Consent to Clinical Procedures

Patient Name: _____ **Date of Birth**: _____

I hereby consent to the medical and surgical care and treatment, as may be deemed necessary or advisable in the judgment of my physician or other provider. This may include, but is not limited to laboratory procedures (including diagnostic testing such as lab draws and skin biopsies), medical and surgical treatment or procedure (including wart treatments, surgical removals, or excisions), or other services rendered during my visit with Forefront Dermatology, S.C., ("Forefront").

In order to ensure that you understand all aspects of your visit, you are encouraged to ask any questions or clarify any procedures prior to them being performed. Our dermatology providers will answer any questions and discuss any procedures, concerns and goals with you in regard to the following:

- Benefits of the proposed procedure.
- The way the treatment or procedure is to be performed.
- Alternative treatment options.
- Probable consequences of not receiving the treatment.
- The right to withdraw informed consent at any time, in writing.
- Risk and side effects involved with the procedure.
- Potential for additional incurred charges.

Should a biopsy be performed, or any other procedure in which a section of your skin is removed, the specimen **will be** sent to a pathology lab for an accurate diagnosis, unless otherwise recommended by your clinician. This process will involve any testing necessary including special staining or outside consultations which will incur additional charges. _____ ***(Initials)***

I acknowledge that some medical diagnoses (such as warts) will require multiple treatments with one or more methods that may change throughout the course of treatment and each office visit and procedure will be billed accordingly**.** _____ ***(Initials)***

If deemed appropriate, I **do ___or do not ___** ***(Initials)*** consent to photographs and digital images being taken and used to evaluate treatment effectiveness, for medical education, training, professional publications or sales purposes. No photographs or digital images revealing the patient's identity will be used without my consent. If the patient's identity is not revealed, these photographs and digital images may be used, shared, and displayed publicly for such stated purposes without my permission.

With any procedure, there are risks involved which include, but are not limited to the following:

- Scar – Scarring is possible with any procedure of the skin. We will do everything we can to provide you with the best cosmetic result possible, but the final cosmetic outcome is not guaranteed.
- Infection – The entire procedure will be done in a sterile and/or clean fashion. Still, a small number of people will get a wound infection.
- Bleeding – Some procedure may create some bleeding. Rarely will someone have significant bleeding after they leave such that they would have to come back to have us treat it.
- Nerve damage – This will be thoroughly discussed with you by your physician if it is a potential during your procedure.

I authorize pictures to be taken before, during and after the procedure. These pictures will become part of your medical record. They may also be sent to your family physician and/or referring physician. They will not be used for any other purpose without a proper consent.

If a complication after the procedure would arise, there may be a charge for the medical management that will be submitted to your insurance company. I recognize that the practice of medicine is not an exact science and acknowledge that no guarantees or assurances have been made to me concerning the results of such procedures.

Since each insurance company has its own policies regarding the coverage of procedures, I also acknowledge that I am responsible for payment in full for the charges incurred for procedures regardless of the coverage provided by my insurance carrier. If I am concerned about the cost associated with treatment, it is my responsibility to request a procedure estimate prior to starting treatment.

_____ ***(Initials)***

I have read the consent form in its entirety. I understand the risks associated with procedures that may occur during my visits at Forefront. I do not impose any limitations on Forefront and its staff. I understand that I should discuss any questions or concerns with my dermatology provider prior to any procedure and therefore; with my signature, agree to have any necessary procedures performed.

_____ _____

Patient signature / Date Witness signature / Date

The undersigned hereby provides consent as the parent or guardian of the above referenced minor patient.

_____ _____

Parent or Guardian signature/ Date ***Relationship to Patient***

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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

Effective 05/07/2015

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

Your Health Care Information - Protecting Your Privacy

It is your right as a patient to be informed of the privacy practices of your health care provider as well as your privacy rights with respect to your personal health information. This Notice of Privacy Practices (the "Notice") is intended to provide you with this information.

Forefront Dermatology Responsibilities

It is your right as a patient to be informed of Forefront Dermatology's legal duties with respect to protection of the privacy of your protected health information ("PHI").

Forefront Dermatology is required to:

- Maintain the privacy of your health information;
- Provide you with a notice of the legal duties and privacy practices regarding PHI collected and maintained about you;
- Notify you if you are affected by a breach of unsecured PHI; and
- Abide by the terms of this notice.

Forefront Dermatology reserves the right to change our privacy practices and update this Notice accordingly. We reserve the right to make the revised or changed Notice effective for PHI we already have about you as well as any PHI we receive in the future.

Forefront Dermatology will not use or disclose your PHI without your authorization, except as described in this notice.

Your Rights Regarding Your PHI

> **NOTE**: *All written requests must be made in writing to the Forefront Dermatology Privacy Officer at the address below.*

You have the right to:

- **Request a restriction on certain uses and disclosures of your PHI.**
  You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your PHI. Requests for restrictions must be in writing, as specified above. You must advise Forefront Dermatology: (1) what information you want to limit; (2) whether you want to limit Forefront Dermatology's internal use, disclosure to third parties, or both; and (3) to whom you want the limit(s) to apply. We are not required to agree to your request, except when you request that we restrict disclosure of your PHI to a health plan for a health care item or service for which you have paid out-of-pocket in full and the disclosure is for the purpose of carrying out payment or health care operations, and not otherwise required by law.

- **Receive Confidential Communications.**
  You have the right to request that Forefront Dermatology communicate your PHI to you by alternative means or at alternative locations. We will use our best efforts to accommodate reasonable requests. For example, you may request to be contacted at a phone number that is different from the phone number listed in your health care record.

- **Inspect and obtain a copy of your health record.**
  You have the right to inspect and obtain a copy of your health care record. This request for access to your health care record must be submitted in writing, as specified above. This right may not apply to certain types of psychotherapy notes. Forefront Dermatology may charge you a reasonable fee for a copy of your health care record.

  We will inform you if we cannot fulfill your request, and you can ask us to reconsider the denial by contacting our Privacy Officer at the address below. Depending upon why the denial was made, we may ask a licensed health care professional to review your request and the denial.

- **Amend your health record.**
  If you believe that any PHI in your records is incorrect or incomplete, you may submit a written request (as specified above) to correct the information in your records. We may deny your request if you ask us to amend PHI that is: (i) accurate and complete; (ii) not created by Forefront Dermatology; (iii) not part of the PHI kept by or for Forefront Dermatology; or (iv) not PHI that you would be permitted to inspect and copy. If we deny your request, you can ask us, in writing, to review that denial.

- **Obtain an accounting of disclosures of your PHI.**
  You have the right to an "accounting of disclosures," which is a list of disclosures of your PHI that we have made to outside parties, except for: (i) those necessary to carry out treatment, payment and healthcare operations; (ii) disclosures made before April 14, 2003; (iii) disclosures made to you; (iv) disclosures you authorized; and (v) certain other disclosures. You may receive one accounting per year at no charge; we may charge you a reasonable fee for each subsequent request.

  Your request for an accounting of disclosures must be in writing, as specified above, and must state a time period that may not be longer than six years prior to the date the accounting was requested.

- **Obtain a paper copy of the notice upon request.**
  You have the right to obtain a paper copy of the notice upon request. For example, if you received the notice electronically, you may request that Forefront Dermatology provide a paper copy of the notice.

How We May Use and Disclose Your PHI

- **For Treatment.** Forefront Dermatology may use or disclose your PHI in the provision, coordination or management of your health care.

Example: Physicians involved in your care will need PHI relating to your history, symptoms, disease and prognosis in order to coordinate care for you.

Example: Forefront Dermatology may use your PHI to provide you with an appointment reminder.

Example: Forefront Dermatology may send you information about treatment alternatives or other health related services that may be of interest to you.

- **For Payment.** Forefront Dermatology may use or disclose your PHI to obtain reimbursement for the provision of health care services. The bill may include information that identifies you, your diagnosis and your treatment.

Example: Forefront Dermatology may use or disclose your information to your insurer to obtain payment for the provision of health care services.

- **For Health Care Operations.** Forefront Dermatology may use or disclose your PHI for our health care operations.

Example: Forefront Dermatology may use your PHI to assess the care and outcomes in your case or to, as a whole, improve the quality and effectiveness of the health care we provide.

- **To Business Associates.** Forefront Dermatology may disclose your PHI to "business associates" who provide services to or on behalf of Forefront Dermatology.

- **Communication with Individuals Involved in Your Care.** Unless you tell us otherwise, we may share your PHI with friends, family members or others you have identified or who are involved in your care. We may share your PHI with disaster relief organizations so that your family, friends or others you have identified can be notified of your location and condition in case of disaster or other emergency.

- **Research:** Under certain circumstances, Forefront Dermatology may use or disclose your PHI for research purposes. Under certain circumstances, we may share your PHI for research purposes without your written permission. All research projects are, however, subject to a special approval process. Most research projects will require your specific permission if a researcher will have access to information that identifies you.

- **As Required by Law**: Forefront Dermatology will disclose your PHI where required by law. For example, federal law may require your PHI to be released to an appropriate health oversight agency, public health authority or attorney.

- **Workers compensation:** Forefront Dermatology may disclose PHI to the extent authorized by and to the extent necessary to comply with laws relating to workers' compensation or other similar programs that provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness.

- **Public Health:** We may disclose your PHI for public health activities. For example, Forefront Dermatology may disclose your protected PHI to State agencies for the purpose of statutory reporting.

- **Health Oversight Activities:** We may share your PHI with a health oversight agency for audits, investigations, inspections and licensure necessary for the government to monitor the health care system and government programs.

- **Public Safety:** We may use and disclose your PHI when necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health and safety, or the health and safety of the public or another person.

- **Victims of abuse, neglect or domestic violence:** Forefront Dermatology may disclose PHI if Forefront Dermatology reasonably believes that an individual is a victim of child or elderly abuse.

- **Judicial and Administrative Proceedings:** Forefront Dermatology may disclose your PHI in response to a court or administrative order, a subpoena, a warrant, a discovery request or other lawful due process.

- **Law enforcement:** Forefront Dermatology may disclose your PHI for law enforcement purposes as authorized or required by law or other lawful due process. For example, we may be required by law to report certain types of wounds or other physical injuries.

- **Coroner or Medical Examiner:** Forefront Dermatology may release PHI to a coroner or medical examiner. This may be necessary to identify a deceased person or to determine the cause of death. We may also release your PHI to a funeral director, as necessary, to carry out his/her duties.

- **For cadaveric organ, eye or tissue donation purposes:** We may release your PHI to organizations that handle organ, eye or tissue donation and transplantation.

- **Specialized Government Functions:** If you are a member of the armed forces, we may share your PHI with the military for military command purposes. We may also release PHI about foreign military personnel to the appropriate foreign military authority.

- **Correctional Institution:** Should you be an inmate of a correctional institution, Forefront Dermatology may disclose to limited staff of the institution or agents thereof PHI necessary for your health and the health and safety of other individuals.

Other Uses and Disclosures of Your PHI

We may use or disclose your PHI as described above without your authorization. Other uses and disclosures of PHI not described in this Notice will be made only with your authorization. We will obtain your written authorization for: (i) most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes; (ii) most uses and disclosures of PHI for marketing purposes, as defined by HIPAA; and (iii) disclosures that constitute a sale of PHI, as defined by HIPAA. If you give us authorization to use or disclose your PHI, then you may revoke that authorization, in writing, at any time. Your revocation will be effective upon receipt, but will not be effective to the extent that Forefront Dermatology or others have acted in reliance upon the authorization.

Patient Complaint Process

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with Forefront Dermatology or with the Office for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Health and Human Services electronically via the OCR Complaint Portal, or on paper by mail, fax or via e-mail (OCRComplaint@hhs.gov). We will not take any action against you for filing a complaint.

To file a complaint with Forefront Dermatology please contact the Forefront Dermatology's Privacy Officer who will provide you with the necessary assistance.

Questions or Concerns

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your privacy rights or the information in this notice, please contact:

Cathy Lacenski
Forefront Dermatology
801 York St.
Manitowoc, WI 54220
(920) 663-9012
E-mail: Clacenski@forefrontderm.com

FOREFRONT DERMATOLOGY®

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

Patient Name (PLEASE PRINT) _____ **Date of Birth** _____

By signing this form, you acknowledge receipt of the "Notice of Privacy Practices" (the "Notice") of Forefront Dermatology, S.C. Our Notice provides information about how we may use and disclose your protected health information. We encourage you to read it in full.

Our Notice is subject to change. If we change our Notice, you may obtain a copy of the revised Notice by contacting our practice at 855-535-7175.

Please note that Forefront Dermatology may communicate with you in the following ways, unless you instruct us otherwise:

- In Forefront Dermatology's discretion, a confidential message may be left on your voicemail or answering machine at the preferred number(s) indicated below or with a friend or family member who answers the telephone at one of the preferred numbers or at your residence and who can verify your address and date of birth. Such message may include, without limitation, reminders of upcoming scheduled appointments information regarding your pathology or laboratory tests, billing information or answers to medical questions you may have inquired about to our staff.

Preferred Number _____	☐ Mobile (cell) ☐ Work ☐ Home
Preferred Number _____	☐ Mobile (cell) ☐ Work ☐ Home
Preferred Email Address _____	

- Forefront Dermatology may also communicate with you via e-mail, text message, or post card to your home address provided such method complies with applicable HIPAA communication standards.
- **Unless you check below**, you specifically authorize and give your express consent to receive autodialed and/or pre-recorded calls—including, but not limited to, voice and short message service (SMS) text messages and other electronic messages—from or on behalf of Forefront Dermatology and its representatives at the residential or cellular telephone number provided above or an appropriate e-mail address, not only in order to communicate appointment reminders, and notifications regarding the availability of pathology or laboratory results, but also for marketing or advertising messages offering products or services that may be of interest to you. Forefront Dermatology may receive direct or indirect payment for these marketing or advertising messages. You understand that by providing your telephone number and/or e-mail address to Forefront Dermatology, you consent to being contacted using the above-described methods. You understand that you are not required to sign this agreement in order to receive treatment. You further understand that you are not required to give this consent and that your consent is not a condition of purchasing or using any services offered by Forefront Dermatology.

  Marketing Related Opt-Out: *(Check all that apply)* ☐ Do Not Text ☐ Do Not Email

- If you have any questions about our Notice, please contact our compliance department – Phone: 920-663-0505, e-mail: compliance@forefrontderm.com

I acknowledge receipt of Forefront Dermatology's Notice of Privacy Practices. I understand and agree to how Forefront Dermatology may communicate with me, as stated above.

X _____ _____

(Signature of Patient or Legal Representative) **Date**

Parents may not sign for children over the age of 18 (or 19 years of age in Alabama).

If signed by someone other than patient, indicate relationship: _____

Print name _____

(Legal representative)

For Office Use Only

Complete this section if this form is not signed and dated by the patient or patient's representative.

Reasons why the acknowledgement was not obtained:

☐ Patient refused to sign this Acknowledgement even though the patient was asked to do so and the patient was given the Notice of Privacy Practices.

☐ Other _____

_____ _____

Employee Name Date

FOREFRONT DERMATOLOGY®

Patient Communication & Financial Policies

The Following are internal policies set in place by the administration of Forefront Dermatology, S.C. ("Forefront"). Signature is required before services can be provided.

Patient Communications: Confidential messages may be left on your voicemail or answering machine at the preferred number(s) you have provided to Forefront or with a friend or family member who answers the telephone at one of the preferred numbers or at your residence and who can verify your address and date of birth. Such message may include, without limitation, reminders of upcoming scheduled appointments information regarding your pathology or laboratory tests, billing information, or answers to medical questions you may have inquired about to our staff. Forefront may also communicate with you via e-mail, text message, or post card to your home address provided such method complies with applicable HIPAA communication standards. You understand that you are not required to agree to this provision in order to receive treatment.

Research: I authorize Forefront to contact me regarding any research study in which I may be eligible to participate relating to my care.

Insurance Filing: As a courtesy we will bill your insurance company for charges incurred at our clinic. Please remember your health insurance is a contract between you and your insurance company. Our office will make two attempts to settle any outstanding bill with your insurance company. If your insurance deems a service to be not covered by your insurance plan you will be responsible for the balance of this service and you expressly agree to pay for such non-covered services. Claims not paid by your insurance carrier within 90 days will be considered a non-covered service. We will furnish information required by the insurance company to receive payment. Benefits should be paid directly to the Practice from your insurance company, if your insurance company pays copays, coinsurance, or other similar charges. I hereby assign to Forefront all my rights and claims for reimbursement under my health insurance policy. I agree to provide information as needed to establish my eligibility for such benefits.

Bad Debt & Bankruptcy Account Status: I realize that if my account is in bad debt or bankruptcy status I will be required to pay $150.00 prior to my scheduled appointment. This payment will serve as a down payment toward services to be rendered at the future encounter. If, after the provider has billed for services and/or the insurance has responded, the practice determines that I do not owe the $150.00 for the current encounter (and if I am not currently under bankruptcy or any other insolvency protection from collection on past debt) the practice will review my account to see if I owe a balance on any other recent encounters or if I owe anything to Americollect, the practice's collection agency. If it is determined that I do owe on past balances and am not protected from collection by applicable law, the practice will apply the remaining amount towards such amounts owed. If I owe less than what was overpaid on the account a refund will be returned to me for the appropriate amount. I realize that if my account is sent to collections, Forefront may alternatively elect to dismiss me as a patient from the practice. If I pay off my account with Americollect, my account will be returned to good standing status with the practice and I will not be required to pay $150.00 prior to appointments unless I am placed into collections in the future.

Non-sufficient Funds: A $35.00 charge will be added for any non-sufficient funds notice from the bank. If your account is sent to collections and we have to litigate in court, your visit/s with our office may become a matter of public record.

ALL patients must answer →

At this time I,_____ represent and warrant
(Print Your Name)

that I (DO) or (DO NOT) have ***Medicaid health insurance coverage***.
(Circle One)

If we find at a later time that you did not provide accurate information above, you will be responsible for the balance of the charges incurred. It is your responsibility to inform our office if you acquire any type of Medicaid coverage at a later time. If you don't provide the updated information to our office you may be responsible for the balance of your bill. Not all locations and providers participate in Medicaid programs. The patient will be responsible for the full amount of services provided when this circumstance is applicable.

Non-insured Patients: Non-insured patients will be charged a fee prior to seeing a provider on the date of service. These funds will be allocated to the services rendered by the provider for that day however these fees serve only as a down payment and are not considered payment in full. The down payments are as follows: ● New patient Office Visit: $178 ● Established Patient Office Visit: $150 ● Excision Visit: $800 ● MOHS Visit: $1,000

Final charges will be determined after the provider sees the patient and a complete assessment is made. The provider may require payment in full for procedural services prior to rendering such a service. Additional fee information is available upon the patient's request. A statement with the balance due for services provided will be mailed to you within a few days. If the balance is paid in full within two weeks from the date of the statement, a 20% discount for cash/check or a 15% discount for credit card will apply. This discount does not apply to *Cosmetic procedures and injectables*.

Initial _____

Co-payments, Co-insurance, Deductible, & Cosmetic Procedures: Payment is due on the date of service prior to seeing the provider. Deductible amounts may be collected prior to the physician completing the service. Payment for a cosmetic procedure is due in full prior to treatment. There are no returns on cosmetic products sold unless such products are defective or, in the opinion of your provider, caused an adverse reaction.

Procedure Pricing

I understand that procedure estimates are only provided in writing. Written estimates must be requested prior to the appointment.

X _____ _____ _____/_____/_____until revoked
Signature of Patient or Legal Representative *Date of Birth* *Date*

_____ *Relationship to Patient*

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