



## **Telemedicine Services Consent Form**

Telemedicine is the delivery of healthcare services when the healthcare provider and patient are not in the same physical location through the use of technology. Electronically-transmitted information may be used for diagnosis, therapy, follow-up and/or patient education, and may include any of the following:

- Patient medical records
- Medical images
- Interactive audio, video, and/or data communications
- Output data from medical devices and sound and video files

The interactive electronic systems used will incorporate network and software security protocols to protect the confidentiality of patient identification and imaging data and will include measures to safeguard the data and to ensure its integrity against intentional or unintentional corruption.

### **Potential Benefits:**

1. Improved access to medical care by enabling a patient to remain at a remote site and still have access to quality healthcare.
2. Obtaining the expertise of a distant specialist.

### **Potential Risks:**

As with any medical procedure, there are potential risks associated with the use of telemedicine. These risks include, but may not be limited to:

1. Information transmitted may not be sufficient (e.g., poor resolution of images) to allow for appropriate medical decision making by the physician and consultant(s).
2. The consulting physician(s) are not able to provide medical treatment to the patient through the use of telemedicine equipment nor provide for or arrange for any emergency care that I may require.
3. Delays in medical evaluation and treatment could occur due to deficiencies or failures of the equipment.
4. Security protocols could fail, causing a breach of privacy of personal medical information.
5. A lack of access to complete medical records may result in adverse drug interactions or allergic reactions or other medical judgment errors.

**By signing this form, I understand and agree to the following:**

1. The laws that protect the privacy and confidentiality of medical information also apply to telemedicine. No information obtained during a telemedicine encounter which identifies me will be disclosed to other entities without my consent.
2. I have the right to withhold or withdraw my consent to the use of telemedicine during the course of my care at any time. I understand that my withdrawal of consent will not affect any future care or treatment, nor will it subject me to the risk of loss or withdrawal of any health benefits to which I am otherwise entitled.
3. I have the right to inspect all information obtained and recorded during the course of a telemedicine interaction and may receive copies of this information for a reasonable fee.
4. I understand that a variety of alternative methods of medical care may be available to me, and that I may choose one or more of these at any time. My physician has explained the alternatives to my satisfaction.
5. I understand that I may expect the anticipated benefits from the use of telemedicine in my care, but that no results can be guaranteed or assured.

**Patient Consent To The Use of Telemedicine**

I have read and understand the information provided above regarding telemedicine, have discussed it with my physician or such assistants as may be designated, and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

I hereby give my informed consent for the use of telemedicine in my medical care. I hereby consent to and authorize the providers at Sage Cancer Care to use telemedicine in the course of my diagnosis and treatment.

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Printed name of Patient or Guardian/Representative and Relationship to Patient

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Signature of Patient or Guardian/Representative

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Date