

## PATIENT INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM

### WHAT IS ACUPUNCTURE?

Acupuncture is a form of therapy in which fine needles are inserted into specific points on the body.

### WHAT IS THE ROLE OF ACUPUNCTURIST IN GEORGIA?

The Georgia Code 360-6-.16 states that an acupuncturist is not licensed to practice medicine in the State of Georgia. Accordingly, an acupuncturist is not able to make a medical diagnosis of the person's disease. Therefore, if you are seeking to obtain a medical diagnosis, then you should see a licensed physician and seek medical advice from a licensed physician.

### DOES ACUPUNCTURE HAVE SIDE EFFECTS?

Acupuncture is generally very safe.

- Serious side effects are rare – less than one per 10,000 treatments
- Drowsiness occurs after treatment in a small number of patients
- Minor bleeding or bruising occurs after acupuncture in about 3% of treatments.
- Pain during treatment occurs in about 1% of treatments.
- Symptoms can get worse after treatment (less than 3% of patients). You should tell your acupuncturist about this, but it is usually a good sign.
- Fainting can occur in certain patients, particularly at the first treatment.

In addition, if there are particular risks that apply in your case, your practitioner will discuss these with you.

### IS THERE ANYTHING YOUR PRACTITIONER NEEDS TO KNOW?

- If you have ever experienced a seizure, dizziness, or fainting episode
- If you have a pacemaker or any other electrical implants
- If you have a bleeding disorder
- If you are taking anti-coagulants or any other medications
- If you have damaged heart valves or have any other particular risk of infection

**SINGLE-USE, STERILE, DISPOSABLE NEEDLES ARE USED BY ACUPUNCTURISTS.**

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### STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I am seeking to be treated with acupuncture for the condition of \_\_\_\_\_. I confirm that I have read and understood the above information and I consent to having acupuncture treatment. I understand that I can refuse treatment at any time.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print name in full \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_