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Dear new patient,

Welcome to our practice! We are here to help	you. Please do not hesitate to call us.	We strive to provide you with the highest
standard of medical care and excellent service	. We want you to feel comfortable and	d pleased with the care we provide to you.

You are scheduled to see ______on (date) _____at (time) _____.

Attached to this letter are the following forms. Please complete these forms and bring them with you to your appointment.

- Patient Demographic Form
- Patient Financial Agreement
- Notice of Privacy Practices
- Authorization for Use and Release of Information
- HIPAA-Compliant Authorization to Release Medical Records
- Complete Patient History Form

We use the information you provide to ensure that we record a thorough and completed medical history and comprehensive medical examination. The information you provide is very important. Please be sure to provide completed information to us.

There are a few additional items you will need to bring to each of your appointments. Please be sure to bring:

- Legal picture ID such as a passport or state driver's license
- Insurance cards
- Referral from your Primary Care Physician or insurance carrier
- Co-pay

If you are registering by mail, please send clear photocopies of your picture ID and both sides of all insurance cards to the address listed below. We scan that information to your medical record. We will use it to verify your insurance coverage for procedures and office visits. We will check your picture ID and update insurance information at each visit.

All new patients will need to bring a referral to see your new GI specialist. With your permission, we will help you acquire your referral. Once we receive the referral, we will confirm the date and time of your first appointment. Some insurance products do not require referrals. We will be able to make that determination once we have a copy of your insurance card.

The amount of your co-pay to see a specialist is stated on the front of many insurance cards. If you are unsure about your co-pay, you may call your insurance carrier to inquire for details. We are available to help you with this information too.

Our clinical staff will use your medication bottles to perform a thorough review of your medications at each and every office visit. Please be sure to share complete information with us about all your medications.

We look forward to meeting you in person and learning how we can help you. Thank you for choosing Harford Gastroenterology Associates for your GI specialty care.

Sincerely,

Harford Gastroenterology Associates and Staff

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PATIENT DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

First Name:	MI:	Last Name:
		Social Security #:
		Apt #:
City:	State:	Zip Code:
		Cell Phone #:
Email Address:		Employer:
		Relationship:
	PRIMARY INSUR	ANCE
Carrier:	Policy #:	
		Date:
		er DOB:
Subscriber Employer:		
	SECONDARY INSU	RANCE
Carrier:	Policy #:	
		Date:
		er DOB:
Subscriber Employer:		
Signature:		Date:

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Consent to Treat, Disclosure & Assignment of Benefits

I understand that as part of my healthcare, this practice creates and maintains a health record describing my health history. I understand that this practice may use this information as:

- 1. A basis for planning my care and treatment.
- 2. A means of communication among many health professionals who contribute to my care.
- 3. A means by which third party payors can verify that services billed were actually provided.
- 4. A tool for routing healthcare operations such as assessing quality and reviewing the competence of healthcare professionals.
- 5. A means by which licensing, accreditation, and regulatory agencies can verify that appropriate quality services were provided.

I consent to treatment at this practice under the care of the medical staff, their associates, partners, or designees. I consent to any or all outpatient care, which encompasses the following as ordered by my physician: interview, physical examination, x-ray examination or fluoroscopy, laboratory procedures, diagnostic procedures, conscious sedation, general and/or local anesthesia, and nursing or medical treatment which my physician may deem necessary or advisable.

I consent to the use and disclosure of my personal health information for the purposes of treatment, payment, and healthcare operations.

I authorize this practice to apply for benefits on my behalf for my covered services. I request payment from insurance company to be made directly to Harford Gastroenterology Associates, P.A.

I understand that I am responsible for any deductibles, co-insurance, co-pays or other amounts not covered by my insurance carrier. If a referral is required and is not presented at time of service, service will be denied until the referral is obtained.

Signature:	Date:

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PATIENT FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

Understanding our financial policies is an important part of your overall experience with our office and staff. Feel free to ask any questions you may have about this financial agreement. Please read these policies carefully and sign below, indicating that you have read and understand the policies detailed within. If you do have questions, please feel free to ask our Billing Manager 443-643-4700 ex 140 or option 6.

INSURANCE PARTICIPATION

We are participating providers for various insurance carriers and we accept all insurance coverage payments. Our office will do our very best to verify your benefits related to your services with our office, our verification is only a preliminary cost until your insurance carrier processes the services.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO YOU:

- 1. To keep up-to-date records of your insurance coverage.
- 2. To submit medical claims to your insurance carrier on your behalf and to make appropriate appeals when claims are initially denied by your insurance carrier.
- 3. To help you understand the specific details of your insurance coverage for services rendered by our providers.
- 4. Advise you of any referral or pre-auth that maybe needed for your services with HGA.
- 5. Pre-Authorization maybe be required by your insurance plan, our internal specialist staff will communicate your financial obligations via mail or telephone.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR OFFICE:

- Provide accurate and up-to-date demographic and insurance information to our office. Failure to provide us with this information
 may lead to denial of claims and cause you to be personally responsible for charges incurred.
- 2. Referrals maybe required for a specialist HGA must have a referral prior to your appointment;
 - a. If a referral is not received by your PCP (primary care physician) you may have to reschedule.
- 3. Accountable for any out-of-pocket expenses that are owed as dictated by your insurance coverage.
 - a. Co-payments, Co-insurances and Deductibles are due at the time of service
 - b. Past due balances are due at day of appointment with check in or prior to your appointment date

CREDIT BALANCES or OVERPAYMENTS

- 1. Our Billing Department reconciles all account activities by date of service and will apply current credits to your owed balance, open scheduled appointments or prepare your account for a refund via check.
 - a. Inactive accounts with credit balances will be refunded by check unless specified.
 - b. Unclaimed refund checks after 3 years
 - i. Contact Comptroller of Maryland unclaimed property

ACCOUNT RECEIVABLE

- 1. Non-payment received for open account balances after 120 days
 - a. Will be forwarded to our Collection Agency RMP
 - b. Accounts in Collections and or Collection Status must be paid prior to receiving an appointment
- 2. Returned checks for payments due to non-sufficient funds or closed bank accounts
 - a. Will incur a \$ 35.00 fee
- Missed appointment no call within 24 hours No Show Fee \$25.00

I have read and agree to Harford Gastroenterology Associates, PA polices listed above, and your signature acknowledges HGA has shared or internal standard work processes with hopes of giving you a better understanding of financial policies.		
Signature	 Date	
Printed Name	Patient DOB	4/20/2021

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Notice of Privacy Practices

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed, and how you gain access to this information. Please review it carefully.

Protected health information (PHI) about you is maintained as a written and/or electronic record of your visits and/or contacts for healthcare services with our practice. Specifically, PHI is information about you, including demographic information that may identify you and relates to your past, present, or future physical or mental condition and related healthcare services, including payment, billing, and insurance information.

What follows is a statement of your rights under the privacy rule with regard to your PHI. Please feel free to discuss any questions surrounding this with our office staff.

Our Legal Duty. Harford Gastroenterology Associates is required by law to protect and maintain the privacy of your PHI, to provide this notice about our legal duties and privacy practices regarding PHI, and to abide by the terms of the Notice currently in effect.

You have the right to receive, and we are required to provide you with a copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices. We are required to follow the terms of this notice. We reserve the right to change the terms of our notice at any time. Upon your request, we will provide you with a revised Notice of Privacy Practices. The notice will also be posted in a conspicuous location within the practice.

You have the right to inspect and copy your PHI. This means you may inspect, and obtain a copy of your healthcare record. If your record is maintained electronically, you have the right to request a copy in electronic format. We have the right to charge a reasonable fee for paper or electronic copies as established by professional, state, or federal guidelines.

You may have the right to request an amendment to your protected health information. You may request an amendment of your PHI for as long as we maintain this information. In certain cases, however, your request may be denied.

You have the right to request disclosure accountability. This means that you may request a listing of disclosures that we have made of your PHI to entitled or persons outside of our office.

You have the right to request a restriction of you PHI. You may ask us in writing, to restrict how your PHI is used and/disclosed to carry out treatment, payment, or health operations. We are not required to agree to such restrictions, but once such restrictions are agreed to, we must adhere to such restrictions.

Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP). We are participating with CRISP, a regional health information exchange, serving Maryland and D.C. As permitted by law, your health information will be shared with this exchange in order to provide faster access and assist your doctor and health care team in making more informed decisions. You may "opt-out" and disable access to your health information available through CRISP by calling 1-877-952-7477 or completing and submitting an Opt-Out form to CRISP by mail, fax or through their website at www.crisphealth.org. Public health reporting and Controlled Dangerous Substances information, as part of the Maryland Prescription Drub Monitoring Program, will still be made available to our providers.

Complaints. If you are concerned that we have violated your privacy rights, or if you disagree with a decision we made about your records, you may contact us or The US Department of Health and Human Services if you believe your privacy rights have been violated by us. You may file a complaint with us by notifying our Office Manager at Harford Gastroenterology Associates, 100 Walter Ward Blvd., Suite 100, Abingdon, MD 21009. Phone 443-643-4700.



Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice Of Privacy Practices

Patient Name:	DOB:	Account #
Authorization to Disclose Health Informati	on to Family Members or design	nated persons:
Name	 Relationship	
Name	Relationship)
Name	Relationship)
By signing below I am acknowledging that:		
 I am either the patient or the patient I have received a copy of the Notice I understand that I may contact the Notice. 	e of Privacy Practices for Harford	Gastroenterology Associates. have questions about the content of the
Signature of patient or parent/legal guard	ian or legally responsible person	Date
Relationship to the patient		
Office Use Only		
Complete if signature requested by not obtain		are the nations or the nations's personal
Harford GI staff member sought but was unab representative for the following reason:	le to optain an acknowledgement in	om the patient or the patient's personal
Patient / person representative	e refused	
Other:		
Harford GI Staff Signature:		



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Patient Account #	
Patient Account #	

AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF ANSWERING MACHINES AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO OTHERS

Harford Gastroenterology Associates, P.A. Physicians, Nurse Practitioner, and healthcare staff routinely are unable to contact patients directly during normal business hours. On these occasions our office may leave messages on communication devices provided by our patients. Due to the new federally mandated HIPAA Privacy Rule, we must obtain your authorization to use this mode of communication. Protected health information that we may possibly disclose on your home, work or cell phone may include, but is not limited to: test results, prescription/pharmacy information, appointment instructions for visits and/or procedures, and other information deemed necessary by your healthcare provider.

Please initial the following if you DO consent to the following. Please leave blank if NO consent is given.

(initial) Lagree to allow Harford Gastroenterology Associates, P.A. Physicians, Nurse Practitioner.

and I	healthcare staff to leave mess owing communication devices	ages that include P	•	
	home number,w	ork number,	cell number	
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	nsent to having my medical a lthcare entities (CRISP, State	0 1		
(initial) I we	ould like to receive preventati al.	ve care and follow	up reminders by either mail	or patient
(initial) I co	nsent to obtaining a history o	f medications purch	nased at pharmacies.	
Patient's Signature		Date		
Witness Cinneture		Data		
Witness Signature		Date		Version 04/27/2021

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HIPAA-Compliant Authorization to Release Medical Records

Patient's Full Name	ne	Patients Date of Birth
Address		City, State, Zip Code
Patient's Telephon	ne	
used for continu	ze you to release to HARFORD GASTROENTEROLOGY ASSOCIAT ling medical care. I reserve the right to revoke this authorization and the Health Information may be re-disclosed by the recipient and	on in writing at any time. Furthermore, I understand
	uthorization, I understand that medical records released may citted diseases, mental health, drug and alcohol abuse, etc. I unthorization.	
INFORMATION T	TO BE RELEASED FROM:	INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED TO:
Organization/Co	ntact Name	Harford Gastroenterology Associates 100 Walter Ward Boulevard
Street Address		Suite 100 Abingdon, MD 21009
City, State, Zip Co	ode	Phone: 443-347-4700 Fax: 443-643-4707
Telephone Numb	ber	-
TYPES OF RECOR	RDS REQUESTED	
□ Health (care information related to the following treatment or condition	on
□ Laborat	tory/diagnostic tests	
□ Other _		
Purpose or need	for this information: □ Continuing Care □ Copie	s for Own Use 🗆 Other
Date	Signature of Patient or Legally Responsible Party	Description of Authority to Act for the Individual
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Patient Initials: _____

Patient Information Form

Name Primary Care Doctor Reason for Visit Race: O White/Caucasiar O Unknown	O Black or African American	Heigh	t/Weight O American Indian	O Native Hawaiian
Race: O White/Caucasiar	O Black or African American		O American Indian	O Native Hawaiian
	American	O Asian	O American Indian	O Native Hawaiian
O OHKHOWH	O Patient declines t	to	or Alaska Native	or Other Pacific
	provide informat			isidiluei
Preferred Language: O Er	nglish O Korean	O Spanish	O Other:	
Ethnicity: O Hi	spanic/Latino O Not I	Hispanic/Latino	O Patient declines to	o provide informatior
→ Do you have any of the	following allergies:	Olatex O Per	nicillin O Faas O Sc	ov O Sulfa
→ Do you have any other				•
			•	
Pharmacy Name, Location	and Zin Code:			
Consent to obtain a histor	y of medications purch	nased at Pharma	acies O Yes O No	
Current Medications (Plea	se fill out completely)	O None		
MEDICATION	DOSE (MG or MCG		FREQUENCY (HOW C	OFTEN, HOW MANY)

Staff Reviewer: ___

Date: ____

Patient Name:			DOB	:	
→ Have you had a	any of the followi	ng immunizations:	=""	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	O Pneumovax When:
O Flu Vaccine When:		O Herpes Zo: When:	ster O Cov	rid-19 Dose 1	O Covid-19 Dose 2
→ Have you had a	any of the followi	ng Diagnostic Studie	es done:		
O None					
O CT Scan	of Abdomen/Pelv	ris, When:	O Col	onoscopy, Whe	n:
O Abdomi	nal Ultrasound, W	/hen:			
O Camera	Pill Examination,	When:	_ O Oth	ner (list):	
→Wellness Maint	tenance: Date	of Last: Dermatolo	gy Consult:	Pap Sr	near:
→ In the Past Thr	ee months have v	ou had a stroke?		O No O Yes	When:
	•	ou had a seizure?			When:
	•	ou had a heart atta	ck?		When:
		eatening anesthesia		O No O Yes	
→ Do you use oxy	•	5	•	O No O Yes	
→ Do you receive	. •			O No O Yes	
→ Have you had a	•	ant?		O No O Yes	
→ Weigh Greater				O No O Yes	
_		alignant Hyperthern	nia?	O No O Yes	
		ion (Lung Disease)?		O No O Yes	
→ Do vou take an	ny of these Medic	ations? O Not Curr	ently Using	O Coumadin	O Aspirin
, 20 you take an	., 0	blood th		O Plavix	O Pradaxa
				O Xarelto	
→ Do you have a	Pacemaker? O	No O Yes, if yes, Dat	e last checked a	nd name of Car	diologist:
→ Do you have a	Defibrillator? O	No O Yes, if yes, Dat	e last checked a	nd name of Car	diologist:
→ Have you ever	had anesthesia?			O No O Yes	
→ Any <i>Non-Life</i> -T	hreatening reacti	ons to anesthesia?		O No O Yes	
→ Do you have a	history of a Trach	eostomy?		O No O Yes	
→ Do you use a C	-	,		O No O Yes	
→ Females Only A		-			
Current Birth C	Control Use:	O Birth Con		O Birth Contro	ol Patch
		O NuvaRing		O IUD use	
		O Hormona	•	O Deposhot U	
			m/Condom	O Tubal Ligati	
		O Hysterec		O Post-Meno _l	
		O History o	f Uterine	O Not current	, -
		Ablation		birth contro	ol
Patient Initials:	Staff Re	viewer:		1	Date:

Patient Name:		DOB:	
→ Do you have a history of any conditions? O None	of the following		ny of the following heart None
O Abnormal Liver Tests O Barrett's Esophagus O Cirrhosis O Colon Polyps O Diverticulosis O Gallstones O GI Bleeding O Hepatitis B O Liver Disease O Ulcer Disease O And	emia iac Sprue on Cancer ohn's Disease Cancer d Reflux morrhoids patitis C ncreatitis erative Colitis	O Coronary arter O History of Hear O Heart Surgery O Heart Stents O Heart Valve Replacement O Aortic Stenosis O History of Bact Endocarditis O Congestive Heart O Other Heart pr	Ty disease When: Tr Attack When: When: When: When: When: Serial When: When: When: When: When: When: When: When: When: When: When: When: When:
O COPD O S O Other Lung (list problems: → Do you have any of the follow	mphysema leep Apnea)	→ Do you have di O On oral medic O On insulin O Diet Controlle None O Lung Cancer	ation d
O High Cholesterol O	Seizures Kidney Problems Endometriosis	O Prostate CandO Breast CancelO GynecologicaCancer	Transfusions
 → Surgical History: Have you had O Gallbladder Surgery O Hemorrhoid Surgery O Prostate Surgery O J 	Colon Resection Hernia Repair Oint Replacement	g surgeries? O None O Gastric By-Pass O C-Section O Other Major Surge (list)	
Occupation: Marital Status: O Single O I	Married O Divorced	Number of Childrer	n Vidowed O Civil Union
I use tobacco: O Yes O No (circle) Cigarettes Pipe Cigars Chew Packs Per Day No. Years I quit smoking years/ months ago	I drink alcohol: O Yes O Noper dayper week	Caffeine:(coffee, tea, cola):Cups per day	Recreational or street drugs in the past? O Yes O No Recreational or street drugs now? O Yes O No History of IV (intravenous) drug use? O Yes O No

<u>ENMT</u>	GASTROINTESTINAL	INTEGUMENTARY	
O Glaucoma	O Indigestion	O Hives	
O Difficulty swallowing	O Peptic ulcer disease	O Rashes	
O Hoarseness	O Hepatitis	O Itching	
O Mouth sores	O Gall bladder disease	O Jaundice	
O Sore throat	O Pancreatitis		
	O Diarrhea	MUSCULOSKELETAL	
ALLERGIC/IMMUNOLOGIC	O Constipation	O Arthritis	
O HIV Exposure	O Rectal bleeding	O Gout	
O Food Allergy	O Nausea	NETIBOLOGICAL	
<u>CARDIOVASCULAR</u>	O Vomiting	NEUROLOGICAL O Seizures	
O Murmur	O Food intolerance	O Stroke	
	O Swallowing pain	O Mini-Stroke	
O Chest pain	O Abdominal pain		
O Swelling of legs	O Abdominal swelling	O Frequent Headaches	
O Irregular heart	O Change in bowel habits	O Migraine	
O High blood pressure	O Gas	PYSCHIATRIC	
CONSTITUTIONAL	O Heartburn	O Anxiety	
O Fatigue	O Jaundice(yellowing of skin)	O Depression	
O Loss of appetite	Sudiffuective flowing of skilly	O Hallucinations/Paranoia	
O Weight gain	GENITOURINARY	O Suicidal thoughts	
O Weight loss	O Kidney Stones	O Panic Attacks RESPIRATORY O Pneumonia	
O Fever	O Dark Urine		
O rever	O Hematuria		
ENDOCRINE			
O Diabetes	HEMATOLOGIC/LYMPHATIC	O Asthma	
O Hyper/hypothyroidism	O Anemia	O Chronic cough	
	O Bleeding disorder	O Coughing up blood	
	O Blood Transfusion	O Positive TB skin test or TB exposure	
	O Clots	O Shortness of breath	
	O Aneurysm	Shortness of breath	
Family Medical History:			
No Knowledge of family history	Are you adopted? O No	O Yes	
there any family history of?			
Colon polyp		If Deceased, age	
Colon Cancer		If Deceased, age	
Crohn's Disease		If Deceased, age	
GI Cancer(stomach, liver, p		If Deceased, age	
Ulcerative Colitis		If Deceased, age	
Liver Disease or Hepatitis		If Deceased, age	
Celiac Sprue		If Deceased, age	
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Patient/Parent/Guardian/ Signati	ure Date		