



Arthritis and Rheumatology of Georgia A Division of Articularis Healthcare Group, Inc.

#### Dear [NEW PATIENT],

Welcome to Arthritis & Rheumatology of Georgia! We are delighted you have chosen our practice for your medical care. Here are the details regarding your upcoming appointment:

[DATE]
[TIME]
[MD NAME]
[LOCATION NAME & ADDRESS]

For your convenience, there are directions to our clinic listed on the back of this letter. For assistance or questions before your appointment, please call our office at (404) 255 - 5956. For the fastest response, we encourage our patients to utilize our Patient Portal. Please visit www.argmd.net. Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled appointment time to complete the registration process and verify important information. You will be asked to reschedule if you arrive 15 minutes after your scheduled appointment time.

You must complete and bring the attached *New Patient Paperwork* to your appointment, along with insurance cards, and your picture I.D. Please do not mail the packet. This packet provides our doctors with detailed information to carefully assess your condition.

In order to accommodate other patients, new patients who cancel their appointment without at least a 48-hour notice will incur a \$50 charge to their credit card on file. Please note that co-payments must be paid at the time of service, and all uninsured patients must bring a \$200 deposit to their initial appointment. The following are included in your packet, please read each page thoroughly:

- Registration Form
- Medical History Form
- Notice of Privacy Practices and accompanying Acknowledgment Form
- **Medical Release Form** allows us to obtain your medical records; <u>only complete highlighted areas</u>
- Personal Health Information Release Form allows to share your medical information
- Financial Policy
- Prescription Policy
- Multi-Dimensional Health Assessment Questionnaire complete the day before your visit

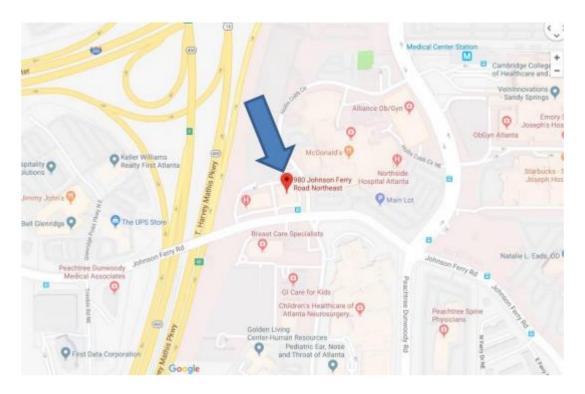
We take great pride in the relationships that we establish with our patients and the ability to provide a personalized approach to difficult problems. Please be advised we do not allow the transfer of care between physicians in our practice as all our physicians deliver the same exceptional patient experience. As a patient of our practice, we appreciate the opportunity to participate in your rheumatologic care.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

Articularis Healthcare

#### **Directions to Our Clinic**

Northside Doctors Centre 980 Johnson Ferry Road NE, Suite 220 Atlanta, Georgia 30342 404-255-5956



### **Directions Traveling East on I-285**

Exit #26 at the Glenridge Connector and turn right at the foot onto Glenridge Drive. Merge into the left-hand turn lane and turn left at the light onto Johnson Ferry Road. The Doctors Centre is on your left after crossing the bridge and before the next intersection. Turn left into the Doctors Centre, the 960 building is on the left and the 980 building is on your right. Parking is immediately ahead in the garage. The current cost to park is \$6.00.

### **Directions Traveling West on I-285**

Exit #28 at Peachtree-Dunwoody Road and turn left onto Peachtree Dunwoody Road. Turn right at the fourth traffic light onto Johnson Ferry Road, in front of Northside Hospital. Pass Northside Hospital on the right, Scottish Rite on your left. The Doctors Centre is on your right, passing through the next traffic light. Turn right into the Doctors Centre and drive straight ahead for the parking garage. The 980 building is on your right as your drive in. The current cost to park is \$6.00.

## Directions from GA 400 (North and South)

Traveling North- take exit 4A and turn left onto the Glenridge Connector. Turn right at the light onto Johnson Ferry Road. The Doctors Centre is on your left before the Hospital. Traveling South- Take exit #3 and turn left onto the Glenridge Connector. Turn right at the light onto Johnson Ferry Road and the Doctors Centre is ahead on your immediate left. The parking deck is immediately ahead in the garage. The current cost to park is \$6.00.

PLEASE BE AWARE IT IS \$6.00 CASH, CHECK, OR CARD TO PARK WITHIN THE PARKING DECK.

THIS IS REGULATED BY A THIRD PARTY AND NOT UNDER OUR CONTROL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.\*\*\*





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Hello,

Welcome to Arthritis & Rheumatology of Georgia! We are delighted you have chosen our practice for your medical care and we value our patients. This is a courtesy letter to remind you that our office requires your current Primary Care Provider (PCP) to initiate a referral from your insurance company. Please contact your PCP to initiate this process and remind them to fax it <u>directly</u> to us at **(404)255—3908** prior to your appointment along with any pertinent medical records. If possible, please ensure the following important details are included on the referral:

- Authorization Number
- · Start and End Date
- Number of Visits
- Specialty Physician being seen

Our staff is happy to answer any questions you may have about the referral process. Please contact us at **(404)255**— **5956**.

We look forward to seeing you in our office,

Arthritis & Rheumatology of GA



Signature of Patient / Legal Guardian

# **Patient Registration**



Patient Information														
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will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing. I acknowledge receipt of the Financial Policy and I understand that I am responsible for all														
charges not paid by insurance. I authorize this practice to release all information necessary to secure payment. I hereby voluntarily consent to treatment at this office and authorize such treatments, examinations, medications, and diagnostic procedures (including, but not limited to the														
use of lab and radiographic studies) as ordered by attending providers. I hereby voluntarily consent to the taking of photographic images for														
	treatment purposes only (wound care progression, documentation of rashes, etc.) as ordered by the attending providers.													

Last Updated: 1/27/2020

Date



# **Medical History**



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Patient Information								
Patient Last Name			F	First Name Date of Birth				
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Do you currently smoke	tobacco?	☐ Yes ☐ No		Did you used to si	moke tob	acco	? 🗌 Yes	□No
Please list the physicians w	ho care for y	ou now or have	cai	red for you in the pas	st:			
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Please indicate below the h	nistory of art	hritis or rheumat	ic	disease in your famil	l <b>y:</b> Mot	her	Father	Sibling(s)
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Gout								
Psoriasis								
Lupus								
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#### Articularis Healthcare Group, Inc. 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. Contact the Privacy Officer 843-572-4840 with any questions.

Effective: November 13, 2019

We are committed to protect the privacy of your personal health information (PHI). This Notice of Privacy Practices (Notice) describes how we may use within our practice or network and disclose (share outside of our practice or network) your PHI to carry out treatment, payment or health care operations. We may also share your information for other purposes that are permitted or required by law. This Notice also describes your rights to access and control your PHI.

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of your PHI. You will be notified of any breach of unsecured PHI. We will follow the terms outlined in this Notice. We may change our Notice, at any time. Any changes will apply to all PHI. Upon your request, we will provide you with any revised Notice by:

- Posting the new Notice in our office.
- Providing a copy of the new Notice in our office or by mail, upon request.
- Posting the revised Notice on our website, www.articularishealthcare.com.

#### **Uses and Disclosures of Your PHI**

The law permits or requires us to use or disclose your PHI for various reasons, which we explain in this Notice. We have included some examples, but we have not listed every permissible use or disclosure. When using or disclosing PHI or requesting your PHI from another source, we will make reasonable efforts to limit our use, disclosure, or request about your PHI to the minimum we need to accomplish our intended purpose.

#### Uses and Disclosures for Treatment, Payment or Health Care Operations

- Treatment. We may use or disclose your PHI and share it with other professionals who are treating you, including doctors, nurses, technicians, medical students, or hospital personnel involved in your care. For example, we might disclose information about your overall health condition with physicians who are treating you for a specific injury or condition.
- Payment. We may use and disclose your PHI to bill and get payment from health plans or others. For example, we share your PHI with your health insurance plan so it will pay for the services you receive.
- **Health Care Operations.** We may use and disclose your PHI to run our practice and improve your care. For example, we may use your PHI to manage the services you receive or to monitor the quality of our health care services.

#### Other Uses and Disclosures of Your PHI

We may share your information in other ways, usually for public health or research purposes or to contribute to the public good. For example, these other uses and disclosures may involve:

- Our Business Associates. We may use and disclose your PHI to our business associates that perform services on our behalf, such
  as auditing, legal, or transcription. The law requires our business associates and their subcontractors to protect your PHI in the
  same way we do. We also contractually require these parties to use and disclose your PHI only as permitted and to appropriately
  safeguard your PHI.
- Health Information Exchanges. We participate in health information exchanges (HIEs), which support electronic information sharing among members for treatment, payment, and health care operations purposes. Individuals may opt-out of HIEs. We will use reasonable efforts to limit the sharing of PHI in these electronic sharing activities for individuals who have opted out. If you would like to opt out, please contact our Privacy Officer.
- **Legal Compliance.** For example, we will share your PHI if the Department of Health and Human Services requires it when investigating our compliance with privacy laws.
- **Public Health and Safety Activities.** For example, we may share your PHI to report injuries, births, and deaths; prevent disease; report adverse reactions to medications or medical device product defects; report suspected child neglect or abuse or domestic violence; or avert a serious threat to public health or safety.
- Responding to Legal Actions. For example, we may share your PHI to respond to a court or administrative order or subpoena; discovery request; or another lawful process.
- Research. For example, we may share your PHI for some types of health research that do not require your authorization, such as if an institutional review board (IRB) has waived the written authorization requirement [because the disclosure only involves minimal privacy risks].
- Medical Examiners or Funeral Directors. For example, we may share PHI with coroners, medical examiners, or funeral directors when an individual dies.
- Organ or Tissue Donation. For example, we may share your PHI to arrange an authorized organ or tissue donation from you or a transplant for you.

• Workers' Compensation. We may use and disclose your PHI for workers' compensation claims; health oversight activities by federal or state agencies; law enforcement purposes or with a law enforcement official; or specialized government functions, such as military and veterans' activities, national security and intelligence, presidential protective services or medical suitability.

#### **Your Choices**

For certain health information, you can tell us your choices about what we share. If you have a clear preference for how we share your information in the situations described below, please contact us and we will make reasonable efforts to follow your instructions. You have both the right and choice to tell us whether to:

- Share information such as your PHI, general condition or location, with friends or family members, or other persons involved in your care.
- Share information in a disaster relief situation, such as to a relief organization to assist with locating or notifying your family, close friends or others involved in your care.

We may share your information if we believe it is in your best interest, according to our best judgement, and:

- If you are unable to tell us your preference, for example, if you are unconscious.
- When needed to lessen a serious and imminent threat to health or safety.

#### **Your Rights**

You have certain rights related to your protected health information. All requests to exercise your rights must be made in writing.

Inspect and obtain a copy of your protected health information. You may inspect and obtain a copy of protected health information about you that is contained in a designated record set for as long as we maintain the protected health information. If requested, we will provide you a copy of your records in an electronic format. There are some exceptions to records which may be copied and the request may be denied. We may charge you a reasonable cost-based fee for a copy of the records.

**Request Additional Restrictions.** You have the right to ask us to limit what we use or share about your PHI. You can contact us and request us not to use or share certain PHI for treatment, payment, or operations or with certain persons involved in your care. For these requests:

- we are not required to agree;
- we may say "no" if it would affect your care; but
- we will not agree to disclose information to a health plan for purposes of payment or health care operations if the requested restriction concerns a health care item or service for which you or another person, other than the health plan, paid in full out-of-pocket, unless otherwise required by law.

You have the right to request for us to communicate in different ways or in different locations. We will agree to reasonable requests. We may also request alternative address or other method of contact such as mailing information to a post office box. We will not ask for an explanation from you about the request.

**Make Amendments.** You may ask us to correct or amend PHI that we maintain about you that you think is incorrect or inaccurate. For these requests:

- You must submit requests in writing, specify the inaccurate or incorrect PHI and provide a reason that supports your request.
- We will generally decide to grant or deny your request within 60 days. If we cannot act within 60 days, we will give you a reason for the delay in writing and include when you can expect us to complete our decision.
- We may deny your request for an amendment if you ask us to amend PHI that is not part of our record, that we did not create, that is not part of a designated record set, or that is accurate and complete.

Request an Accounting of Disclosures. This right applies to disclosures for purposes other than treatment, payment or healthcare operations. You may request them for the previous six years or a shorter timeframe. If you request more than one list within a 12-month period, you may be charged a reasonable fee.

#### Additional Privacy Rights

You have the right to obtain a paper copy of this notice from us, upon request. We will provide you a copy of this Notice the first day we treat you at our facility. In an emergency we will give you this Notice as soon as possible. You have a right to receive notification of any breach of your protected health information.

#### Complaints

You have the right to complain if you feel we have violated your rights. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint. You may either file a complaint:

- directly with us by contacting the Privacy Officer. All complaints must be submitted in writing.
- with the Office for Civil Rights at the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Send a letter to U.S. HHS at 200 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201; call 1-800-368-1019; or visit www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/hipaa/complaints/.



# Acknowledgment of Receipt "NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES"



I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the "Notice of Privacy Practices" for protected health information on the date set forth below.

Date of Receipt	Patient Date of Birth
Print Patient Name	Print Name of Authorized Personal Representative
Patient Signature	Signature of Authorized Personal Representative
	Please Indicate Relationship to Patient
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Patient refused to sign Acknowledgment	Trivacy Fractices was not received because.
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Patient was unable to sign Acknowledgment due	e to emergency treatment situation
Other (please indicate reason):	
Patient Signature	Signature of Authorized Personal Representative

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#### **Medical Records Release**



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Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial		Date of Birth	(Month/Day/Year)
Street Address	Apt #/P.O. Box # (Pi	ease include complete mailing a	ddress)	Medical Record	Number/SSN
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	 Name				
	Street Address				
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I understand that federal and state laws allow a fee to be charged for the copying of patient records and I will be responsible for the payment of such fees. The fee is \$0.65 per page for the first 30 pages and \$0.50 for each page after 30.

I authorize Articula	ris Healthcare to <u>obtain</u>	the above-named indiv	idual's health informat	ion on their behalf from:
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	City	State	Zip Code	
Information to be o	btained*:			
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☐ All of the Abov	<b>/e</b> ☐ Other:			
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	nt or Patient's Legal Repress hority to Act for Patient	entative	Month/Day/Year	

NOTE: A COPY OF THIS COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND DATED FORM MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE PATIENT AND/OR THE PATIENT'S REPRESENTATIVE, AND A COPY MUST BE PLACED IN THE PATIENT'S MEDICAL RECORD



Patient Information (please print clearly):

# Patient Authorization for Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information



This information is used to facilitate our communications with you as we strive to provide you with excellent service.

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Date of Birth	(Month/Day/Year)
Street Address	Apt #/P.O. Box # (Please include comp	olete mailing address)	Medical Record	Number/SSN
City	State	Zip Code	Primary Contact	t Number
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Business Number	 Cell Phone Nui	mber	Other Pho	ne Number
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	Name		Phone	Number
Child(ren): _	Name		Phone	Number
-	Name		Phone	Number
☐ Other: _	Name		Phone	Number
Information to b	pe disclosed:			
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# Arthritis and Rheumatology of Georgia

## **Financial Policy**



We thank you for choosing us as your healthcare provider. Our team of physicians and healthcare professionals are committed to fulfilling our mission to provide a continuum of medical services to our patients. To support this goal, we have created this financial policy to communicate important financial aspects about our practice. Please read this policy thoroughly before your visit and contact our Billing Office should you have questions or concerns. Our Billing Office is available Monday – Thursday from 8:00am – 5:00pm, and you may reach them by dialing (843) 572–4840. Additionally, any uninsured, underinsured, and/or indigent patients who have limited or inadequate resources to pay for health care services rendered at any of our clinic locations may be eligible for financial assistance through payment options and our Financial Assistance Program.

Arriving for Your Visit. To provide exceptional care to every patient, we have adopted guidelines around late arrivals, cancellations, and patients who fail to show for their appointments. We ask that every new patient arrive 15 minutes before their scheduled appointment time. Should you arrive more than 15 minutes late to your appointment, you will have the option to reschedule your appointment or have your physician see you as a "work in" appointment that day as the schedule allows. If you do not arrive for your appointment or if you cancel within 48 hours of your appointment, a \$50 charge may be applied to your account. We reserve the right to discharge patients who arrive late, cancel within of 48 hours of their visit, and/or no show for their appointments three times within a 12-month period.

**Referrals and Prior Authorizations.** It is your responsibility to obtain referrals for the services provided within our practice. However, we will obtain any of the required prior authorizations for treatments or services provided within our practice.

**Insurance and Billing.** We are pleased to bill your primary and secondary health care plans on your behalf. You are ultimately responsible for your co-pay and any co-insurance related to your deductible at check-in for your appointment, as well as any remaining balance after insurance payments. Ancillary services rendered in our clinic, like ultrasound, lab, and/or x-ray, will be billed to you after your visit. Please contact your insurance company to verify we are an in-network provider. As the owner of the insurance policy, you are solely responsible for coverage policies under the plan and the accuracy of information on file.

**Insurance Errors.** If you believe your insurance company denied or processed a claim in error, please call us immediately. If your insurance company requests additional information from you, it is important to comply with their requests in a timely manner.

**Insurance Errors continued.** If insurance does not pay a claim within 45 days of submission, the outstanding balance is billed to the patient and becomes the patient's responsibility. Should you pay more than what you are responsible, the overpayment will be applied as a credit on the account. You may decide to use the credit at your next visit or opt to receive a refund check.

**Paying Your Bill.** For your convenience, we accept multiple forms of payment, including personal check, money order, credit card, and cash. Payment is accepted by phone, online, in person, and by mail. We also accept Care Credit, a third-party healthcare financing option, but balances must be paid at check-in and a zero-balance maintained. If we utilize lab processing through Quest Diagnostics, they will bill you directly for any outstanding out-of-pocket balances. Please contact Quest Diagnostics directly to discuss your bill at 866-MYQUEST (866-697-8378).

**Credit Cards on File.** Should you carry a balance after 30 days or are eligible for a payment plan, you must keep an active HSA and/or credit card on file. We do not have access to patients' credit/debit/HSA/bank information. Private financial information is stored and encrypted by a certified company that is compliant with all federal privacy laws, as well as the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS).

Ability to Pay. Account balances should be paid in full by the statement due date. If you have circumstances that limit your ability to pay on your account balance and have exhausted other resources, please contact a member of the Billing Office to begin the Financial Assistance Program determination process. Holds may be placed on accounts without payment arrangements and future appointments may not be scheduled until past balances are fulfilled. Please note that specific financial and other pertinent information may be necessary to support a patient's eligibility for assistance. Failed attempts to contact patients about their unpaid balances to establish payment arrangements may lead to collections and/or discharge from the practice.

**Accounts in Default.** We will attempt to bill and collect from patients who are responsible for all or part of the cost of services provided by our providers. After 90 days, if you have not made a payment on a bill or established a payment plan, we may initiate precollections by sending the patient a pre-collections notice. If we fail to collect or arrange payment from the patient, the patient may receive a final notice to pay. If we decide it is unreasonable to try to collect balances, a certified letter discharging you from our practice will be sent, and the account referred to a collections agency.

Signature of Patient / Legal Guardian	Date

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# **Prescription Refill Policy**



To eliminate paperwork and unnecessary phone calls, your physician will provide you enough medication to last until your next follow-up appointment. It should be unusual for you to need medication outside of your scheduled appointment, but refill requests are fulfilled with the following criteria in mind:

Prescription refill requests are not accepted from pharmacies.					
To submit a prescription refill request, please leave a message with your provider's care team by calling (404) 255 - 5956 and pressing the corresponding number to reach them or submit using the patient portal. Please note that all requests submitted before noon will be handled by the end of the business day; all requests submitted after noon, will be handled by noon the next business day.					
Our practice will handle all refill requests submitted after how holidays the next business day except in an urgent situation.	urs, during weekends, and				
] Please call your pharmacy directly to verify your prescription is rea	ady for pick-up.				
We will send your refill electronically to the pharmacy document unless you request otherwise. We cannot call in any controlled medication prescriptions in person. You clinic location where your provider is located that day because we their signature.	edications. All patients must may need to travel to the				
Any requested medication must have been previously ordered be provider and you must have visited him/her within the last year.	oy an Articularis Healthcare				
Our practice will prescribe or refill only enough of your medica appointment with your provider.	tion to last until your next				
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