

## **PHILIP KELLEY, LICENSED ACUPUNCTURIST**

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### **Disclosure and Consent for Acupuncture Treatment**

- Practitioner has been licensed the State of Washington to practice Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine since 12/19/2000. Washington State Acupuncture license # AC 711.
- Acupuncture is a health care service based on the principles of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM). Diagnosis and treatment is based on these principles, and is intended to resolve a variety of conditions including relief of symptoms and improved general health. As with any medical treatment, no guarantee can be made regarding the outcomes of treatment.
- Under State Law, Acupuncturists are licensed to perform the following procedures: Use of acupuncture needles to stimulate acupuncture points and meridians, Use of electrical, mechanical or magnetic devices to stimulate acupuncture points and meridians; Moxibustion (burning a warming medicinal herb), acupressure, dermal friction, cupping, infra-red, sound or laser stimulation, therapeutic exercises, dietary advice based on the principles of TCM.
- Acupuncture has consistently been shown to be very safe. Serious side effects are quite uncommon, however there are some potential risks. These may include but are not limited to:
  - Discomfort or pain during or after insertion of needles
  - Localized minor bruising or swelling
  - "Needle sickness"- dizziness, fainting or nausea
  - Minor burns with the use of moxa
  - Infection (rare with the use of sterile disposable needles)
  - Broken needle (rare with the use of disposable needles)

*These problems are less likely if you are not overly anxious, tired, hungry, or dehydrated before treatment. Please let me know if I should be concerned about any of the above. Please inform me if these or any other adverse effects occur during or after treatment.*

- To reduce the risk of infection, all needles are pre-sterilized, single use needles made of surgical steel. After use, needles are disposed of as medical waste, never reused.
- Patients with severe bleeding disorders, pacemakers or other electronic medical devices, compromised immune function, or who may be pregnant should inform me prior to treatment.
- Acupuncture does not take the place of general medical care from a Primary Care Provider (PCP). State Law does not permit acupuncturists to treat potentially serious conditions without the consultation of or referral to a PCP. These include but are not limited to:
  - Acute abdominal symptoms
  - Acute undiagnosed neurological changes
  - Unexplained weight change  $\geq 15\%$  of bodyweight within a three month period
  - Suspected fracture or dislocation
  - Suspected systemic infection
  - Any serious undiagnosed hemorrhagic disorder
  - Acute respiratory distress without previous history or diagnosis
- No practitioner is able to anticipate or explain all risks and complications that may occur during or after treatment. You are encouraged to ask questions at any time, and have the right to refuse any treatment or revoke this consent at any time.

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Signature of Patient (or Parent or Guardian)

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Date