

PELVIC FLOOR CONSENT FOR EVALUATION AND TREATMENT

I acknowledge and understand that I have been referred for evaluation and treatment of pelvic floor dysfunction. Pelvic floor dysfunction includes, but is not limited to: urinary or fecal incontinence, difficulty with bowel, bladder or sexual functions, painful scars after childbirth or surgery, persistent sacroiliac or low back pain, or pelvic pain conditions.

I understand that to evaluate my condition, it may be necessary, initially and periodically, to have my therapist perform an internal pelvic floor muscle examination. This examination is performed by observing and/or palpating the perineal region including the vagina and/or rectum. This evaluation will assess skin condition, reflexes, muscle tone, length, strength and endurance, scar mobility and function of the pelvic floor region. Such evaluation may include vaginal or rectal sensors for muscle biofeedback.

Treatment may include, but not be limited to, the following: observation, palpation, use of vaginal weights, vaginal or rectal sensors for biofeedback and/or electrical stimulation, ultrasound, heat, cold, stretching and strengthening exercises, soft tissue and/or joint mobilization, and educational instruction.

I understand that in order for therapy to be effective, I must attend appointments as scheduled unless there are unusual circumstances that prevent me from participating in therapy interventions. I agree to cooperate with and carry out the home program assigned to me. If I have difficulty with any part of my treatment program, I will discuss it with my therapist.

1. The purpose, risks and benefits of this evaluation have been explained to me.
2. I understand that I can terminate the procedure at any time.
3. I understand that I am responsible for immediately telling the therapist if I am experiencing any discomfort or unusual symptoms during the examination.
4. I have the option of having a second person present in the room during the procedure and I _____ choose or _____ refuse this option.

Patient's name

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if applicable)

Patient's signature

Witness signature

Date