



Designation for Release of Medical Information to a Family Member, Friend or Legal Representative

Introduction

It is the physicians' responsibility to ensure that the physician-patient relationship is confidential. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) allows physicians to use their professional judgment on disclosing certain personal health information to family, friends, etc. without an authorization. This form is an aid to the physicians in making a determination on disclosing such information. Southwest Women's Healthcare realizes that there are times when you, the patient, may want another person to be knowledgeable about your medical condition or medical needs. Your doctor wants you to be able, if you so desire, to name a person to whom you want the office staff to speak with about your medical condition. To enable that, we would ask that you complete the form listed below. Please note the following points:

- Only one person can be designated for this role
- The designation is valid until you cancel it in writing
- If you designate no one, Southwest Women's Healthcare will not release information to any family member or friend or legal representative.

Designation Statement

I, _____, designate the following person to be able to speak to a physician at Southwest Women's Healthcare, or other staff member, should it be necessary, on my behalf. I hereby give permission to Southwest Women's Healthcare through its physicians and staff to release to my designee any information about my medical condition or medical needs or the status of my account and I release Southwest Women's Healthcare, its physicians and staff, from any claim of confidentiality in connections with the release of this information.

Name of Designated Person: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone number: _____ (home / work)

Patient's Name: _____

Patient's Signature: _____

Date: _____ Witness: _____

I decline to designate another person to speak with my physician or clinical staff.

Patient's Signature: _____

Date: _____ Witness: _____