

**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 voluntarily seek consultation with an independent Tibetan doctor who is contributing his services through our Institute. You should be aware that when Tibetan physicians prescribe treatments, these may not be evaluated or approved by the US FDA for your specific condition. Furthermore, substances recommended by Tibetan doctors may include remedies composed of natural substances that are not necessarily risk-free or effective. You should be aware that unforeseen side-effects or long term risks 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, YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE NO CLAIMS OR GUARANTEES THAT YOU WILL BE HELPED WITH YOUR CONDITION BY TIBETAN MEDICINE.** For your safeguard, we require that you have a conventional primary care or specialty physician who follows and/or evaluates you for the problem(s) for which you are seeking an alternative consultation with Tibetan Medicine.

Donation for Consultation: The suggested donation is \$100 for an initial visit and \$70 for subsequent follow-ups. Cash or check payments only are accepted and checks are payable to the Institute of East West Medicine. 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 to the extent allowable by law (please consult your accountant or tax advisor). Additionally, Tibetan herbs can be recommended by our Tibetan doctor but the the Institute of East West Medicine does not sell or dispense the herbs or endorse or guarantee the purity or efficacy of the herbs and is not liable for any potential risks or side-effects relating to the herbs.

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 the Tibetan doctor, that they shall be judged by the 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. I have executed this Consent freely and willingly and understand the provisions. I understand that the Tibetan doctor 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
