

HIPAA EMAIL/TEXT MESSAGE CONSENT FORM

- HIPAA stands for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. It was passed by the U.S. government in 1996 in order to establish privacy and security protections for health information. We offer HIPAA compliant, encrypted email through ProtonMail.
- We use text messages only to communicate with other doctors on your behalf. It is much easier to get a quick response from your specialists when we text them rather than calling if the issue is simple. We put as little personal information in a text as possible, but we do need to use your name and sometimes date of birth.

EMAIL- Please initial one of the 2 options:

ALLOW ENCRYPTED EMAIL - I give permission to Dr. Kossow, Brown, Rehor, or Sandberg to send me personal health information via HIPAA compliant, encrypted email. I understand email is only for non-urgent communication and may go unread for 2-3 days and for up to 2 weeks if my physician is out of the office. Urgent questions or messages and requests for appointments or prescription refills need to be handled by calling our office directly. _____

OR

DO NOT ALLOW EMAIL: I do not wish to have email communication. _____

TEXTING (UNENCRYPTED)- Please Initial one of the 2 options:

ALLOW TEXTING WITH SPECIALISTS ON MY BEHALF: _____

OR

DO NOT ALLOW TEXTING WITH SPECIALISTS ON MY BEHALF: _____

Signature

Date

Printed Name