

CONSULTANTS IN NEUROLOGY, PA

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

**THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION.
PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.**

If you have questions about this notice or want more information, please contact Rose Eilts, Privacy Officer at 913-894-1500. The effective date of this notice is December 1, 2012.

Our Commitment To Your Privacy:

Our practice is dedicated to maintaining the privacy of your individually identifiable health information (IIHI). To appropriately treat you and receive payment for the service we provide, we need to obtain information from you including your full name and address, insurance company, family medical history, current medical history, and current medical condition. We will use and disclose this information and other information we collect in the ways described below. To help you understand how we will use and disclose your information we have put the different uses and disclosures into categories and give examples of each. All of the ways we use or disclose your information will fit into one of the categories listed below, we cannot list all of the uses and disclosures in each category.

We May Use and Disclose Your Health Information for Treatment, Payment, and Health Care Operations:

Treatment. We may use and disclose your information to provide you with medical treatment and services. Your information may be disclosed to individuals providing care to you and different department in the hospital, These individuals and departments need your information to provide care, and to coordinate and provide services (such as prescriptions, lab tests, meals, and x-rays). We may also disclose your information to individuals outside the hospital that may be involved in your care after you leave.

Payment. We may use and disclose your information to receive payment for the services and treatment provided to you. We use your information to create a bill and disclose your information when we send the bill to your insurance company, you, or a third party. The individual or entity paying your bill may request more information to determine whether the bill is covered by your insurance. We may tell your health plan about a treatment you are going to receive to get approval for payment or to determine whether your health plan will cover the treatment.

Operations. We may use and disclose your information for health care operations purposes. Health care operations includes review of the care you receive for quality assessment, educational, business planning, and compliance plan purposes.

We May Use and Disclose Your Health Information and You Authorize Us to Use and Disclose Your Information for:

Appointment Reminders. We may provide appointment reminders to you. You may request in writing that we send reminders to a confidential or alternative address.

Treatment Alternative. We may provide you with information about treatment alternatives and other health related benefits and services.

We May Also Disclose Your Health Information to Outside Entities Without Your Consent or Authorization in the Following Circumstances:

Required By Law. We disclose information as required by law. For example, we are required to report gunshot wounds to police.

Public Health Purposes. We disclose information to health agencies as required by law for preventing or controlling disease. Examples are reporting of sexually transmitted, communicable, and infectious diseases.

To Prevent a Serious Threat to Health or Safety. We may disclose information about you to law enforcement or an identified victim to prevent a serious threat to your health or safety or the health and safety of another individual or the public.

Research. Your information may be used by or disclosed to researchers for research approved by a privacy board or an institutional review board.

Health Oversight Activities. Your health information may be disclosed to governmental agencies and boards for investigations, audits, licensing, and compliance programs.

Judicial and Administrative Proceedings. We may be required to disclose your health information to a court or for an administrative proceeding.

Law Enforcement Activities. We may be required to disclose your information as required by law, pursuant to a court order, warrant, subpoena, or summons.

In Emergency Circumstances.

Deceased Individual. We may disclose information for the identification of the body or to determine the cause of death.

Military and Veterans. If you are a member of the armed forces we may release information about you as required by military command authorities. We may also release information about foreign military personnel to the appropriate foreign military authority.

Inmates. We may disclose information if you are an inmate of a correctional institution or under the custody of a law enforcement official. This release must be necessary (1) for the institution to provide your with health care; (2) to protect your health and safety or the health and safety of others; (3) for the safety and security of the correctional institution.

Protective Services for the President and Others.

Organ and Tissue Donation. If you are an organ donor, we may release your medical information to organizations that handle organ procurement or organ, eye, or tissue transplantation to an organ bank, as necessary to facilitate organ or tissue donation.

Workers' Compensation. We may release medical information about you for workers' compensation or similar programs.

National Security and Intelligence Activities. We may release information about you to authorized Federal Officials for intelligence, counterintelligence, and other national security activities as authorized by law.

We Will Give You the Opportunity to Object to the Following Uses and Disclosures of Your Information:

Notification. We may tell your friends, relatives, and other caretakers information which is relevant to their involvement in your care.

Disaster Relief. We may disclose information about you to public or private agencies for disaster relief purposes.

Except as Provided Above, We Will Obtain Your Written Authorization Prior to Disclosure of Your Information for any Other Purpose. Specifically, Written Authorization is Required Prior to the Release of Your Information:

Psychotherapy Notes. We will not use or disclose your psychotherapy notes without a written authorization except as specifically permitted by law.

Marketing. We will not use or disclose your information for marketing purposes, other than face-to-face communication with you or promotional gifts of nominal value, without your written authorization.

Sale of Information. We will not sell your Protected Health Information without your written authorization, including notification of the payment we will receive.

Where a Disclosure is Made Under Your Written Authorization, You Have the Right to Revoke the Authorization at any Time. Revocation of an Authorization Must be in Writing. The Revocation is Effective as of the Date You Provide it to us and does Not Affect any Prior Disclosures Made Under the Authorization.

If a State or Federal Law Provides Additional Restrictions or Protections to Your Information, We Will Comply with the Most Stringent Requirement.

Your Rights

You Have the Right to request a restriction on how information about you is used and disclosed. If you want to request a restriction of a use or disclosure of your information, contact our Privacy Officer at the number listed at the beginning of this form. We are required to agree to a request for a restriction related to disclosure of information to your health plan for payment or healthcare operations where you pay for the service in full. **We are not otherwise required to agree to any restriction on the use or disclosure of your information.**

You Have the Right to request communications with you be made at an alternative address or phone number. To request that communication be made at a different address or phone number contact our Privacy Office at the number listed at the beginning of this form to obtain the form to make your request.

You Have the Right to inspect and copy your medical record. To inspect and copy your medical record a request must be made in writing on the prom provided by the Practice. To obtain a form contact our Privacy Officer at the number listed at the beginning of this form.

If You Believe the Information We Have About You is Incorrect or incomplete you may request that we amend your medical record. Your request must be made in writing on the form provided by the Practice. To obtain a form contact our Privacy Officer at the number listed at the beginning of this form.

You Have the Right to receive an accounting of disclosures, a list of individuals and entities that received your health information for reasons other than treatment, payment, or healthcare operations. You may receive one (1) free accounting during a twelve (12) month period. If you request more than one (1) accounting in a twelve (12) month period, you will be charged a fee. An accounting is not provided for disclosures prior to April 14, 2003.

You Have the Right to request a paper copy of this Notice.

Our Duties

We are Required by law to maintain the privacy of Protected Health Information and to provide individuals with this Notice of our legal duties and privacy practices regarding health information.

We are Required to notify you if there is a breach of your unsecured Protected Health Information.

We are Required to follow the terms of the current Notice.

We May change the terms of this Notice and the revised Notice will apply to all health information in our possession. If we revise this Notice, a copy of the revised Notice will be posted and a copy may be requested from our Privacy Officer at the number listed at the beginning of this form.

Rights Relating to Electronic Data Sharing and Health Information Exchange

Consultants in Neurology, PA participates in the Kansas City Metropolitan Physician Association (“KCMPA”), an organized health care arrangement. KCMPA members engage in electronic data sharing among themselves for purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations utilizing KCMPA-sponsored technology. That technology connects with the Lewis and Clark Information Exchange (“LACIE”) to permit KCMPA members to participate in electronic health information exchange with payers and providers that are not part of KCMPA, again for purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations.

You have two options with respect to electronic data sharing and health information exchange. First, you can permit disclosure of your electronic health information to properly authorized individuals through KCMPA and LACIE for purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations. If you choose this option, you do not have to do anything.

Alternatively, you can restrict disclosure of any of your electronic health information through KCMPA and LACIE for any purpose (except to properly authorized individuals as needed to report specific information as required by law). If you wish to restrict disclosures, you must notify us in writing. We then will take appropriate steps to impose such a restriction. You cannot restrict disclosures of certain information only; your choice is to permit or restrict disclosures of all of your information.

Your decision to restrict disclosures through KCMPA and LACIE does not impact other disclosures of your health information. As discussed above, providers and health plans may share your information directly through other means (e.g., facsimile or secure e-mail) for permitted purposes without your specific written authorization.

If you receive health care services in a state other than Missouri, different rules may apply regarding restrictions on access to your electronic health information. Please communicate directly with your out-of-state health care provider about what action, if any, you need to take to restrict access.

Complaints

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated you may contact:

Rose Eilts, Privacy Officer at 913-894-1500 or the Office of Civil Rights. You will not be penalized for filling a complaint.

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding this notice or our health information privacy policies to:

**Kellie Scarrow, MHA
Compliance Officer
8550 Marshall Drive, Suite 100
Lenexa, KS 66214
Phone: 913-894-1500**

***Thank you for choosing the Rowe Neurology Institute.
We value you as a patient
and appreciate the opportunity to manage your health care!***