: 813-343-6089

Printed Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Signature: _____

Family Authorization Form

In compliance with HIPAA regulations, *South Tampa Cardiology* want to protect your privacy health information. Please list below the names of the people that you authorize our staff and providers to talk to about your health and medical information.

Name	Relationship	Phone Number

Patient Signature

Date