## **SUMMARY OF PRIVACY PRACTICES**

This summary of our privacy practices is a condensed version of our Notice of Privacy Practices. Our full-length Notice follows this summary.

This information is made available on request by a patient

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE READ AND REVIEW CAREFULLY.

We understand that your medical information is personal to you, and we are committed to protecting the information about you. As our patient, we create medical records about your health, our care for you, and the services and/or items we provided to you as our patient. By law, we are required to assure that your Protected Heath Information (PHI) is kept private and confidential.

How will we use or disclose your information? Here are a few examples (for more details please refer to the Notice of Privacy Practices that follows this summary):

- For medical treatment
- To obtain payment for our services
- In emergency situations
- For appointment and patient recall reminders
- For workers' compensation programs

- For research with consent of the patient
- To avert a serious threat to health or safety
- For organ and tissue donation
- To run our Practice more efficiently and ensure all our patients receive quality care

In response to certain requests arising out of lawsuits or other disputes

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with the Practice or with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. To file a complaint with the Practice, contact the Human Resources Manager. All complaints must be submitted in writing. You will not be penalized for filing a complaint.

You have certain rights regarding the information we maintain about you. These rights include:

- The right to inspect and receive a copy
- The right to amend
- The right to an accounting of disclosures
- The right to request restrictions
- The right to a paper copy of this notice
- The right to request confidential communications

For more information about these rights, please see the detailed Notice of Privacy Practices that follows this summary.