

PERMISSION TO TEXT AND EMAIL

Federal law prohibits this practice from sending you texts or email which are unencrypted or "unsecure." However, many patients find it convenient to communicate with our office by traditional text and/or email. Those modes of communication are generally not considered "secure." Some patients appreciate the tradeoff between ease of use / convenience and security. We want to accommodate your preferences. If you would like to communicate with us by "unsecure" text or email, please confirm below by providing your authorization. We will keep your preferences in force with no current expiration date until we learn otherwise. Obviously you can change your mind at any point down the road. Just let us know in writing so we can stay updated with your preference(s). Obviously if messages are sent through such channels, they may no longer be protected by HIPAA. Finally, whether or not you decide to use email or text messaging, your choice will have no impact on our decision to treat you. We are here for you.

I authorize the practice to communicate with me by "unsecure" text;

That text number being: _____ (number)

_____ (signature/date)

I authorize for the practice to communicate with me by "unsecure" email;

That email address being: _____ (email address)

_____ (signature/date)"