



**AIMC**

ACUPUNCTURE &  
INTEGRATIVE  
MEDICAL CENTER

# New Patient Intake Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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M / F Ht. \_\_\_\_\_ Wt. \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Name & Number) \_\_\_\_\_

Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Care Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other Health Care Practitioners treating you \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Complaint (reason for visit)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List all previous treatments for this condition (including medication) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Medical Problems \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medication \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If receiving chemotherapy, type and regimen \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Past Medical History:** (check all that apply and include medication)

AIDS/HIV \_\_\_\_\_

Asthma \_\_\_\_\_

Diabetes Mellitus \_\_\_\_\_

Hepatitis (type) \_\_\_\_\_

Herpes (oral, genital) \_\_\_\_\_

High Blood Pressure \_\_\_\_\_

Rheumatic Fever \_\_\_\_\_

Pneumonia \_\_\_\_\_

Stroke \_\_\_\_\_

Seizures \_\_\_\_\_

Tuberculosis \_\_\_\_\_

Thyroid disorder (type) \_\_\_\_\_

Chest pain \_\_\_\_\_

Ulcers \_\_\_\_\_

Glaucoma \_\_\_\_\_

Depression \_\_\_\_\_

Cancer \_\_\_\_\_

List any previous surgery / major trauma (include dates) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Family History:** (list major medical conditions)

Father \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings \_\_\_\_\_



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Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Life Style

Do you smoke?    Yes    No            Cigarettes \_\_\_\_    Pipe \_\_\_\_    Cigars \_\_\_\_

# of Years \_\_\_\_\_            How much? \_\_\_\_\_            Year quit \_\_\_\_\_

Do you drink alcohol?    Yes    No                            Do you use street drugs?    Yes    No

What type? \_\_\_\_\_

What type? \_\_\_\_\_

How much? \_\_\_\_\_

How much? \_\_\_\_\_

How often? \_\_\_\_\_

How often? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you regularly drink coffee?    Yes    No    How many cups per day? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you under a lot of pressure at work?    Yes    No    Please describe \_\_\_\_\_

Do you exercise? \_\_\_\_\_    Type \_\_\_\_\_    Frequency \_\_\_\_\_

# hours of sleep \_\_\_\_\_    bed time \_\_\_\_\_    awaken \_\_\_\_\_

## Diet

Describe your typical diet:

Breakfast \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner \_\_\_\_\_



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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

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Food allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Food cravings \_\_\_\_\_

Water consumption / day \_\_\_\_\_

Supplements \_\_\_\_\_

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*continued...*



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## GENERAL SYMPTOMS

current

(Please check all that apply)

past

- poor / increased appetite \_\_\_\_\_
- weight loss / gain \_\_\_\_\_
- fatigue \_\_\_\_\_
- irritable / depressed/ anxious \_\_\_\_\_
- prefer hot / cold drinks \_\_\_\_\_
- sweat easily \_\_\_\_\_
  
- night sweating \_\_\_\_\_
- fever / chills \_\_\_\_\_
- cold hands & feet \_\_\_\_\_
- poor circulation \_\_\_\_\_
- numbness & tingling in hands / feet \_\_\_\_\_
- muscle cramps / weakness \_\_\_\_\_
- bruise easily / bleed \_\_\_\_\_
- dry skin \_\_\_\_\_
- itchy skin \_\_\_\_\_
- rashes / eczema / psoriasis / acne \_\_\_\_\_
- headache / migraine \_\_\_\_\_
  
- dizziness / vertigo \_\_\_\_\_
- blurred vision \_\_\_\_\_
- eye pain / tear / red / itch \_\_\_\_\_
- facial pain \_\_\_\_\_
- sinus disorder / pain / pressure \_\_\_\_\_
  
- runny nose \_\_\_\_\_
- swollen glands \_\_\_\_\_
- sore throat \_\_\_\_\_
- difficulty swallowing \_\_\_\_\_
- decreased hearing \_\_\_\_\_
- ringing in ears \_\_\_\_\_
- gum / teeth problems \_\_\_\_\_
  
- hair loss \_\_\_\_\_
- shortness of breath \_\_\_\_\_
- chest tightness \_\_\_\_\_
- asthma/ wheezing \_\_\_\_\_

*continued...*



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## GENERAL SYMPTOMS

cont'd.=

current

(Please check all that apply)

past

- cough \_\_\_\_\_
- dry/ hacking \_\_\_\_\_
- color of phlegm \_\_\_\_\_
- copious/sticky/blood \_\_\_\_\_
  
- environmental allergies \_\_\_\_\_
- palpitations \_\_\_\_\_
- irregular heart beat \_\_\_\_\_
- low blood pressure \_\_\_\_\_
  
- indigestion \_\_\_\_\_
- gas / flatulence \_\_\_\_\_
- bloating \_\_\_\_\_
- belching / burping \_\_\_\_\_
  
- acid regurgitation \_\_\_\_\_
- nausea / vomiting \_\_\_\_\_
- foul breath \_\_\_\_\_
- diarrhea \_\_\_\_\_
- loose stools \_\_\_\_\_
- constipation \_\_\_\_\_
- blood / mucous in stools \_\_\_\_\_
- intestinal cramping \_\_\_\_\_
- hemorrhoids \_\_\_\_\_
  
- frequent urination \_\_\_\_\_
- urgent urination \_\_\_\_\_
- blood in urine \_\_\_\_\_
- pain / burning urination \_\_\_\_\_
- cloudy urination \_\_\_\_\_
- incontinence \_\_\_\_\_
- night urination \_\_\_\_\_
- urinary infections \_\_\_\_\_
  
- neck / shoulder pain \_\_\_\_\_
- upper back pain \_\_\_\_\_
- lower back pain \_\_\_\_\_
- rib pain \_\_\_\_\_
- difficulty falling asleep \_\_\_\_\_
- time sleep \_\_\_\_\_
- awake \_\_\_\_\_
- awaken at night \_\_\_\_\_
- nightmares \_\_\_\_\_



# New Patient Intake Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### GYNECOLOGY (women):

- date of last pap smear \_\_\_\_\_ results \_\_\_\_\_
- date of last menstrual period \_\_\_\_\_
- length of cycle (regular / irregular) \_\_\_\_\_
- duration of flow \_\_\_\_\_
- do you have clots with menstrual flow \_\_\_\_\_
- menstrual pain / cramping \_\_\_\_\_ location \_\_\_\_\_
- PMS
  - breast tenderness \_\_\_\_\_
  - mood changes (type) \_\_\_\_\_
  - bloating \_\_\_\_\_
  - headache \_\_\_\_\_ location \_\_\_\_\_
  - low back pain \_\_\_\_\_
  - food cravings \_\_\_\_\_
- method of contraception \_\_\_\_\_
- uterine fibroids \_\_\_\_\_ type \_\_\_\_\_
- ovarian cysts \_\_\_\_\_
- age of menopause \_\_\_\_\_

### UROLOGY (men):

- date of last prostate exam \_\_\_\_\_ results \_\_\_\_\_
- urinary frequency \_\_\_\_\_
- poor stream flow \_\_\_\_\_
- premature ejaculation \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_



## DETOXIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rate each of the following symptoms based on your typical health profile for the specified duration:

Past month                       Past week                       Past 48 hours

**Point Scale:**    0—Never or almost never have the symptom                      1—Occasionally have it, effect is not severe                      2—Occasionally have it, effect is severe  
                         3—Frequently have it, effect is not severe                      4—Frequently have it, effect is severe

I. Medical Symptoms Questionnaire (MSQ)	
<b>HEAD</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Headaches <input type="checkbox"/> Faintness <input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness <input type="checkbox"/> Insomnia <b>TOTAL</b> _____
<b>EYES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Watery or itchy eyes <input type="checkbox"/> Swollen, reddened or sticky eyelids <input type="checkbox"/> Bags or dark circles under eyes <input type="checkbox"/> Blurred or tunnel vision <b>TOTAL</b> _____
<b>EARS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Itchy ears <input type="checkbox"/> Earaches, ear infections <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage from ear <input type="checkbox"/> Ringing in ears, hearing loss <b>TOTAL</b> _____
<b>NOSE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Stuffy nose <input type="checkbox"/> Sinus problems <input type="checkbox"/> Hay fever <input type="checkbox"/> Sneezing attacks <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive mucus formation <b>TOTAL</b> _____
<b>MOUTH/ THROAT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic coughing <input type="checkbox"/> Gagging, frequent need to clear throat <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat, hoarseness, loss of voice <input type="checkbox"/> Swollen or discolored tongue, gums, lips <input type="checkbox"/> Canker sores <b>TOTAL</b> _____
<b>SKIN</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acne <input type="checkbox"/> Hives, rashes, dry skin <input type="checkbox"/> Hair loss <input type="checkbox"/> Flushing, hot flashes <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive sweating <b>TOTAL</b> _____
<b>HEART</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Chest pain <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular or skipped heartbeat <input type="checkbox"/> Rapid or pounding heartbeat <b>TOTAL</b> _____
<b>LUNGS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Chest congestion <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma, bronchitis <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty breathing <b>TOTAL</b> _____
<b>DIGESTIVE TRACT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Nausea, vomiting <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea <input type="checkbox"/> Constipation <input type="checkbox"/> Bloating feeling <input type="checkbox"/> Belching, passing gas <input type="checkbox"/> Heartburn <input type="checkbox"/> Intestinal/stomach pain <b>TOTAL</b> _____
<b>JOINTS/ MUSCLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Pain or aches in joints <input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis <input type="checkbox"/> Stiffness or limitation of movement <input type="checkbox"/> Feeling of weakness or tiredness <input type="checkbox"/> Pain or aches in muscles <b>TOTAL</b> _____
<b>WEIGHT</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Binge eating/drinking <input type="checkbox"/> Craving certain foods <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive weight <input type="checkbox"/> Water retention <input type="checkbox"/> Underweight <input type="checkbox"/> Compulsive eating <b>TOTAL</b> _____
<b>ENERGY/ ACTIVITY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue, sluggishness <input type="checkbox"/> Apathy, lethargy <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperactivity <input type="checkbox"/> Restlessness <b>TOTAL</b> _____
<b>MIND</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor memory <input type="checkbox"/> Confusion, poor comprehension <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in making decisions <input type="checkbox"/> Stuttering or stammering <input type="checkbox"/> Slurred speech <input type="checkbox"/> Learning disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Poor concentration <input type="checkbox"/> Poor physical coordination <b>TOTAL</b> _____
<b>EMOTIONS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Mood swings <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety, fear, nervousness <input type="checkbox"/> Anger, irritability, aggressiveness <input type="checkbox"/> Depression <b>TOTAL</b> _____
<b>OTHER</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Frequent illness <input type="checkbox"/> Frequent or urgent urination <input type="checkbox"/> Genital itch or discharge <b>TOTAL</b> _____
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b> _____





II. Xenobiotic Tolerability Test (XTT)	
<p>1. Are you presently using prescription drugs?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (1 pt.) If yes, how many are you currently taking? ____ (1 pt. each) <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 pt.)	<p>6. Do you commonly experience "brain fog," fatigue, or drowsiness?</p> <hr/> <p>7. Do you develop symptoms on exposure to fragrances, exhaust fumes, or strong odors?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (1 pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know (0 pt.)
<p>2. Are you presently taking one or more of the following over-the-counter drugs?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Cimetidine (2 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/> Acetaminophen (2 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/> Estradiol (2 pts.)	<p>8. Do you feel ill after you consume even small amounts of alcohol?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (1 pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know (0 pt.)
<p>3. If you have used or currently use prescription drugs, which of the following scenarios best represents your response to them:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Experience side effects, drug(s) is (are) efficacious at lowered dose(s) (3 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/> Experience side effects, drug(s) is (are) efficacious at usual dose(s) (2 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/> Experience no side effects, drug(s) is (are) usually not efficacious (2 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/> Experience no side effects, drug(s) is (are) usually efficacious (0 pt.)	<p>10. Do you have a personal history of</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental and/or chemical sensitivities (5 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic fatigue syndrome (5 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple chemical sensitivity (5 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/> Fibromyalgia (3 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/> Parkinson's type symptoms (3 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol or chemical dependence (2 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma (1 pt.)
<p>4. Do you currently use or within the last 6 months had you regularly used tobacco products?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (2 pts.) <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 pt.)	<p>11. Do you have a history of significant exposure to harmful chemicals such as herbicides, insecticides, pesticides, or organic solvents?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (1 pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 pt.)
<p>5. Do you have strong negative reactions to caffeine or caffeine containing products?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (1 pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know (0 pt.)	<p>12. Do you have an adverse or allergic reaction when you consume sulfite containing foods such as wine, dried fruit, salad bar vegetables, etc?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (1 pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> No (0 pt.) <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know (0 pt.)
<p><b>GRAND TOTAL:</b> _____</p>	

III. Alkalizing Assessment	
<p>1. Do you have a history or currently have kidney dysfunction?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>3. Are you currently on diuretics or blood pressure medication?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>2. Have you ever been diagnosed with a condition known as hyperkalemia?</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p>Note: Prescribe non-alkalizing nutrients if patient answered yes to any part of this section.</p>

For Practitioner Use Only:

OVERALL SCORE TABULATION	
See doctor brochure for protocol suggestions.	
MSQ SCORE	_____ (High >50; moderate 15-49; Low <14)
XTT SCORE	_____ (High >10; moderate 5-9; Low <4)
URINARY pH	_____

**Note:** Patients with high MSQ but low XTT may be exhibiting pathology that is not related to toxic load. Other mechanisms should be considered such as inflammation/immune/allergic gastrointestinal dysfunction, oxidative stress, hormonal/neuro-transmitter dysfunction, nutritional depletion, and/or mind body. Individualize support with specific medical foods, diet, and/or nutraceuticals.



<b>Comparative Pain Scale</b>		
	<b>0</b>	No pain. Feeling perfectly normal.
<b>Minor</b> Does not interfere with most activities. Able to adapt to pain psychologically and with medication devices such as cushions.	<b>1</b> <b>Very Mild</b>	Very light, barely noticeable pain, like a mosquito bite or a poison ivy itch. Most of the time you never think about the pain.
	<b>2</b> <b>Discomforting</b>	Minor pain, like lightly pinching the fold of the skin between the thumb and first finger with the other hand, using the fingernails. Note that people react differently to this self-test.
	<b>3</b> <b>Tolerable</b>	Very noticeable pain, like an accidental cut, a blow to the nose causing a bloody nose, or a doctor giving you an injection. The pain is not so strong that you can't get used to it. Eventually, most of the time you don't notice the pain. You have <i>adapted</i> to it.
<b>Moderate</b> Interferes with many activities. Requires lifestyle changes but patient remains independent. Unable to adapt to the pain.	<b>4</b> <b>Distressing</b>	Strong, deep pain, like an average toothache, the initial pain from a bee sting, or minor trauma to part of the body, such as stubbing your toe really hard. So strong you notice the pain all the time and cannot completely adapt. This pain level can be simulated by pinching the fold of the skin between the thumb and first finger with the other hand, using the fingernails, and squeezing really hard. Note how the simulated pain is initially piercing, but becomes dull after that.
	<b>5</b> <b>Very Distressing</b>	Strong, deep, piercing pain, such as a sprained ankle when you stand on it wrong, or mild back pain. Not only do you notice the pain all the time, you are now so preoccupied with managing it that your normal lifestyle is curtailed. Temporary personality disorders are frequent.
	<b>6</b> <b>Intense</b>	Strong, deep, piercing pain so strong it seems to partially dominate your senses, causing you to think somewhat unclearly. At this point you begin to have trouble holding a job or maintaining normal social relationships. Comparable to a bad non-migraine headache combined with several bee stings, or a bad back pain.
<b>Severe</b> Unable to engage in normal activities. Patient is disabled and unable to function independently.	<b>7</b> <b>Very Intense</b>	Same as 6 except the pain completely dominates your senses, causing you to think unclearly about half the time. At this point you are effectively disabled and frequently cannot live alone. Comparable to an average migraine headache.
	<b>8</b> <b>Utterly Horrible</b>	Pain so intense you can no longer think clearly at all, and have often undergone severe personality change if the pain has been present for a long time. Suicide is frequently contemplated and sometimes tried. Comparable to childbirth or a severe migraine headache.
	<b>9</b> <b>Excruciating Unbearable</b>	Pain so intense you cannot tolerate it and demand pain killers or surgery, no matter the side effects or risk. If this doesn't work, suicide is frequent since there is no more joy in life whatsoever. Comparable to throat cancer.
	<b>10</b> <b>Unimaginable Unspeakable</b>	Pain so intense you will go unconscious shortly. Most people have never experienced this level of pain. Those who have suffered a severe accident, such as a crushed hand, and lost consciousness as a result of the pain and not blood loss, have experienced level 10.



## GENERAL PAIN INDEX QUESTIONNAIRE

We would like to know how much your pain **presently** prevents you from doing what you would normally do. Regarding each category, please indicate the **overall** impact your present pain has on your life, not just when the pain is at its worst.

Please **circle the number** which best describes how your typical level of pain affects these six categories of activities.

1. **FAMILY / AT-HOME RESPONSIBILITIES** SUCH AS YARD WORK, CHORES AROUND THE HOUSE OR DRIVING THE KIDS TO SCHOOL –

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
COMPLETED LINE					COMPLETED LINE						
COMPLETELY ABLE TO FUNCTION											TOTALLY UNABLE TO FUNCTION

2. **RECREATION** INCLUDING HOBBIES, SPORTS OR OTHER LEISURE ACTIVITIES –

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
COMPLETED LINE					COMPLETED LINE						
COMPLETELY ABLE TO FUNCTION											TOTALLY UNABLE TO FUNCTION

3. **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES** INCLUDING PARTIES, THEATER, CONCERTS, DINING –OUT AND ATTENDING OTHER SOCIAL FUNCTIONS –

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
COMPLETED LINE					COMPLETED LINE						
COMPLETELY ABLE TO FUNCTION											TOTALLY UNABLE TO FUNCTION

4. **EMPLOYMENT** INCLUDING VOLUNTEER WORK AND HOMEMAKING TASKS –

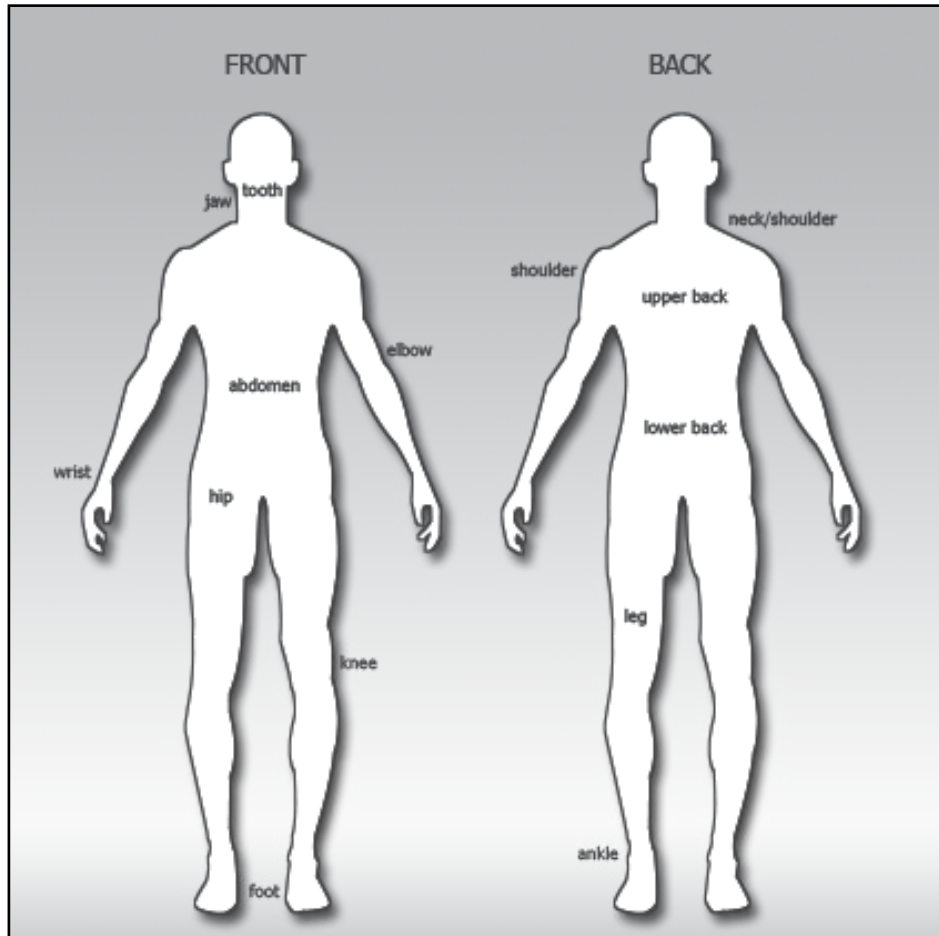
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COMPLETED LINE					COMPLETED LINE						
COMPLETELY ABLE TO FUNCTION											TOTALLY UNABLE TO FUNCTION

5. **SELF -CARE** SUCH AS TAKING A SHOWER, DRIVING OR GETTING DRESSED –

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
COMPLETED LINE					COMPLETED LINE						
COMPLETELY ABLE TO FUNCTION											TOTALLY UNABLE TO FUNCTION

6. **LIFE –SUPPORT ACTIVITIES** SUCH AS EATING AND SLEEPING –

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
COMPLETED LINE					COMPLETED LINE						
COMPLETELY ABLE TO FUNCTION											TOTALLY UNABLE TO FUNCTION





## ACUPUNCTURE CENTER INFORMED CONSENT TO TREAT AND PAYMENT AGREEMENT

I hereby request and consent to the performance of acupuncture treatments and the other procedures within the scope of the practice of acupuncture on me (or on the patient named below, for whom I am legally responsible) by the acupuncturist who now or in the future treat me while employed by, working or associated with or serving as back-up for the acupuncturist including those working at the clinic or office listed above or any other office or clinic.

By voluntarily signing below, I show that I have read the above consent to treatment, have been told about the risks and benefits of acupuncture and other procedures, and have had an opportunity to ask questions. I intend this consent form to cover the entire course of treatment for my present condition and for any future condition(s) for which I seek treatment.

Initial \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that methods of treatment may include, but are not limited to acupuncture, moxibustion, cupping, electrical stimulation, Tui-Na (Chinese massage), Chinese herbal medicine, and nutritional counseling. I understand that the herbs may need to be prepared and the teas consumed according to the instructions provided orally and in writing. The herbs may have an unpleasant smell or taste. I will immediately notify a member of clinical staff of any unanticipated or unpleasant effects associated with the consumption of the herbs.

### PAYMENTS

We request payment at the time of services rendered. Prepayment will be required for future visits that have previous unpaid balances. Should you discontinue care or be released from further service at our office, all outstanding balances will be due. Our office only accepts cash and all major credit cards.

Initial \_\_\_\_\_

I have been informed that acupuncture is a generally safe method of treatment, but that it may have some side effects, including bruising, numbness or tingling near the needling sites that may last a few days, and dizziness or fainting. Burns and/or scarring are a potential risk of moxibustion and cupping, or when treatment involves the use of heat lamp. Bruising is a common side effect of cupping. Unusual risks of acupuncture include spontaneous miscarriage, nerve damage and organ puncture, including lung puncture (pneumothorax). Infection is another possible risk, although the clinic uses sterile disposable needles and maintains a clean and safe environment.

I understand that any billing of my insurance company is a courtesy provided by my doctor and that I am ultimately responsible for 100% of my bill. Should I fail to pay in full, I will be responsible for collection costs. Cancellation Made With Less Than 24 hour notice will be charged \$25.00 for the first occurrence, and the full cost of the visit for additional occurrences.

Initial \_\_\_\_\_

### MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE

Although we cannot guarantee any reimbursement from your health insurance company, we are glad to answer any questions concerning the billing process. As a courtesy to you, we will bill your insurance company. Please provide a copy of your insurance card whenever your plan renews or changes. If your plan requires precertification it is your responsibility to inform us in writing when it is required. It is not our responsibility for missing insurance company precertification requirements. If your plan changes due to COBRA or other policy changes it is your responsibility to inform us in writing of these changes. Your reimbursement may be affected because of these items ultimately it is your responsibility.

Initial \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that while this document describes the major risks of treatment, other side effects and risks may occur. The herbs and nutritional supplements (which are from plant, animal, and mineral sources) that have been recommended are traditionally considered safe in the practice of Chinese Medicine, although some may be toxic in large doses. I understand that some herbs may be inappropriate during pregnancy. Some possible side effects of taking herbs are nausea, gas, stomachache, vomiting, headache, diarrhea, rashes, hives, and tingling of the tongue. I will notify a clinical staff member who is caring for me if I am or become pregnant.

In signing below, I understand all these policies and agree to pay for treatments accordingly, and also agree that I am responsible for any unpaid balances. Additionally, I understand that this letter supersedes any previous telephone or other verbal communication about office policies and fees. I understand that AIMC may report me to a credit-reporting agency or take legal action as necessary to be paid for services rendered.

While I do not expect the clinical staff to be able to anticipate and explain all possible risks and complications of treatment, I wish to rely on the clinical staff to exercise judgment during the course of treatment which the clinical staff thinks at the time, based upon the facts then known, is in my best interest. I understand that results are not guaranteed.

I understand the clinical and administrative staff may review my patient records and lab reports, but all my records will be kept confidential and will not be released without my written consent.

**PATIENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_