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Dear Patient:

Welcome to Tampa Ear Nose & Throat Associates. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our practice. This letter contains answers to some of the most commonly asked questions by patients entering our practice. We hope you find this information useful.

Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. Our office phone number is 813-972-3353. In the event of an emergency outside of our normal business hours patients may call this number and the call service will contact the doctor on call for you.

We understand that in today's busy world occasionally situations come up that are beyond your control. In those instances, we request you extend us the courtesy of a 24-hour notice. This courtesy allows us to continue to operate efficiently and use the time that was reserved for you to help other patients in need. It is our policy that you call our office at least 24 hours prior to your appointment time. If you fail to contact our office in advance three times over the course of one year you will be discharged from the practice.

Patients should complete, sign and bring the following to your first appointment:

- Patient registration form
- Conditions of treatment form
- Health questionnaire
- Medication list
- Allergy patient information (if applicable)
- Allergy questionnaire (if applicable)
- Drivers license or state issued identification card
- Primary and secondary insurance cards

On subsequent visits our front office staff will review your demographic and insurance information with you to ensure we maintain your correct information on file. This allows us to submit your claim to your insurance carrier in a timely manner.

We are contracted with several insurance carriers for the benefit of our patients. You will want to check your benefits booklet or with the benefits department of your employer to verify if our physicians are listed as providers within your network. As part of our contract with the insurance companies we are legally required to collect any co-pays or deductibles from you at the time of service. We ask that you be prepared to pay your co-pay at the time of check out. We accept cash, check, American Express, Discover, MasterCard, and Visa.

If your insurance requires a referral from your primary care physician, a written referral or authorization number must be in our office 48 hours prior to your visit or your appointment will be cancelled. Obtaining this authorization is the responsibility of the patient. Please contact your primary care physician as soon as possible to initiate this process.

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It is our desire to have a mutually respectful relationship with our patients. As part of the relationship we feel it is important to set patient expectations appropriately:

- Patient telephone messages must first be reviewed by clinical staff prior to a return telephone call. In most cases, this process may take 4-6 hours. Please note, for messages left after 12PM, you may not receive a return phone call until the following business day.
- Please allow 2 working days for the clinic to process requests for prescription refills and 3 working days to process authorizations for diagnostic testing.
- Please allow 5-7 working days for the completion of any forms, letters, or records requests. There is a standard fee for any form completion including FMLA. This amount is per form and based on the number of pages per form. This amount is due at the time the forms are submitted to our office.
- Your medical records are strictly confidential. The Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) restricts us from releasing any information without your written permission.
- We expect our patients to maintain a good credit rating with our office. Failure to pay for medical services delivered in good faith will cause your account to be turned over to a third party collection agency and you will be discharged from the practice.

If you have any questions or need further clarification on any of our policies please contact our office for assistance. Thank you for allowing us to assist you with your healthcare needs.

Sincerely,

Tampa Ear Nose & Throat Associates

Tampa Ear Nose & Throat Associates Patient Registration *(please print clearly)*

Patient Information

Date: _____ Patient SSN: _____
First Name _____ MI _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____
Sex: M / F Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____
Marital Status *(please circle)*: Single Married Divorced Widowed Legally Separated
Primary Care Physician: _____ Pharmacy Name/Phone: _____

Patient's Permanent Address

Patient's Billing Address *(If different)*

Street: _____ Street: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
Work Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Cell Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
E-mail Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Insurance Subscriber / Policy Holder Information

Primary Carrier: _____ Secondary Carrier: _____
Subscriber: _____ Subscriber: _____
Subscriber DOB: _____ Subscriber DOB: _____
Subscriber SSN: _____ Subscriber SSN: _____
Subscriber ID #: _____ Subscriber ID #: _____
Group ID#: _____ Group ID#: _____
Subscriber's Employer: _____ Subscriber's Employer: _____

Employment Status Patient / Parent or Guardian

Please circle: Employed Self Employed Retired Disabled Unemployed Student
Employer Name: _____ Phone: _____
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

**CONDITIONS OF TREATMENT BY
TAMPA EAR NOSE & THROAT ASSOCIATES**

Patient _____ **DOB:** _____

Permission for Treatment: Permission is hereby granted for physicians, residents, employees or agents of Tampa Ear Nose & Throat Associates (collectively, the "Provider") to render the patient named above such medical and surgical treatment as is deemed necessary.

Authorization for Release of Information: The Provider (through its employees or other contracted agents) may disclose the patient's medical record account to:

1. Any person or corporation which is or may be liable for all or any portion of the patient's charges; including but not limited to insurance companies, health care service plans, and worker's compensation carriers to the extent necessary to determine insurance benefits, liability for payment and to obtain reimbursement.
2. Any referring physician to ensure continuity of medical care.

Financial Agreement: (Please initial as applicable)

_____ **Assignment of Insurance Benefits:** I request my insurance carrier to pay to Tampa Ear Nose & Throat Associates all benefits due me related to my pending claim for medical and surgical services. I agree to pay all applicable deductible and coinsurance amounts due and other fees for services rendered for which my insurance plan/HMO is not liable for payment to the Provider, and agree to pay the costs of collection including reasonable attorney's fees in the event of legal action to collect such amounts.

_____ **Medicare B Authorization:** I authorize any holder of medical or other information about me to release to the Social Security Administration and Health Care Financing Administration or its intermediaries or carriers, or to the billing agent of this physician or supplier, any information needed for this or a related Medical Claim. I permit a copy of this authorization to be used in place of the original and request payment of medical insurance benefits either to myself or the party who accepts assignment.

_____ **Self-Paying Patient:** I have been informed that Tampa Ear Nose & Throat Associates does not have a contract to participate with my insurance plan or HMO, and the requested services have not been authorized by my insurance plan/HMO, as applicable. I am requesting medical services as a fee-for-service, self-paying patient. I agree that I am responsible for all charges incurred as a result of this visit, including but not limited to all medical/surgical professional services, laboratory, radiological, and any other ancillary services. I agree to pay the costs of collection including reasonable attorney's fees in the event of legal action to collect this account.

Patient/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

REASON FOR VISIT: _____

CURRENT MEDICAL PROBLEMS: _____

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS, YEAR AND OPERATION: _____

MEDICAL HISTORY

PLEASE NOTE: IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THIS SECTION TO BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY BEFORE THE DOCTOR CAN SEE YOU

	YES	NO		YES	NO
CONSTITUTIONAL			GASTROINTESTINAL		
DECREASED APPETITE	_____	_____	INDIGESTION/HEARTBURN	_____	_____
WEIGHT LOSS/GAIN	_____	_____	NAUSEA/VOMITING	_____	_____
FEVER	_____	_____	ABDOMEN PAIN	_____	_____
CHILLS	_____	_____	DIARRHEA	_____	_____
FATIGUE	_____	_____	CONSTIPATION	_____	_____
SKIN			BLOODY STOOL	_____	_____
ITCHING	_____	_____	ENDOCRINE		
RASH	_____	_____	DIABETES	_____	_____
HIVES	_____	_____	STEROID USE	_____	_____
SKIN CANCER	_____	_____	MUSCULOSKELETAL		
CANCER	_____	_____	BURSITIS	_____	_____
ALLERGIES/IMMUNOLOGY			GOUT	_____	_____
ASTHMA	_____	_____	STIFFNESS	_____	_____
SEASONAL ALLERGIES	_____	_____	OSTEOPOROSIS	_____	_____
EAR/NOSE/THROAT/MOUTH			BACK PAIN	_____	_____
HEARING LOSS	_____	_____	NEUROLOGICAL		
TINNITUS (EAR RINGING)	_____	_____	EPILEPSY	_____	_____
NOSE BLEEDS	_____	_____	PALSY	_____	_____
RUNNY NOSE	_____	_____	STROKE	_____	_____
EYES/HEAD			SPEECH IMPAIRMENT	_____	_____
VISION LOSS	_____	_____	TINGLING	_____	_____
HEADACHES	_____	_____	MIGRANES	_____	_____
DIZZINESS	_____	_____	PSYCHOLOGICAL		
RESPIRATORY			ANXIOUS	_____	_____
SHORTNESS OF BREATH	_____	_____	DEPRESSED	_____	_____
COUGH	_____	_____	STRESS	_____	_____
WHEEZING	_____	_____	HEME/LYMPHATIC		
OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA	_____	_____	ANEMIA	_____	_____
CV			BRUISE EASILY	_____	_____
CHEST PAIN	_____	_____	BLEEDING	_____	_____
EDEMA	_____	_____	SWOLLEN GLAND	_____	_____
SYNCOPE (FAINTING)	_____	_____	BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS	_____	_____
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE OR	_____	_____	FAMILY HISTORY	YES	NO
HIGH CHOLESTEROL	_____	_____	DIABETES	_____	_____
HEART DISEASE	_____	_____	HEARING LOSS	_____	_____
ARRYTHMIAS/ABN HEART RHYTHM	_____	_____	HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE	_____	_____
SOCIAL HISTORY			CANCER	_____	_____
MARITAL STATUS: S M D W			HEART DISEASE	_____	_____
SMOKE YES NO PACKS PER DAY _____			ASTHMA	_____	_____
DRINK ALCOHOL YES NO OUNCES PER DAY _____					

REVIEWED BY: _____ DATE: _____

