

# Patient Demographic Form

Patient Name:	DOB:
Address:	
City: State:	Zip Code:
Phone Number:	□ Cell □ Home □ Work
Phone Number:	□ Cell □ Home □ Work
Email:	
Preferred Method of Contact: ☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Ema	
I consent to be receive appointment reminders by text.	□ Yes □ No
I consent to be receive appointment reminders by email.	□ Yes □ No
Primary Care Physician Name:	
Phone Number: Fax Number	
Pharmacy Name:	
Phone Number: Fax Number	
Emergency Contact Name:	
Phone Number: Relationship	
By signing, I acknowledge that the information provided is accura knowledge. I affirm that I am the patient or the patient's authorized	
X Signature of Patient or Responsible Party	 Date



## Acknowledgement of HIPPA Form

I acknowledge that I have read the HIPAA Notice of the Rheumatology Institute of San Antonio. I understand that I may authorize the following family members and/or friends to receive information about my care, including my appointment details, billing/insurance, and/or medical records.

Pe	eople Who May Receive My Medica	l Information:
Name:	Relationship:	Phone:
This authorization applies  ☐ Appointment details ☐ Billing and insurance ☐ Medical records and ☐ All of the above		
This authorization will ren	nain in effect unless changed or revo	ked in writing by me.
disclosures of Protected H	racy Act gives individuals the right to ealth Information (PHI). You also having correspondence to your office in	e the right to request confidential
Signature of Patien	at or Responsible Party	Date



# **Medical History**

Patient Name:		DOB:	
Reason for Visit:			
Medical History			
Select all medical conditions	for which your are curren	tly being treated for:	
☐ High Cholesterol	☐ Cancer:	□ Thyroid Disorder	☐ Seasonal Allergies
☐ High Blood Pressure	□ Diabetes	□ Depression	□ Fibromyalgia
☐ Sjogren's/Sicca Syndrome	□ Gout	☐ Rheumatoid Arthritis	B □ Psoriatic Arthritis
☐ Osteoarthritis	□ Osteoporosis	☐ Giant Cell Arteritis	☐ Migraines
☐ Lupus	☐ Ankylosing Spondyli	tis   Other:	
Social History			
Do you use tobacco? ☐ Ye	es 🗆 No		
Do you use alcohol? ☐ Ye	es □ No		
Surgical History   No surgical History	gical history		
Procedure:	_	Date:	
Procedure:		Date:	
Procedure:		Date:	
Procedure:		Date:	
Family History			
Do you have any family histo	ry of autoimmune diseaso	e? □ Yes □ No	
Condition:	R	elationship:	
Condition:	Re	elationship:	



# **Medical History**

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## **Medical Record Release Form**

Patient Name:		DOB:
to release confidential healt	•	eleasing a copy of my medical records, or a PHI) to the physician/facility/entity listed
	Rheumatology Institut 14615 San Pedro A San Antonio, T P: (210)404 F: (210)404	Ave, Ste 210 TX 78232 ·0020
The information is authoriz	ed to release is as follows:	
☐ Complete Records	☐ Progress Notes	
☐ Treatment Plan	☐ Medication History	
☐ Pathology Reports	☐ Operative Reports	
□ Radiology Reports	☐ Hospital Reports	
☐ Laboratory Results		
□ Other:		
You may revoke this author at the address above. I underequest and that a fee for set forth by the Texas States	ease of information expires 12 orization at any time by writin derstand that you will provide	months from the date of the patient's signature. g to the Rheumatology Institute of San Antonio the information within 30 days from receipt of information may be charged according to rulings s.
Signature of Patie	nt or Responsible Party	Date
Print Name of Pat	tient or Responsible Party	Relationship



# Patient Acknowledgement of Office & Financial Policies

DOB:

Patient Name:

I acknowledge that I have received and reviewed the Office Policies and Financial Policies of the Rheumatology Institute of San Antonio. I understand it is my responsibility to read and follow these policies, and I may ask any questions for clarification.  I also understand that:  I may request an additional copy of these policies at any time.  It is my responsibility to follow up with my insurance provider, primary care physician, and laboratory when required.  Failure to follow these policies may result in delays or interruptions in care, including medication refills or infusions.  I may speak with the front desk or practice manager if I have any questions or concerns.			
Signature of Patient or Responsible Party  Date			
For Office Use Only  Patient provided with printed copy of Office & Financial Policies  Patient declined printed copy of Office & Financial Policies.			



## **Financial Policy**

Thank you for choosing the Rheumatology Institute of San Antonio. We are committed to providing you with the highest quality of care in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Please read the following financial policies carefully and sign at the bottom to acknowledge your understanding.

#### **Financial Responsibility**

- You are responsible for all co-payments, deductibles, co-insurance, non-covered services, and any other patient financial responsibilities as determined by your insurance carrier or our policies. Payment is due at the time of service.
- HMO Referrals: Our office will request any necessary referrals from your Primary Care Physician (PCP); however, it is the patient's responsibility to follow up with their PCP to ensure that authorization is obtained and forwarded to our office in a timely manner. If we do not receive authorization, your appointment will be rescheduled.
- You must present a valid photo ID and insurance card(s) at every visit in order to verify coverage and ensure accurate billing.
- All co-payments, deductibles, and co-insurance amounts are due at the time of service, unless prior arrangements have been made.

#### **Insurance Network Participation**

- If we determine prior to your appointment that we are not contracted with your insurance provider, your appointment will be cancelled and you will be notified.
- If a claim is submitted and later denied due to out-of-network status, we will contact you to discuss your options and, when applicable, work with you to establish a payment agreement per insurance guidelines.

### **Insurance Eligibility & Coverage**

- While patients are expected to understand their insurance benefits, our staff will verify eligibility before your visit and notify you of any issues.
- If you are found to have no active insurance coverage at the time of service, a cash-pay adjustment will be applied, and you will be responsible for the self-pay rate of \$150.
- We will provide a Good Faith Estimate for expected charges upon request or as required. However, please note that you remain financially responsible for any remaining balance as determined by your insurance after claims have been processed.



## Financial Policy (cont.)

#### **Collections & Past Due Accounts**

- Past-due balances may be turned over to collections if unpaid.
- Returned checks will incur a \$35.00 fee.
- We accept cash, checks, Visa, and Mastercard as forms of payment.

#### **Medicare Patients**

- We are Medicare participating providers and will bill Medicare directly.
- You are responsible for any co-payments, deductibles, and charges for non-covered services at the time of service.

### Authorization for Payment and Information Release

Your signature below authorizes the release of any medical information necessary to process an insurance claim on your behalf. It also authorizes your insurance carrier(s) to make direct payment to the Rheumatology Institute of San Antonio for services rendered.



#### Office Policies

Thank you for choosing the Rheumatology Institute of San Antonio. The following office policies are in place to ensure we provide high-quality, timely, and respectful care to all patients. Please read and acknowledge these policies to help us serve you better.

#### **Appointment Policy**

- Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your scheduled appointment to allow time for check-in and paperwork.
- Bring a valid photo ID and insurance card(s) to every visit. You may be asked to reconfirm your insurance and demographic information at follow-ups.
- Notify our office promptly if there are any changes to your address, phone number, insurance, or PCP.

### **Cancelations & Missed Appointments**

- If you need to cancel or reschedule, please notify us at least 24 hours in advance.
- Missed appointment fee: \$75.00 (not billable to insurance)
- Repeated missed or short-notice cancellations may result in dismissal from the practice.

#### Late Arrivals

• Patients who arrive more than 15 minutes late may be asked to reschedule to avoid delays in care for other patients.

#### **Medication Refills**

- Refill requests must be faxed by your pharmacy to 210-404-0325 or requested electronically.
- Allow up to 2 business days for processing.
- Requests must be submitted at least 3 business days before your medication runs out.

#### Follow-Up and Compliance

- Patients must maintain routine follow-up appointments as directed by their provider.
- Failure to attend follow-ups may result in:
  - Cancellation of infusions
  - Denial of medication refills
- Required labs and imaging must be completed at least 1 week prior to follow-up appointments.
- If not completed, your appointment will be rescheduled, which may delay your treatment plan.



### **Office Policies**

### **Legal Guardians**

• If you are the legal guardian of a patient, official documentation (such as medical power of attorney or guardianship papers) must be provided at the time of the visit. If authorization is not received, your appointment will be rescheduled.

## Non-compliance & Dismissal from the Practice

- We reserve the right to terminate care for patients who:
- Consistently miss or cancel appointments without notice
- Fail to follow medical advice or treatment plans
- Violate any office policy
- If dismissed, patients will receive written notice and will be offered 30 days of emergency care to allow time to establish care with another provider.

#### **Patient Rights & Communication**

- Patients may request a copy of these policies at any time.
- Concerns about billing, services, or care may be addressed with our practice manager or front desk team. We are committed to addressing your concerns promptly and respectfully.