

Informed Consent for Record Review at Meridian

This document is to inform you that we offer patient record review and general therapeutic strategies and recommendations based upon such review, but that such review does not constitute an actual doctor-patient relationship since there is no physical encounter with our physicians, nor does the review constitute a formal consultation in its own right:

We make no representations: and therefore we are limited in our clinical liability towards you as a records review is not a complete diagnostic or therapeutic encounter, subject to the limitation of data in a record as well as lack of physical encounter or personal exchange. You will agree to NOT HOLD MERIDIAN or ITS DOCTOR(S) liable for opinions, diagnostic or therapeutic, provided based upon such review, and sign to such effect below.

- Time it takes for us to review the records varies, but is usually within 72 hrs of our receipt of the *complete* medical records. Please let us know in case there is a medical urgency involved, and records need to be reviewed more expediently.
- Follow-up: A one page printed summary of our impression and *general* recommendations will be provided. If we feel that we may be helpful in the case and the patient *needs* to be seen in person, we will make such a recommendation and arrange to see the patient in a timely fashion. Detailed treatment plans are usually made only after an office consultation (although for international or out-of-state patients, a phone consultation can occasionally be arranged). Alternatively, you may arrange to have a brief phone consultation (usually 15 minutes or less) after the records review to discuss your case - please refer to our phone consultation policy.
- Obligation: our willingness to review your records does not necessarily imply our ability to treat or to accomodate an intended office visit by you in a timely matter. We also reserve the right to not accept you as a patient if, after the review, we do not feel that we can offer you any realistic help.
- Fees are charged based upon time and effort for the review and preparing a summary, and the rate is \$480/hr with a initial minimum charge of \$500 for a case. This fee is not reimbursable by insurance and no formal insurance claim forms will be signed, submitted or provided. The fee will need to be prepaid prior to any records being reviewed.

If you are interested in forwarding your records for us to review, please 1) read the above paragraphs and sign below, 2) contact your physician(s) or primary hospital to forward records to us - a release form is enclosed, and 3) schedule a convenient time for records to be sent to us at Meridian Medical, 102E30th St., NY NY 10016, USA for review. Signing below indicates that you have read and understood the above.

(signature)

Date_____

(Printed Name: patient or guardian)