

PATIENT CONSENT TO COLLECT AND DISCLOSE INFORMATION

The Privacy Amendment (Private Sector) Act 2000 extended the operation of the Privacy Act 1988 to cover the private health sector throughout Australia. Further amendments in 2014 require our practice to abide by the 13 Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) that apply to the handling of personal information. Including the requirement to obtain consent from their patients to collect, use and disclose that patient's personal information. A copy of Western Family Practice's Privacy Policy is available on request.

COLLECTION

This means we will collect information that is necessary to properly advise and treat you. Such necessary information may include:

- Full medical history / family medical history
- Ethnicity
- Contact details
- Medicare / private health fund details
- Genetic information and
- Billing / account details

The information will normally be collected directly from you. There may be occasions when we will need to obtain information from other sources, for example:

- Other medical practitioners, such as former GPs and specialists;
- Other health care providers, including allied health, and
- Hospitals and Clinics

Our practice staff and medical practitioners may participate in the collection of this information.

In emergency situations we may need to collect personal information from a relative or other sources where we are unable to obtain your prior express content.

USE AND DISCLOSURE

With your consent, the practice staff will use and disclose your information for purposes such as:

- Account keeping and billing purposes
- Referral to another medical practitioner or health care provide
- Sending of specimens such as blood samples or pap smears for analysis
- Referral to a hospital for treatment and /or advice
- Advice on treatment options
- The management of our practice
- Quality assurance, practice accreditation and complaint handling
- To meet our obligations of notifications to our medical defence organisations or insurers
- To prevent or lesson a serious threat to an individual's life, health or safety and

- Where legally required to do so, such as producing records to court, mandatory reporting or child abuse or the notification of diagnosis of certain communicable diseases
- Internal research and statistics

ACCESS TO HEALTH RECORDS

You are entitled to access your own health records at any time convenient to both yourself and the practice.

Access can be denied where:

- To provide access would create a serious threat to life or health;
- There is a legal impediment to access;
- The access would unreasonably impact on privacy of another;
- The information relates to anticipated or actual legal proceeding and you would not be entitled to access the information in those proceedings and
- In the interest of national security

We ask that, where possible, your request be in writing.

CONSENT

I provide my consent for Western Family Practice to collect, use and disclose my personal information as outlined above.

Full name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

