California Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeons

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Your assistance in completing the following information thoroughly and accurately will allow us to provide you with the best care. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Please complete, sign and date all forms. Thank you for your help in providing this important information.

PATIENT INFORMATION

Name	Date of Birth	
SS #	Marital Status: Sex:	
	City	
State Zip	Email	
Mailing Address (if different)		
	Mobile/Cell phone # ()	
Employer Phone # <u>()</u>	Which phone do you prefer we use?	
Preferred Language: English	Spanish Other	
Ethnicity (not required)	Race (not required)	
	Retired Other Occupation	
PHYSICIAN INFORMATION	 (If yes, please provide us with a copy for our records) (Name and Address) 	
SPOUSE INFORMATION	(or if patient is a Minor, enter responsible party information)	
Name	Date of Birth	
	City	
	Zip Telephone # ()	
	Cell Phone # ()	

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Please provide the nearest Adult relative, <u>not your spouse</u> who is **not** living with you

Name		Relationship
		City
State	Zip	Telephone # ()
INSURANCE INF	ORMATION	
Please bring your	Insurance card(s) to yo	ur appointment and our receptionist will take a copy of it
Medicare: Yes	No	If yes, Medicare ID#
	ls Me	edicare your primary Insurance? Yes No
Medi-Cal: Yes	No	If yes, Medi-Cal ID#
Primary Insurance	Company or your Medi	care Supplement:
Name of Company		Telephone ()
		Group #
		City
	Zip	
		Subscriber's DOB:
Secondary Insuran	ce Company or your Me	edicare Supplement:
Name of Company		Telephone ()
		Group #
		City
	Zip	

SIGNATURE

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFITS

I hereby assign all medical and/or surgical benefits to which I may be entitled from an insurance plan(s) to CALIFORNIA CARDIOVASCULAR AND THORACIC SURGEONS. This assignment will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing. I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges whether or not paid by said insurance. I hereby authorize said assignee to release all information necessary to secure payment of benefits.

Patient's Signature/ Insured's Signature

Date

MEDICARE ASSIGNMENT

**If you have Medicare, please sign the following

I request that payment of authorized Medicare benefits may be made on my behalf to CALIFORNIA CARDIOVASCULAR AND THORACIC SURGEONS for any services furnished me by that physician or supplier. I authorize any holder of medical information about me to release to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and its agents any information needed to determine these benefits payable to related services. I understand that my signature requests that payment be made and authorizes release of medical information necessary to pay the claim. If other health insurance coverage is indicated on the CMS1500 or any electronically generated claim form, my signature authorizes releasing of the information to the insurer or agency shown. In Medicare assigned cases, the physician or supplier agrees to accept the charge determined by the Medicare carrier as the full charge, and the patient is responsible only for the deductible, co-insurance, and noncovered services. Co-insurance and the deductible are based upon the charge determination of the Medicare carrier.

If the signature is other than the patient's, please write the patient's name followed by the signature of the person signing, and complete the following:

Name and Address of Signing Party	
Relationship to the patient	
Reason the patient could not sign	

CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

I hereby authorize CALIFORNIA CARDIOVASCULAR AND THORACIC SURGEONS to furnish information to any referring physician, agency, or insurance company I have listed in the Patient Information form.

Date

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL POLICY

Thank you for choosing us as your healthcare provider. We are committed to making health care less stressful and more effective by summarizing our policies and clarifying your financial responsibilities in advance. Please read thoroughly and sign where indicated. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

INSURANCE INFORMATION

<u>CONTRACTED PRIVATE INSURANCE</u>: We contract and/or participate with many private insurance programs. If you are a member of one of the plans we contract with, we will accept payment at the level allowed by your program (except if you have multiple insurances), although you will be responsible for any deductible, co-payment or co-insurance required by your plan. Necessary adjustments to our billed charges will be made after payment is received from the payer. Please check with our business office staff to verify that we are contracting with your program.

<u>OTHER PRIVATE INSURANCE</u>: We will assist you by billing your insurance company. However, you are responsible for all charges billed to you. We reserve the right to ask you to pay a deposit before services are rendered. We find that most insurance plans only cover a portion of your medical expenses and you will have some balance to pay.

<u>NON-CONTRACTED PRIVATE INSURANCE</u>: If you have an insurance plan that we *do not* contract with, our group is considered to be "Out of Network" and this will most likely affect your benefits and how your claim is processed and paid. Please check with your insurance company for how your particular plan processes these claims. In cases where we are not contracted with your plan, we will request payment before or at the time services are rendered. As a courtesy we will submit the claim on the patient's behalf to the insurance company.

<u>MEDICARE PATIENTS</u>: Our office is a participating Medicare physician group. As such, Medicare patients will only be required to pay the difference between what Medicare allows and the amount paid by Medicare, which is the Medicare co-insurance and deductible. Necessary adjustments to our billed charges will be made after payment by Medicare is received.

<u>MEDI-CAL PATIENTS</u>: Our office accepts Medi-Cal patients and Medi-Cal coverage on a limited basis. You may wish to discuss your individual case with our business office to determine if we can accept you and/or your coverage for the month of service. You are responsible for any Share-Of-Cost due for the month of service before services are rendered.

<u>CO-PAYMENTS</u>: If your health plan requires a co-payment, please be prepared to make the appropriate payment at the time of service.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Please remember that insurance is considered a method of reimbursing the patient for fees paid to the doctor, and it is not a substitute for payment. You are ultimately responsible for the bill. Some companies pay fixed allowances for certain procedures; others pay a percentage of charges. It is your responsibility to pay any deductible, co-payment, co-insurance and any balance not paid by your insurance that we are not required to adjust. It is your responsibility to provide us with all the information we may need to properly submit claims on your behalf. This includes providing us with accurate and current insurance information. You are responsible to inform our office if you have any updates or changes to your insurance plan and/or coverage. We will work with your insurance company within reason. However, you are responsible for charges for services you incur.

A cancellation fee of \$25.00 will be charged for any appointment missed, or cancelled with less than a 24 hour notice.

All balances are due within 30 days of the statement showing the balance. You may pay by cash, check, Visa or MasterCard. If your account is assigned to an attorney for collection and/or suit, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees or cost of collection.

I have read the Insurance and Financial Policy and understand its contents.

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Acknowledgement of Receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of this California Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgeon's Notice of Privacy Practices. I further acknowledge that a copy of the current notice will be posted in the reception area, and that I will be offered a copy of any amended Notice of Privacy Practices at each appointment.

Patient Name:		
Signed:	Date:	
Print Name (If other than patient):		
If not signed by the patient, please indicate relationship:		

- [] parent or guardian of minor patient
- [] guardian or conservator of an incompetent patient
- [] beneficiary or personal representative of deceased patient