Consent to Treatment

By signing below, I do hereby voluntarily consent to be treated with acupuncture and/or substances from the Oriental Materia Medica by a licensed acupuncturist. I understand that acupuncturists practicing in the state of Georgia are not primary care providers and that regular primary care by a licensed physician is an important choice that is strongly recommended.

Acupuncture/Moxibustion: I understand that acupuncture is performed by the insertion of needles through the skin or by the application of heat to the skin (or both) at certain points on or near the surface of the body in an attempt to treat bodily dysfunction or diseases, to modify or prevent pain perception, and to normalize the body's physiological functions. I am aware that certain adverse side effects may result. These could include, but are not limited to: local bruising, minor bleeding, fainting, pain or discomfort, and the possible aggravation of symptoms existing prior to acupuncture treatment. I understand that no guarantees concerning its use and effects are given to me and that I am free to stop acupuncture treatment at any time.

Direct Moxibustion: I understand that if I receive direct moxibustion as part of therapy, there is a risk of burning or scarring from its use. I understand that I may refuse this therapy.

Chinese Herbs: I understand that substances from the Oriental Materia Medica may be recommended to me to treat bodily dysfunction or diseases, to modify or prevent pain perception, and to normalize the body's physiological functions. I understand that I am not required to take these substances but must follow the directions for administration and dosage if I do decide to take them. I am aware that certain adverse side effect may result from taking these substances. These could include, but are not limited to: changes in bowel movement, abdominal pain or discomfort, and the possible aggravation of symptoms existing prior to herbal treatment. *Should I experience any problems, which I associate with these substances, I should suspend taking them and call the Chinese Medical Clinic as soon as possible.*

Acupressure/Tui-Na Massage/Cupping/Essential Oil Therapy: I understand that I may also be given acupressure/tui-na massage/cupping/essential oil therapy as part of my treatment to modify or prevent pain perception and to normalize the body's physiological functions. I am aware that certain adverse side effects may result from this treatment. These could include, but are not limited to: bruising, sore muscles or aches, skin irritations and the possible aggravation of symptoms existing prior to treatment. I understand that I may stop the treatment if it is too uncomfortable.

I understand that there may be other treatment alternatives, including treatment offered by a licensed physician.

I have carefully read and understand all of the above information and am fully aware of what I am signing. I understand that I may ask my practitioner for a more detailed explanation. I give my permission and consent to treatment.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____

Practitioner's Signature: _____ **Date**: _____

SIGN BELOW *ONLY* IF YOU REQUESTED AND RECEIVED MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

I requested and received, in substantial detail, further explanation of the procedure or treatment, other alternative procedures or methods of treatment, and information about the material risks of the procedure or treatment. I give my permission and consent to treatment.

*X*_____ *X*_____

Patient's Signature Date Explained by me and signed in my presence Date