

Physician-Patient Agreement

Healthcare is a partnership between an individual and his/her doctor. To have a partnership work effectively, we need to share common ground.

Let's be honest: Tell me what is going on at home. What you're doing, what are you not doing, what you're eating, what is bothering you. I'll do my best to explain the situation, what I know, what I don't know, and what the plan is for both of us to address these issues.

Let's respect each other: Please show up on time for appointments and give ample notice if you need to cancel or reschedule. I will try and be on time for your visit, and be timely in getting you your results. Be kind to my staff, as they are trying to facilitate our plan. I will be respectful of your family dynamics and make every effort to include them as to the extent that you have indicated your desire.

Let's communicate: Ask questions that pertain to your care; bringing written questions will often help add structure to our discussion. I will make myself and my staff available to answer questions between appointments in a timely manner.

Let's work together: We must work together in order to accomplish our health goals. If either of us does not do our part, then we cannot move forward in diagnosis and care.

This is **not** a legal document, but an agreement between us that we will work together in order to accomplish our goals. If either of us is not participating at the level we should, then we will not be able to achieve our desired results.

Patient Signature:

Date:

Physician Signature:

Date: