

Informed Consent for Tibetan Medicine Consultation at the Institute of East-West Medicine

Thank you for your interest in our Tibetan medicine program. Please take a minute to carefully review the following before you register:

- Tibetan medicine has a different understanding of health and disease which may not be compatible with the views of conventional allopathic Western doctors, and Tibetan medicine is certainly not a valid form of clinical practice in the United States. You have voluntarily sought consultation with a Tibetan healer, be aware that when Tibetan physicians prescribe treatments, these may not be evaluated or approved by the US FDA for the treatment of your specific condition. Furthermore, substances recommended by the Tibetan healers may include remedies composed of natural substances that are not necessarily effective. You should be aware that certain side-effects may result from treatment which may be unexpected and that you are at your own risk for any side-effects of the treatments.

- We make no representations: Tibetan medicine consultations will offer the best way within the Tibetan system of medical knowledge to promote your health and recovery. **HOWEVER, DO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE NO CLAIMS OR GUARANTEES THAT YOU WILL BE HELPED WITH YOUR CONDITION BY TIBETAN MEDICINE.**

As a safeguard, we require that you have a conventional primary care or specialty physician who follows you or evaluates you for the problem(s) for which you are seeking an alternative consultation with Tibetan Medicine. You need to set up an appointment with a conventional M.D. first if you have not had such consultation or evaluation with an allopathic doctor before. Please put down the name/address of your current primary care / specialty physician at the end of this page.

- Donation: The consultation is free. We only ask that you support the work of the Institution and support awareness and research into Tibetan culture and healing modalities by making a voluntary donation to the Institute of East-West Medicine. Because the Institute is a 503(c)(1) tax-exempt organization, your contribution is tax-deductible.

The suggested contribution is \$60-80 for the first visit and \$40-50 for subsequent visits. Genuine Tibetan herbs as prescribed by the consultation can be purchased or ordered through Meridian Medical at approximately \$25 for a 10 day supply. Precious pills are priced differently. You are entitled to know the cost of your treatments. Please inquire if necessary.

- Appointments and Cancellations: Cancellations wreak havoc to our office routine, so if you desire to cancel an appointment, please do so 48 hours in advance.

I have read understand and accept the above policy . I agree that if I ever have any claim with respect to the services or treatment given to me by Meridian practitioners or staff, that they shall be judged by thge standards of complementary or alternative medicine and not by the standards of consensus mainstream or conventional medicine. I understand that I have the right to review this consent with a lawyer if I choose to before undertaking any treatments at Meridian. I have executed this Consent freely and willingly and understand the provisions. I understand that Meridian Medical, PC will rely upon my execution of this document in accepting me as a patient.

(signature)

Date_____

(Printed Name: patient or guardian)

The Name / Address of my primary physician is:

Name : _____ at
