

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.

Introduction

This Notice of Privacy Practices is provided to you as a requirement of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

At Oak Tree Osteopathy, we are committed to treating and using protected health information about you responsibly. This Notice of Health Information Privacy Practices describes the personal health information we collect, and how and when we use or disclose that information. This notice also describes your rights as they relate to your Protected Health Information. This notice is effective November 1, 2010, and applies to all protected health information as defined by federal regulations.

Acknowledgment of Receipt of this Notice

You will be asked to provide a signed acknowledgment of receipt of this notice. Our intent is to make you aware of the possible uses and disclosures of your protected health information and your privacy rights. The delivery of your health care service will in no way be conditioned upon your signed acknowledgment. If you decline to provide a signed acknowledgment, we will continue to provide you treatment, and will use and disclose your protected health information for treatment, payment, and health care operations when necessary.

Understanding Your Health Record/Information

Each time you visit Oak Tree Osteopathy, a record of your visit is made. Typically, this record contains your symptoms, examination and test results, diagnoses, treatment, and a plan for future care or treatment. This information, often referred to as your health or medical record, serves as a:

- Basis for planning your care and treatment,
- Means of communication among the many health professionals who contribute to your care,
- Legal document describing the care you received,
- Means by which you or a third-party payer can verify that services billed were actually provided,
- A tool in educating health professionals,
- A source of data for medical research,
- A source of information for public health officials charged with improving the health of this state and the nation,
- A source of data for our planning and marketing,
- A tool with which we can assess and continually work to improve the care we render and the outcomes we achieve,

Understanding what is in your record and how your health information is used helps you to: ensure its accuracy, better understand who, what, when, where, and why others may access your health information, and make more informed decisions when authorizing disclosure to others.

Your Health Information Rights

Although your health record is the physical property of Oak Tree Osteopathy, the information belongs to you. You have the right to:

- Obtain a paper copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices upon request,
- Inspect and obtain a copy your health record as provided for in 45 CFR 164.524,
- Request to Amend your health record as provided in 45 CFR 164.528,
- Obtain an accounting of disclosures of your health information as provided in 45 CFR 164.528,
- Request communications of your health information by alternative means or at alternative locations,
- Request a restriction on certain uses and disclosures of your information as provided by 45 CFR 164.522, and,
- Revoke your authorization to use or disclose health information except to the extent that action has already been taken.

Our Responsibilities

Oak Tree Osteopathy is required to:

1. Maintain the privacy of your health information,
2. Provide you with this notice as to our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to information we collect and maintain about you,
3. Abide by the terms of this notice,
4. Notify you if we are unable to agree to a requested restriction,
5. Accommodate reasonable requests you may have to communicate health information by alternative means or at alternative location, and
6. Obtain your written authorization to use or disclose your health information for reasons other than those listed above and permitted under law.

Oak Tree Osteopathy reserves the right to change our Privacy Information practices and to make the new provisions effective for all protected health information we maintain. Revised notices will be available to you at this office during business hours, or by mail if requested. We will not use or disclose your health information without your authorization, except as described in this notice. We will also discontinue to use or disclose your health information after we have received a written revocation of the authorization according to the procedures included in the authorization.

Examples of How Oak Tree Osteopathy May Use or Disclose Your Health Information

For treatment, payment, health care operations, appointments, to appropriate business associates, notification, or communication with family members, research, funeral director, organ procurement organizations, marketing, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Workers Compensation, Public Health Department, in cases as required by law, public health and safety, and for certain government functions.

For More Information or to Report a Problem, or If you have questions and would like additional information, you may contact our practice.

Oak Tree Osteopathy
4417 30th Street, #116
San Diego, CA 92116
Phone: (619) 793-4727

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you can file a complaint with the practice, or with the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. There will be no retaliation for filing a complaint with either the practice or the Office for Civil Rights. The address for the OCR is listed below:

Office for Civil Rights - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Room 509F, HHH Building
Washington, D.C. 20201
866-OCR-PRIV (866-627-7748) or 886-788-4989 TTY

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Effective Date: April 1, 2003

Acknowledgment of Receipt of this Notice

This is to document that I have received a copy of the notice of privacy practices for Oak Tree Osteopathy. I have read this copy and agree to the terms

Name of Patient (PRINT)_____

Signature of Patient or Authorized Representative

Date

If I disagree to the terms of the Notice of Privacy Practice I will sign below, and list the reasons I disagree.

Name of Patient (PRINT)_____

Signature of Patient or Authorized Representative

Reasons for Disagreement_____

