



## Informed Consent for Acupuncture Care

Please read carefully before signing

I hereby request and consent to the performance of acupuncture and other procedures related to acupuncture, if necessary including needling, moxibustion, cupping, electro-acupuncture, and other techniques within the scope of practice of acupuncturists. These procedures would be performed by a registered acupuncturist in accordance with the Alberta Acupuncture Regulations.

I have had an opportunity to discuss with the acupuncturist and/or with other clinical personnel, the nature and purpose of acupuncture care and other procedures. I understand that results are not guaranteed.

I have been advised that all insertion needles are pre-sterilized and disposable; therefore the risk of infection is extremely rare. I further understand and am informed that, as with all health care, in the practice of acupuncture, there are some slight risks to treatment, including, but not limited to temporary soreness, bruising, blistering, minor bleeding, nausea and fainting. I do not expect the acupuncturist to be able to anticipate and explain all risks and complications and I wish to rely on the acupuncturist to exercise his or her professional judgement during the course of my treatment, based upon the facts then known, to my best interest and benefit.

I understand that the cost of acupuncture treatment is not covered by Alberta Health and I am financially responsible to my acupuncturist for the entire treatment amount.

I have read and understood the above consent. I have also had an opportunity to ask questions about its content, and by signing below I agree to the above mentioned procedure(s). I intend this consent form to cover the entire course of treatment for my present condition and for any future conditions for which I seek treatment.

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Name of Client (Print)

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Signature of Client

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Signature of Witness

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Date

***Important things to remember regarding acupuncture treatment***

- while needles are in, do not get up to go to the washroom
- wear comfortable, loose clothing
- avoid treatment when excessively hungry, full or intoxicated
- alcohol, caffeine and cigarettes should be avoided for at least 2 hours before and after treatment