

## HIPAA NOTICE TO OUR PATIENTS

Under the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA – passed in 1996) offices like ours were required to create specific practices to protect patient's health information (PHI) by April of 2003.

We want our patient's to understand how we protect their privacy when we collect and use health information and the measures we take to safeguard that information. Each of these instances is spelled out in our Privacy notice. We do not disclose any information about a patient or former patient to anyone, except as permitted by law.

This notice also lists your rights under HIPAA:

- The right to access your PHI
- The right to amend your PHI
- The right to an accounting of disclosures by the health plan
- The right to request restrictions on the use and disclosure of your PHI
- The right to receive confidential communications

Please read our Privacy Policy Notice available in our waiting area; also please feel free to request a copy of our materials regarding your rights under HIPAA.

Please check one of the boxes below to indicate that you have read and understood this notice.

- I requested and received further information regarding my rights under HIPAA.
- I have read and understood this notice and require no further information at this time.

Patient Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_