



Initial Intake Form

Thank you for taking the time to complete the following information which will help me assess your health needs. All information is confidential. I will be happy to answer any questions.

Name _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____ Hours you work per week _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Reason for visit today? _____

How long have you had this condition? _____

Is it getting worse? _____

What seemed to be the initial cause? _____

What seems to make it better? _____

What seems to make it worse? _____

Whom should we thank for referring you to our office? _____

Have you had acupuncture therapy before? Yes No

List any serious diseases, injuries, surgeries, or hospitalizations you have had and the year they occurred:

Medications, Herbs, Supplements (List those you are currently taking):

Name _____ Reason _____ How long and Dose _____

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Describe your typical daily diet:

Breakfast _____ Lunch _____

Dinner _____ Snacks _____

Special diet _____ 3 worst foods you eat _____

What are your goals for your health?

Please circle your level of commitment to correcting your health issues? (10 = highest level)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Please list your major health concerns in order of importance to you: _____

Please mark the appropriate squares in the following list of symptoms.

If you have had a symptom in the PAST and do not have it now, check the box like this:

If you are having the symptom CURRENTLY, fill in the box like this:

Liver/Gallbladder

- Depression / Stress
- Headaches / Migraines
- Red / Dry / Itchy Eyes
- Visual Problems / Blurred vision
- Dizziness
- Gall Stones
- Feeling of Lump in Throat
- Clenching Teeth at Night
- Muscle Cramping / Twitching
- Neck/Shoulder Pain / Tightness
- Seizures/Tremors
- Poor Circulation
- Soft/Brittle Nails
- Bitter Taste in Mouth
- PMS/Menstrual Problems
- Tendonitis
- Pain Below Ribcage
- Do you crave: Sour
- Tend to be Irritable / Angry
- insomnia between 1-3am

Heart/Small Intestine

- Heart Palpitations
- Rapid or Irregular Heartbeat
- Chest Pain
- High Blood Pressure
- Low Blood Pressure
- Insomnia / Sleep Problems
- Vivid Dreams / Nightmares
- Easily Startled

- Dark Urine
- Red Complexion
- Do you crave: Bitter
- Anxiety / Nervous or Restless

Spleen/Stomach

- Body Heaviness
- Hard to get up in Morning
- Muscles Often Feel Tired
___ Energy Level: 1-10 (low to high)
- Edema (Hands Feet)
- Easily Bruising / Bleeding
- Bad Breath
- Sweetish Taste in Mouth
- Lack of Taste
- Excess or Low Appetite (circle which)
- Excess or Lack of Thirst (circle which)
- Nausea / Vomiting
- Gas / Belching
- Hemorrhoids
- Organ Prolapse (i.e. uterus)
- Chronic Loose Stools
- Abdominal Pain
- Indigestion / Heartburn
- Brain Foggy
- Mouth Ulcers
- Tendency to Gain Weight
- Do you crave: Sweet
- Over-thinking / Worry

Lung/Large Intestine

- Bloody Cough
- Dry Cough
- Chronic Cough
- Cough with Sputum
- Nasal Discharge
 White Yellow Green
- Post Nasal Drip
- Sinus Infection / Congestion
- Itchy, Red, or Painful Throat
- Dry Mouth / Nose / Throat
- Skin Rashes / Hives
- Snoring
- Shortness of Breath
- Allergies / Asthma
- Low Immunity
- Catch Colds Easily
- Bronchitis
- Black or Bloody Stools
- Constipation
- IBS
- Diarrhea
- Colitis / Spastic Colon
- Do you crave: Pungent / Spicy
- Grief / Sadness

Kidney/Urinary Bladder

- Urinary Problems (i.e. night-time)

- Bladder Infection
- Incontinence
- Weakness / Pain in Low Back
- Osteoporosis
- Feel Cold or Hot Easily (circle which)
- Cold Hands / Feet
- Low or Excess Sex Drive (circle which)
- Dark Circles under Eyes
- Thyroid Problems

- Poor Memory
- Hair Loss / Grey Hair
- Hearing Problems / Tinnitus
- Cavities
- Hot Flashes / Night Sweats
- Impotence or Premature Ejaculation (circle which)
- Do you crave: Salt
- Fear

INFORMED CONSENT & DISCLOSURE

I, the undersigned, understand that methods of treatment used in this practice may include, but are not limited to, acupuncture, herbal medicine, moxibustion, cupping, electrical stimulation, medical qigong, massage, gua sha, heat therapy, ear seeds, dietary advice, qigong exercise prescriptions, and lifestyle counseling. I understand that acupuncture, moxibustion, electrical stimulation, cupping and pricking are all safe methods of treatment. Potential risks include temporary bruising, swelling, bleeding, numbness and tingling, and soreness at the needling site that may last a few days. Very unusual risks of acupuncture include dizziness, fainting, nerve damage, or pneumothorax. Infection is possible, although the clinic uses alcohol and sterile disposable needles and maintains a safe and clean environment. Potential but unlikely risks of moxibustion are burns, blistering, or scarring.

Temporary bruising or redness lasting a few days is a common side effect of cupping and gua sha. I fully understand that there is no implied or stated guarantee of success or effectiveness of a specific treatment or series of treatments. I also understand that certain social habits and medications may decrease the beneficial effects of Chinese medical treatment. These include the use and abuse of alcohol, pain killers, steroids, narcotics, tobacco, anti-depressants, and illegal drugs.

Acupuncture is a natural medicine that works with the body's ability to heal itself, but is not a substitute for conventional medical diagnosis and treatment. The results of acupuncture are not always felt immediately, especially with chronic conditions. Frequent regular treatment is what gives acupuncture and herbs the best results. I will notify the acupuncturist should I become pregnant or if I am in the process of trying to get pregnant so that my practitioner can avoid points and herbs that could induce miscarriage. Otherwise, Chinese medicine treatment can be very beneficial in the pregnancy and birthing process.

I understand that herbal and nutritional supplements recommended to me by my acupuncturist are safe in the recommended doses. Large doses of herbs taken without my practitioner's recommendation may be toxic, and some herbs are inappropriate during pregnancy. Some possible side effects of herbs are nausea, gas, stomachache, vomiting, headache, diarrhea, rashes, hives and tingling of the tongue. I understand that I must stop taking any herbs and notify my acupuncturist as soon as I experience any discomfort or adverse reactions.

I understand that I can discuss risks and benefits further with my practitioner before signing if I so choose. However, I do not expect my practitioner to be able to anticipate and explain all possible risks and complications of treatment. I rely on the practitioner to exercise his or her judgment in my best interest during the course of treatment, based upon the facts then known.

In signing this form, I acknowledge any inherent risks, and give my consent for treatment, payment and healthcare operations received, incurred or carried out at this practice. I also certify that I have informed my acupuncturist of all known physical, mental and medical conditions and medications, and I will keep her updated on any changes.

Patient Signature

Date

ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

Article 1: Agreement to Arbitrate: It is understood that any dispute as to medical malpractice, including whether any medical services rendered under this contract were unnecessary or unauthorized or were improperly, negligently or incompetently rendered, will be determined by submission to arbitration as provided by state and federal law, and not by a lawsuit or resort to court process, except as state and federal law provides for judicial review of arbitration proceedings. Both parties to this contract, by entering into it, are giving up their constitutional right to have any such dispute decided in a court of law before a jury, and instead are accepting the use of arbitration.

Article 2: All Claims Must be Arbitrated: It is also understood that any dispute that does not relate to medical malpractice, including disputes as to whether or not a dispute is subject to arbitration, as to whether this agreement is unconscionable, and any procedural disputes, will also be determined by submission to binding arbitration. It is the intention of the parties that this agreement bind all parties as to all claims, including claims arising out of or relating to treatment or services provided by the health care provider, including any heirs or past, present or future spouse(s) of the patient in relation to all claims, including loss of consortium. This agreement is also intended to bind any children of the patient whether born or unborn at the time of the occurrence giving rise to any claim. This agreement is intended to bind the patient and the health care provider and/or other licensed health care providers, preceptors, or interns who now or in the future treat the patient while employed by, working or associated with or serving as a back-up for the health care provider, including those working at the health care provider's clinic or office or any other clinic or office whether signatories to this form or not. All claims for monetary damages exceeding the jurisdictional limit of the small claims court against the health care provider, and/or the health care provider's associates, association, corporation, partnership, employees, agents and estate, must be arbitrated including, without limitation, claims for loss of consortium, wrongful death, emotional distress, injunctive relief, or punitive damages. This agreement is intended to create an open book account unless and until revoked.

Article 3: Procedures and Applicable Law: A demand for arbitration must be communicated in writing to all parties. Each party shall select an arbitrator (party arbitrator) within thirty days, and a third arbitrator (neutral arbitrator) shall be selected by the arbitrators appointed by the parties within thirty days thereafter. The neutral arbitrator shall then be the sole arbitrator and shall decide the arbitration. Each party to the arbitration shall pay such party's pro rata share of the expenses and fees of the neutral arbitrator, together with other expenses of the arbitration incurred or approved by the neutral arbitrator, not including counsel fees, witness fees, or other expenses incurred by a party for such party's own benefit. Either party shall have the absolute right to bifurcate the issues of liability and damage upon written request to the neutral arbitrator. The parties consent to the intervention and joinder in this arbitration of any person or entity that would otherwise be a proper additional party in a court action, and upon such intervention and joinder, any existing court action against such additional person or entity shall be stayed pending arbitration. The parties agree that provisions of state and federal law, where applicable, establishing the right to introduce evidence of any amount payable as a benefit to the patient to the maximum extent permitted by law, limiting the right to recover non-economic losses, and the right to have a judgment for future damages conformed to periodic payments, shall apply to disputes within this Arbitration Agreement. The parties further agree that the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association shall govern any arbitration conducted pursuant to this Arbitration Agreement.

Article 4: General Provision: All claims based upon the same incident, transaction, or related circumstances shall be arbitrated in one proceeding. A claim shall be waived and forever barred if (1) on the date notice thereof is received, the claim, if asserted in a civil action, would be barred by the applicable legal statute of limitations, or (2) the claimant fails to pursue the arbitration claim in accordance with the procedures prescribed herein with reasonable diligence.

Article 5: Revocation: This agreement may be revoked by written notice delivered to the health care provider within 30 days of signature and, if not revoked, will govern all professional services received by the patient and all other disputes between the parties.

Article 6: Retroactive Effect: If patient intends this agreement to cover services rendered before the date it is signed (for example, emergency treatment), patient should initial here. _____. Effective as of the date of first professional services. If any provision of this Arbitration Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and shall not be affected by the invalidity of any other provision. I understand that I have the right to receive a copy of this Arbitration Agreement.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have received a copy.

NOTICE: BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT, YOU ARE AGREEING TO HAVE ANY ISSUE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE DECIDED BY NEUTRAL ARBITRATION, AND YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR RIGHT TO A JURY OR COURT TRIAL. SEE ARTICLE 1 OF THIS CONTRACT.

Patient Signature

Date

MISSED APPOINTMENT POLICY

If you need to change or cancel your appointment please do so within 24 hours notice. Failure to do so will result in being charged full price for missed appointment.

(Initial here)_____ I understand the cancellation policy.