

**ALASKA ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE CLINIC, LLC**

**INFORMED CONSENT FORM**

Prior to beginning any type of therapy, the legal doctrine of informed consent requires that you be informed of the risk and benefits that may accompany that treatment.

The philosophy of this office is to work with you as closely as possible to understand your personality, lifestyle, and unique biochemistry. Our treatments involve the use of nutrients and other substances of relatively low toxicity, lifestyle modifications, and other therapies which are designed to help your body heal itself. We are not adverse to using prescription medications when necessary but, in general, our approach is to limit their use whenever possible.

In order for your treatment to be effective, it will necessitate some effort on your part and it is important that you be fully involved. For this reason, we encourage you to ask questions about every step of your care and, to compare the risks and benefits of our treatment with more standard therapies. *If you feel uncomfortable or unhappy about any recommendations we make, please feel free to tell us.* Clear communication is imperative for good care and successful treatment.

The therapies we utilize will often differ from those used by mainstream medicine and many orthodox physicians will disagree with them. Be aware that the literature of conservative medicine is now promoting a number of treatments that we have been using for many years. You should also know that even the treatments used by conservative physicians are subject to many debates and are continually being reviewed and revised.

In order to keep health costs down, this office does not carry malpractice insurance nor do we bill your insurance. You will be given superbills with appropriate diagnoses and procedure codes that will allow you to submit a claim to your insurance company for reimbursement. Your insurance company may choose to deny coverage for the services rendered at this clinic because your plan specifically prohibits benefits or because their medical advisors are not familiar with the therapies. That is unfortunate, because often alternative treatments are far less expensive than established or "routine and customary" treatments and may be more effective. By your persistence, you may be able to influence them to provide payments.

Our goal is to offer you safe, effective alternatives to drugs and surgery whenever possible. We do not claim to have any miracle cures and specifically make no claims to cure cancer or any other chronic conditions.

We encourage our patients to maintain contact with a conservative specialist while also receiving treatment in this office. If you have a life-threatening condition and choose to discontinue orthodox treatment entirely to pursue alternative, there is a risk that your condition could worsen, even to the point of endangering your life. Furthermore, you should be aware that our doctor does not do any hospital work. If you should need to enter the hospital, another physician would be necessary to supervise your care.

Alaska Alternative Medicine Clinic's physicians/providers are graduates of accredited schools and to better help their patients, have extended their traditional training with study and experience in several different modalities of alternative medicine, I have read this informed consent and understand it. Additionally, I am here on this and any subsequent visit solely on my own behalf and not as an agent for federal, state, or local agencies on a mission of entrapment or investigation.

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