



## Albuquerque Vein & Laser Institute Notice of Privacy Practices

### Notice of Privacy Practices

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.

This notice applies to all of the records of your care generated by the practice, whether made by the practice or an associated facility. This notice of Privacy Practices is being provided to you as a requirement of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

#### HOW WE MAY USE AND DISCLOSE YOUR MEDICAL INFORMATION

We will routinely use your medical information inside our office for these purposes without any special permission:

**Treatment** - Our practice may use and disclose your medical information to treat you.

**Payment** - We may use and disclose your medical information in order to bill and collect payment for services.

**Health care operations** - Our practice may use and disclose your medical information to operate our business.

In addition, we may use or disclose your medical information for the following reasons:

**Appointment reminders**- Our practice may use and disclose your medical information to contact you and remind you of an appointment.

**Treatment options and health-related benefits** - To inform you of potential treatment options or services that may be of interest to you.

**Disclosures required by law** - Our practice may use and disclose your medical information when we are required to do so by federal, state, or local law.

**Health oversight activities** - Oversight activities can include investigations, inspections, audits, surveys, licensure and disciplinary actions, civil, administrative, and criminal procedures or actions; or other activities necessary for the government to monitor government programs, compliance with civil rights laws and the health care system in general.

**Lawsuits and similar proceedings** - If you are involved in a lawsuit or similar proceeding, we may use and disclose your medical information in response to a court or administrative order or to defend the office.

**Serious threat to health/safety** - We may use or disclose your medical information when it is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious or imminent threat to the health or safety of a person or the public.

**Involvement in individual's care** - We may disclose your medical information about you to a family member, close personal friend or other person identified by you if directly relevant to that person's involvement with your care or payment related to your health care.

#### YOUR RIGHTS REGARDING YOUR MEDICAL INFORMATION

Your rights include but are not limited to the following:

- Confidential communications. You have the right to request that we communicate with you in certain ways. Albuquerque Vein & Laser Institute will accommodate reasonable requests.

- Inspection and copies of records. With limited exceptions, you may inspect and obtain a copy of your protected health information that is contained in a designated record set for as long as we maintain the protected health information. This request must be made in writing and you may be charged a fee for the costs of copying, mailing, and other costs incurred by us in complying with your request.

- The right to request amendments to your information. You may request an amendment of protected health information about you as long as we maintain this information. Requests must be made in writing and must be directed to the office manager.

- Disclosures. You have the right to a detailed list of all disclosures our practice has made of your medical records.

- Paper copy or complaints. You have the right to a paper copy of this notice and the right to file a complaint with the office manager if you feel that your privacy rights have been violated at any time.

I have received a copy of Albuquerque Vein & Laser Institute's Notice of Privacy Practices.

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Signature

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Date