

**CONSULTING CARDIOLOGISTS, PC
PRIVACY NOTICE**

As a patient of Consulting Cardiologists, PC, we want to provide you with the best possible care. We want you to feel free to make full disclosure of information to the physician(s) so that effective treatment can be provided. As required by the privacy provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Consulting Cardiologists, PC is providing you, the patient or the patient's legal representative, with a copy of our Privacy Notice. HIPAA regulations require us to provide this information to you and to obtain your signature or the signature of your legal representative as proof that you have received our Privacy Notice.

The policy of Consulting Cardiologists, PC is to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and security of the protected health and personal information of our patients and to prevent unauthorized access to, or the use of such information. This policy applies to both current and former patients.

Protected Health Information (PHI) is individually identifiable health and personal information and includes any information obtained by Consulting Cardiologists, PC in connection with providing healthcare treatment, obtaining payment and related healthcare operations. This relates to past, present or future information that Consulting Cardiologists, PC receives from you as our patient.

We will use this information to provide caring and quality medical care to you. Examples of PHI include diagnosis, treatment, and communications, both oral and written and including answering machines, voice mail and e-mail, used for follow-up and appointment scheduling, reminders and test result reporting. As part of our standard healthcare operations, we may share information with a facility such as a hospital, laboratory, diagnostic service or healthcare provider to coordinate your treatment plan in the most efficient manner. For insurance carriers, your information will be used for claims submission and to obtain payment for services provided. We will exchange data with your insurance carrier for activities such as confirming your eligibility with the plan, benefit and coverage determinations, and pre-certification/authorization and utilization review.

Your information is maintained in our office in our practice management information systems. We also maintain information about you in your medical chart. Consulting Cardiologists, PC limits access to your PHI to those employees and business associates who need to know this information and we restrict the types and amount of information provided to that which is "minimally necessary" in order to carry out their work.

We do not disclose PHI to third parties for purposes other than treatment, payment or health care operations unless the following exceptions occur:

- We receive a signed authorization from you to release your individually identifiable information. Consulting Cardiologists, PC will provide you with an Authorization Form that will need to be signed by you, the patient, or in the case of a minor, his/her guardian. This authorization will be for a defined period of time and may be cancelled by you, the patient, or in the case of a minor, by his/her guardian, at any time.
- Federal, State or other applicable law requires us to share PHI.
- Workers' Compensation purposes.

You have the right to request a review of your PHI, to amend your records, and request restrictions on how your PHI is used. You may request an accounting of how your PHI has been disclosed. Any requests for amendments or restrictions to the use of your PHI must be in writing. You have the right to request a copy of your medical record. Consulting Cardiologists, PC will make every effort to provide you with your record within a reasonable amount of time and subject to normal copying charges. If you have any questions, comments or complaints regarding the management of your PHI, please contact Sandy Liegl, Consulting Cardiologists, PC, Complaint Department at (860) 522-0604.

I acknowledge that I have received the above Consulting Cardiologists, PC Privacy Notice.

Patient Name

Date