

SUMMARY NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

FOR NDTA PATIENTS

NDTA is committed to providing responsive, personalized, high quality care to our patients. We are also dedicated to respecting and appropriately honoring our patient's privacy.

NDTA is required by federal law to provide you with a Notice of Privacy Practices that describes how health information that we maintain for you may be used or disclosed. The Notice describes each use and disclosure that NDTA is permitted to make, and provides a description of your rights and our obligations under federal and state privacy laws.

USES AND DISCLOSURES

NDTA is permitted to use and disclose your health information under a variety of circumstances. NDTA maintains an electronic health record for you, may receive protected health information for you electronically, and may disclose your protected health information through an electronic transmission. Sometimes we must obtain your authorization before we use or disclose that information, but in other circumstances we may use your information without your authorization and without informing you of the use or disclosure. Some of the reasons that we may use or disclose your information include:

- to provide information about your health condition to others who may treat you;
- to provide information about the treatment that we provided in order to obtain payment from your health plan;
- to report a communicable disease, domestic violence or criminal activity; or
- to comply with a court order requiring the disclosure of your medical record.

For a full description of the uses and disclosures that NDTA is permitted to make, please review the Notice of Privacy Practices.

YOUR RIGHTS

While the records that we maintain regarding your medical care belong to NDTA, under the federal and state privacy laws you have a variety of rights with respect to the information maintained in these medical records. For instance, you have the right to access and copy the health information that we maintain about you and to request that we

amend any of the information that you believe is incomplete or incorrect. Also, you may request that we provide you with a list of each disclosure that we have made of your health information. All of these rights are subject to some exceptions that are described fully in the Notice of Privacy Practices.

NDTA's OBLIGATIONS

We are required to provide you with our Notice of Privacy Practices and to abide by its terms. We may revise the Notice of Privacy Practices from time to time. All revisions will be applied retroactively.

NDTA's full Notice of Privacy Practices is attached. Please read it carefully. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Cynthia Radford or our Privacy Officer, Ann Timpe-Brennan at 713-790-9080.

Your NDTA Physicians, Dr. Stephen Brennan, Dr. Juan Gonzalez, Dr. George M. Nassar, Dr. Abdul-Jabbar Khan, Dr. Joslyn Campbell, Dr. Edward Rhee, Dr. Binh Nguyen, Dr. Christopher Kwoh, Dr. Ulka Desai, Dr. Faraz Khan, Dr. Sandra Barrow, Dr. Nadia Wasi-Iqbal, Dr. Tho Luong, Dr. Collete Akhimiona and Our Staff, are committed to honoring your privacy.

Thank you for assisting us to honor your privacy rights.

Juan Gonzalez, M.D.