



CONSENT FOR TELE-PSYCHIATRY

PATIENT IDENTIFICATION STICKER (IF NEEDED)

Introduction: Tele-psychiatry is the form of telemedicine that allows patients to access psychiatric care using audio-video interface such as videoconferencing. Electronic systems used will incorporate network and software security protocols to protect the confidentiality of PRS identification and imaging data and will include measures to safeguard the data and to ensure its integrity against intentional or unintentional corruption.

Expected Benefits:

- Improved access to psychiatric care by enabling the PRS to remain in his/her home or office.
- More efficient psychiatric evaluation and management.
- Obtaining expertise of a distant specialist.

Possible Risks: As with any medical procedure, there are potential risks associated with the use of Tele-psychiatry. These risks include, but may not be limited to:

- In rare cases, information transmitted may not be sufficient (e.g. poor resolution of images) to allow for appropriate medical decision making by the physician, mental health provider and consultant(s);
- Delays in medical evaluation and treatment could occur due to deficiencies or failures of the equipment;
- In very rare instances, security protocols could fail, causing a breach of privacy of personal medical information;
- In rare cases, a lack of access to complete medical records may result in adverse drug interactions or allergic reactions or other judgmental errors.

By signing this form, I understand the following:

1. I understand that the laws that protect privacy and the confidentiality of Medical information also apply to Tele-psychiatry, and that no information obtained in the use of Tele-psychiatry which identifies me will be disclosed to researchers or other entities without my consent.
2. I understand that I have the right to withhold or withdraw my consent to the use of Tele-psychiatry in the course of my care at any time, without affecting my right to future care or treatment.
3. I understand that I have the right to inspect all information obtained in the course of a Tele-psychiatry interaction, and may receive copies of this Information for a reasonable fee.
4. I understand that a variety of alternative methods of psychiatric care may be available to me, and that I may choose one or more of these at any time.
5. I understand that it is my duty to inform my mental health provider or any other healthcare providers involved in my medical/psychiatric care.
6. I understand that I may expect the anticipated benefits from the use of Tele-psychiatry in my care, but that no results can be guaranteed or assured.

I have read and understand the information provided above regarding Tele-psychiatry, have discussed it with my mental health provider or such Assistants as may be designated and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I hereby give my informed consent for the use of Tele-psychiatry in my medical care. I hereby authorize psychiatric mental health practitioners of the Hospital and affiliates, to use Tele-psychiatry in the course of my diagnosis and treatment.

Patient/Client Signature or Representative

Date

Time

Relationship to Patient/Client

Witness Signature

Date

Time