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Dear Patient,

This letter will confirm that you have an appointment with Dr. Lisa Bloomer, Naturopathic Doctor on \_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

To best help you, I will need to know about your medical history. Please take a few moments to read this welcome package and fill in the questionnaires and the enclosed food diary. Please bring your completed questionnaires and food diary to your first appointment. These forms will be reviewed with you at your initial consultation, your concerns will be discussed, a physical examination will be performed if indicated and a treatment protocol is usually begun, depending on the complexity of your concerns and your history. Initial Naturopathic consultations are 1 ½ hours in length. Follow-up visits are 30 minutes in length.

If your address or daytime phone number changes before your initial appointment, please notify me of the change. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call my office at (905) 727-6500. Please allow 24 hours if it becomes necessary to cancel your appointment.

Directions: St. Andrew's Chiropractic & Wellness is located at 14845 Yonge Street, Unit 4 at the intersection of Yonge St. and Dunning Ave., in the Hunter's Gate Plaza.

### Naturopathic Care Fee Schedule

### Naturopathic Consultation Fee Schedule

Initial Adult Consultation (1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> hours) Subsequent Adult Consultation (30mins)	\$240 \$105
Initial Pediatric Consultation (age 16 & under) (1-1.5hrs) Subsequent Pediatric Consultation (age 16 & under)	\$205 \$105
Senior (age 65+) & Student (F/T undergrad) Initial Consultation Subsequent Senior & Student Consultation	\$205 \$105
Acupuncture (single treatment after initial Acupuncture Consultation \$155) Cosmetic Acupuncture (1.5-2 hrs)	\$90 \$165
Telephone Consultations:	\$65 (0-15 mins) \$105 (15-30 mins)

### **Diagnostic Testing Fee Schedule**

Koenisburg Adrenal Function Test	\$ 28
Obermeyer Bowel Toxicity Test	\$ 50
Urine Dipstick	\$ 20

Bloodwork, hormone saliva, DUTCH tests as well as the IgG Food Sensitivity tests are available upon request or may be recommended. Prices vary for each individual test and will be discussed during your appointment.

\*Fees are payable by a personal cheque, VISA, Mastercard, debit or cash at the end of each visit. Consultations are exempt of HST, however HST is applied to all other fees (e.g. supplements). NSF cheques are subject to a \$35 fee.

\*Any Prescribed supplements/botanicals/homeopathics and/or appliances are not included in the above fees.

\*Please note that these fees are not covered by OHIP, however they may be covered by your extended health care plan.

\*Please provide 24 hours notice if you need to cancel any appointments, otherwise you will be billed for the full consultation fee.

I have read, fully understand, and agree to honour the fee schedule listed above:

\_\_\_\_\_ Patient's signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:

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### INTRODUCTION TO NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

Naturopathic Medicine is an exciting way of looking at health and wellness that takes its roots in many ancient healing traditions. One of the main principles of Naturopathic philosophy is treating the whole person, mind, body and spirit. In this way, we see health as the normal state in the body, which is easily influenced by our environment, our everyday experiences, and our emotions. The Naturopathic practitioner seeks to discover the underlying causes of illness, and rather than merely suppressing the symptoms of the disease we support the body and promote healing with various remedies and lifestyle changes. Our fundamental philosophy is to trust that within each person, when obstacles are removed, there is an innate ability to heal ourselves.

It follows then that there is much emphasis on self-responsibility for health, prevention, and patient education. Naturopathic Doctors do their absolute best to listen carefully to what their patient has to say about their bodies and their state of mind and then, as treatment continues, help the patient to understand how and why certain diseases may have manifested within their bodies and how changing lifestyle, diet and using various remedies will help them to make positive changes with their health. Naturopathic health care is for those who want to take control of their lives and their health. It is for those who want to understand which actions and attitudes contribute to better health.

### A Naturopathic Doctor Will Use Many Healing Modalities

Your Naturopathic doctor can draw from a wide range of therapies and will develop a program specially designed for you. The most common modalities, which may be used individually or in combination, are described below:

### **Clinical Nutrition**

There is an intrinsic relationship between nutrition and wellness. Naturopathic practitioners deal with a wide range of problems relating to nutrition, including factors that interfere with the body's absorption and utilization of nutrients and the diagnosis and treatment of numerous conditions that result from inadequate or defective nutrition. Dietary modifications, nutritional supplementation and detoxification can dramatically improve one's health.

### **Botanical Medicine**

Medicines derived from plants and other natural sources have been used for centuries in the treatment and prevention of disease and for maintaining a state of well being and are the subject of a growing number of clinical research studies. While the active ingredients of some plant medicines are extremely powerful, they are safe and highly effective when administered by a trained Naturopathic Doctor. Your naturopathic doctor may use more than one at a time, since in many cases the healing effects of these remedies in combination are greater than the sum of their individual actions.

### Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture

Chinese pulse and tongue diagnosis, acupuncture and the use of Eastern botanical medicines comprise oriental Medicine, a system of health care that has been used effectively for thousands of years in Asia, but which has only been introduced to North America in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Since its introduction Naturopathic practitioners have used needle acupuncture and Eastern botanicals as a traditional part of Naturopathic practice. Acupuncture has been tested clinically in the treatment of chronic pain and in the weaning from addictive substances such as nicotine, caffeine and many drugs.

### Homeopathic Medicine

Originally developed during the 18th century by the physician Hahnemann, homeopathic medicine uses very dilute botanical, mineral or other substances to treat specific ailments. If a homeopathic remedy is indicated, your Naturopathic Doctor will select the appropriate formulation from the thousands of homeopathic remedies available, based on your total symptom picture.

### Lifestyle Counselling

The roots of Naturopathy lie in the Natural Hygiene movement, which was popular in North America in the 1800's. The corner stones of preventive health care are clean air, clean water, exercise, healthy foods and freedom from excess stress. Naturopathic Practitioners are committed to the education and guidance of their patients in making positive changes to various parts of their current lifestyle that may be inhibiting total health and wellness. Whatever your diagnosis, you can expect to receive some lifestyle counselling every time you visit a Naturopathic Doctor, since prevention is a great part of Naturopathic philosophy and fundamental to the maintenance of good health! Remember, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!"

### Who Can Be Helped With Naturopathic Medicine?

A Naturopathic doctor is a primary care physician and patients of every age and every stage of life have been helped with Naturopathic care. Many patients present with long standing, chronic conditions such as skin diseases, respiratory diseases, female disorders, or gastrointestinal diseases and find much relief with the treatment plans that are available to them. Many patients present with distressing acute illnesses, which can be quickly improved to help avoid pain, loss of sleep, loss of work, and anxiety. Many patients seek a naturopathic doctor for education and prevention; you do not have to be sick to feel better. A Naturopathic program is looking toward the future. You can begin to feel better now, and you can reduce the likelihood of suffering and illness later in life.

### How are Naturopathic Doctors Trained?

Naturopathic Doctors must study at least 7 years to become eligible to practice in Ontario and follow the same University pre-medical education as is received by all doctors. The Naturopathic portion of the program comprises 4 years (over 4,500 hours) of dedicated training leading to a Doctorate of Naturopathic Medicine from an approved institution, with over 1,200 hours of supervised clinical experience at the colleges outpatient clinic. There are five institutions in the United States and one in Canada that offers approved naturopathic education. Graduates of the comprehensive 4-year training at the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine practice throughout Canada and the world.

### What Can I Expect During A Visit to a Naturopathic Doctor?

On the first visit the Naturopathic doctor will take an in-depth history, do a complaint oriented physical examination and may use information from laboratory tests to make an assessment and diagnosis. First visits usually last approximately 1 ½ hours. Together with your input a treatment plan is formulated. It is very important that goals are set together so that the patient is comfortable with the Naturopathic Doctor's recommendations. Subsequent or follow up visits will follow the treatment plan and address new concerns that arise in the patient's life. Follow up visits usually last 20-30 minutes. If a course of acupuncture is recommended, a series of eight appointments over 4 weeks will likely be scheduled. These visits usually last for approximately 30-45 minutes.



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## PATIENT INFORMATION FORM

Your co-operation in completing this questionnaire is essential to providing you with the highest standard of naturopathic care. All information is strictly confidential and will remain within this office. If you have any questions regarding this form please contact my office and I will be more than happy to assist you.

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Patient's name:				Today's Date:
-	(first)	(middle)	(last)	dd/ mm /yy
Date of Birth:		Age	Gender:	Marital Status: S M D W S
	dd / mm /	/vv		
Home Address:		55		City:
Postal Code:		Telephone Ho	ome ( )	Cell: ( )
E-mail address		-		
Partner/Spouse <sup>3</sup>	's name:		You	ır Health Card Number:
Occupation:			Employer:	
Emergency Con	tact:			Phone number:
Are other family	members p	atients at this cli	inic? Yes o N	James:
5	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
Have you previo	ously attende	ed a Naturopathi	ic Doctor? Ye	es o No o
				Phone :
				be transferred to this office? Yes o No o
				Phone: ( )
				Phone: ( )
				Phone: ( ´ )
Other Health Ca	Other Health Care Providers: Phone: ( )			
		FINANCIA	L INFORM	IATION
Person responsi	ble for accor	unt: Self o	Spouse o	Other o
Please complete	all informat	tion below if diff	ferent than ab	oove:
Name:				Phone: ( )
(first)		(middle)		(last)
Address:	Address: City: Postal Code:			
Employer:				Phone: ( )
HEALTH INSURANCE				
Subscriber's nan	ne:			D.O.B.
Employer/Polic	y Holder:			Insurance year end:
Insurance Co.				Telephone
Group/Ind Poli	cy #:			Max Coverage:

\*Please note that Naturopathic Care is not covered by OHIP, but may be covered by your extended health insurance.

## REASON FOR REFERRAL OR PRESENTING CONCERN

Chief Concern	How long has it been going on?	What makes it feel better?	What makes it feel worse?	How has it been treated so far?
1.				
2.				
3.				

Please fill out the following chart regarding your health concerns, which have brought you to the clinic today.

### Concern 1.

Has the patient seen a medical doctor about this co If No, why not?	ondition? Yes o No o If YES, when?
Have you been given a medical diagnosis? Yes o Who made the diagnosis?	No o If yes, what was the diagnosis? _Was a treatment plan recommended? Yes o No o
If Yes, did you follow the plan? Yes o No o <b>Concern 2.</b>	If yes, was the treatment successful? Yes o No o
Has the patient seen a medical doctor about this co If No, why not?	ondition? Yes o No o If YES, when?
Have you been given a medical diagnosis? Yes o Who made the diagnosis? If Yes, did you follow the plan? Yes o No o <b>Concern 3.</b>	No o If yes, what was the diagnosis? _Was a treatment plan recommended? Yes o No o If yes, was the treatment successful? Yes o No o
Has the patient seen a medical doctor about this co If No, why not?	ondition? Yes o No o If YES, when?
Have you been given a medical diagnosis? Yes o Who made the diagnosis? If Yes, did you follow the plan? Yes o No o	No o If yes, what was the diagnosis? _Was a treatment plan recommended? Yes o No o If yes, was the treatment successful? Yes o No o

Please list any other concerns you would like to discuss with the doctor:

Medications	Please list any medications that you take daily		
Medication	Taken since	Results	

Supplements Please list any supplements that you take daily		
Supplement	Taken since	Results

## Supplements Please list any supplements that you take daily

### **GENERAL HISTORY**

Weight	_Weight 1 year ago	_ Maximum weight	When	Height	
When was you	r last physical examination	)			
Once a day $\Box$	you have a bowel moveme Twice a day D More th unusual about your bowel	an twice a day $\square$ Once a			
Body Tempera	ature: Are you a hot person	$\Box$ a cool person $\Box$ What	season do you p	prefer?	
Please list any	foods that you crave:			·	
Are there any	specific foods you crave are	ound your menstrual cycle	?		
Are there any	foods you dislike or are ave	rse to?			
	Do you have any specific dietary restrictions?				
Do you have a	ny known food sensitivities				
	sses of water do you drink				
How often have	ve you taken a course of an	tibiotics in the past 2 years			
	been tested for tuberculos				
Do you have any sensitivities to pharmaceutical drugs? Please list Do you have any environmental allergies? Please list					
	nces: Heterosexual $\Box$ Heterosexual $\Box$ Heterosexual $\Box$ Heterosexual $\Box$ Heterosexual $\Box$				
	reacted negatively to a vac				

Have you had any surgery?

Operation	When	Complications (if any)

What major injuries have you had?

Injury	When	Long Term Effects (if any)

### Please check off any of the following that apply to you:

 $\Box$  use tobacco

- □ contact tobacco smoke□ use caffeinated beverages
- $\Box$  use alcohol
- □ diet often □ sleep well
- $\Box$  eat three meals a day
- $\Box$  wake rested
- $\Box$  enjoy your work  $\Box$  take vacations

 $\Box$  exercise regularly: what forms:\_\_\_\_

- $\Box$  use "recreational" drugs
- $\Box$  face excess stress
- $\Box$  become exposed to chemicals
- $\Box$  average 6-8 hours of sleep
- $\Box$  watch television
- $\Box$  do not exercise regularly

## FOR WOMEN ONLY

Last menstrual period Last pap (date) Were there any abnormalities found? Yes 🗆 No 🗆 Last breast exam Who performed it? Last mammogram?
History of breast cysts/lumps/density? Yes No
Family history of breast or ovarian cancer? Yes $\Box$ No $\Box$
Age menses began Average number of days bleeding Length of cycle (days)
Pregnant? Yes  No Expected Due date? Difficulty conceiving Yes No
Number of Pregnancies Number of live births Number of miscarriages
Menopausal? Yes 🗆 No 🗆 Last Menstruation date: HRT? Yes 🗆 No 🗆
Have you had a bone density scan? Yes  No  When? Result?
Obstetric History
Please fill out this section relating to all pregnancies and births
Your health at conception: Excellent $\Box$ Good $\Box$ Fair $\Box$ Poor $\Box$
Age at conception Was conception assisted with technology? Yes $\Box$ No $\Box$
Were there any of the following complications during pregnancy? $\Box$ nausea and vomiting
□ Bleeding □ Gestational diabetes □ Toxemia □ High blood pressure
□ Excessive weight gain □ Medication □ Alcohol use □ Recreational drug use
□ Previous infertility □Edema □ Preterm labour
Excessive mental/emotional stress     Smoking/second hand smoke exposure
□ Chemical exposure □Accidents/injuries □ Herpes outbreak □Thyroid
Pregnancy length (weeks): Labour length Second stage (pushing) length
Home birth $\Box$ Hospital birth $\Box$ Vaginal birth $\Box$ C-section $\Box$
Pain Meds?  which?
Any complications with the labour or birth?
$\Box \text{ premature } \Box \text{ forceps } \Box \text{ vacuum extraction } \Box \text{ breech } \Box \text{ epidural}$
$\Box$ blue baby $\Box$ meconium in amniotic fluid $\Box$ suction required $\Box$ artificial rupture of membranes
$\Box premature rupture of membranes \qquad \Box prolapsed cord \qquad \Box Strep B+ \qquad \Box placenta previa$
□ Rh factor incompatibility □ fetal distress □ cephalopelvic disproportion (head too big)
□ gel induction □ pitocin drip induction □ failure to progress/stalled labour -at what point?
□ abrupto placenta □ hemorrhage □ episiotomies □ tear of perineum degree:
□ oxygen required □post partum depression (baby blues) □ multiple births
Babies height at birth: Weight at birth: APGAR Scores:
Any other comments about your pregnancies, labours or births:

Patient Past History Which (if any) of the following conditions do you currently have or have had in the past?

□ Artificial heart valve	□ Strep throat	□ Ovarian cysts
$\Box$ Cancer	$\Box$ HIV	🗆 Organ transplant
🗆 Influenza	Pelvic Inflammatory Disease	□ Chemotherapy
□ Kidney disease	$\Box$ PMS	□ Chickenpox
🗆 Leukemia	□ Radiation Therapy	$\Box$ Diabetes
$\Box$ Malaria	□ Rheumatic Fever	□ Endometriosis
$\Box$ Measles	🗆 Rubella	□ Fibroid tumours (uterine)
□ Mononucleosis	$\Box$ Scarlet fever	Gallstones
□ Multiple sclerosis	□ Sexual abuse	🗆 Hepatitis A
□ Migraine	□ Mumps	🗆 Hepatitis B
		🗆 Hepatitis C

 $\Box$  Skin Diseases □ Osteoporosis □ Sunstroke □ Tuberculosis □ Stroke □Typhoid fever  $\Box$  Syphilis □ Warts

Any other medical conditions?

Have any of the above listed conditions afflicted or led to the death of any of your family member? If so, indicate their relation to you (e.g. Mother, brother, aunt, grandparent, child etc.) and their age at the time of their illness or death:

### SYMPTOM RECORD

Please check the appropriate box for any of the following symptoms, which you now have or have had previously. Do not check a box if the symptom does not relate to your specific history.  $\hat{\mathbf{O}} = \mathbf{O}$ ccasion

C = Constant F= Frequent

### С F O NEUROLOGICAL

000	allergy					
000	fatigue/weakness					
000	chills					
000	convulsions/seizures					
000	dizziness					
000	fainting					
000	paralysis					
000	fevers					
000	headaches					
000	loss of sleep					
000	loss of memory					
000	loss of balance					
000	ringing in ears					
000	nervousness					
000	anxiety					
000	depression					
000	phobias					
000	tension					
000	alcohol/drug abuse					
000	neuralgia					
000	numbness/tingling					
000	sweats					
000	tremors					
000	muscle weakness					
000	involuntary jerking					
000	speech problems					

MUSCLE & JOINT						
000	arthritis					
000	bursitis					
000	foot trouble					
000	hernia					
000	low back pain					
o Art	ificial joints (hip, knee)					
000	neck pain					
000	neck stiffness					
000	joint pain					
000	joint stiffness					
000	broken bones					
000	muscle spasms					
000	muscle cramps					
000	weakness					
000	joint swelling					
000	backache					

### RESPIRATORY

000	chest pain
000	chronic cough
000	sputum
000	spitting up blood
000	difficulty breathing
000	bronchitis
000	pneumonia
000	pleurisy
000	emphysema
000	throat phlegm
000	wheezing

000 asthma

□ Whooping Cough  $\Box$  Yellow Fever

o o o pain on breathing shortness of breath 000 at night? 000 lying down? 0 0 0 tuberculosis 0 0 0

### EARS

000	deafness
000	ear aches
000	ear discharges
000	ear noises(ringing)
000	tubes in ears
000	ear infections

### **MOUTH & THROAT**

- 000 dental cavities
- gum problems 000
- enlarged glands 000
- enlarged thyroid 000
- heat/cold intolerance 000
- sore tongue/mouth 000
- sore throat 000
- lumps in neck 000
- tonsillitis 000
- loss of taste 000

### EYES

- eye pain 000
- impaired vision 000
- wear glasses/contacts 000
- 000 blind spot

### C=Constant

### CFO

Eyes Cont'd 000 blurring double vision 000 crossed eyes 000 glaucoma 000 cataracts 000 bothered by the sun 000 far sighted 000 near sighted 000 itching 000 redness 000 discharge 000 tearing/dry eyes 000

### **NOSE & SINUSES**

o o ohay fevero o ocoldso o oloss of smello o ohoarsenesso o onasal obstructiono o onosebleedso o osinus infections

### CARDIO-VASCULAR

rapid heart beats 000 slow heart beat 000 palpitations/fluttering 000 000 murmurs angina 000 swelling of ankles 000 night sweats 000 hardening of arteries 000 high blood pressure 000 low blood pressure 000 000 pain over heart poor circulation 000 rheumatic fever 000 000 cyanosis past ECG 000 deep leg pain 000 000 cold hands/feet varicose veins 000 thrombo-phlebitis 000 leg cramps 000 extremity numbness 000 extremity coldness 000 extremity swelling 000

0 0 0 excessive hunger excessive thirst 0 0 0 poor appetite 0 0 0 poor thirst 000 0 0 0 difficult digestion trouble swallowing 0 0 0 burping or gas 000 indigestion 000 heartburn 0 0 0 000 nausea vomiting 000 vomit blood 000 hypoglycemia 0 0 0 diabetes 0 0 0 ulcer 000 colitis 000 0 0 0 constipation diarrhea 0 0 0 bloating 0 0 0 abdominal pain 000 000 gall bladder trouble liver disease 000 jaundice 000 hemorrhoids 000 rectal bleeding 000 blood in stool 000 black, tarry stool 000 pale stool 000 green stool 0 0 0 mucus in stool 0 0 0 well formed stool 000 intestinal worms 0 0 0 candida 0 0 0 food allergy 000 hernias 000 sudden loss of weight 000 0 0 0 sudden gain of weight restrictive dieting 0 0 0

0 0 0 trouble losing weight

### SKIN

o o oboilso o oeczemao o ohiveso o oacneo o ocolour change

change in mole 000 000 skin cancer nail changes 000 lumps 000 bruise easily 000 000 dryness/moistness psoriasis 000 itching 000 skin rash 000 varicose veins 000

### **GENITO-URINARY**

bed wetting 000 000 blood in urine frequent urination 000 frequency at night 000 loss of urine control 000 000 kidney infection painful urination 000 frequent infection 000 urgency 000 000 hesitancy prostate trouble 000 pus in urine 000 smell of urine 000 blood in urine 000

### MALE REPRODUCTIVE

- 0 0 0 testicular mass
- 000 testicular pain
- 000 sexually active? 000 venereal disease
- 0 0 0 venerear disease
- 0 0 0 diminished sex drive

### FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE

- o o o cramps before menses
- 000 cramps during menses
- o o o heavy flow (1pad/hr)
- o o o light flow
- o o o spotting midcycle
- 000 irregular cycle 000 painful cycle
- 000 painful cycle 000 vaginal discharge
- 000 vaginal discharge
- 0 0 0 painful intercourse
- ooo PMS

### ι

F=Frequent

O=Occasional

### GASTROINTESTINAL

### Female reproductive Cont'd

- o o obirth control?o o osexually active?o o osexual difficulties
- 000 venereal disease 000 diminished sex drive

### BREASTS

- 000 do you so self exam? 000 lumps
- o o o pain (or tenderness)
- 000 nipple discharge

### **BLOOD/LYMPHATIC**

0 0 0 0anemia0 0 0easy bleeding0 0 0easy bruising0 0 0past transfusions

- IMMUNE
- 000 sick often 000 easily become ill
- 000 fatigue

Please find a consent form and a diet diary on the following pages.

### NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE INFORMED CONSENT

Naturopathic medicine is, as the name implies, the treatment and prevention of diseases by natural means. Naturopaths assess the whole person, taking into consideration physical, mental, emotional and spiritual aspects of the individual. Gentle, non-invasive techniques are generally used in order to stimulate the body's inherent healing capacity.

A number of different approaches are used. Diet and nutritional supplements, botanical medicine, homeopathy, oriental medicine and acupuncture, hydrotherapy, physical medicine and lifestyle counseling are the mainstays of naturopathic medicine.

*Individual diets and nutritional supplements* are recommended to address deficiencies, treat disease processes and to promote health. The benefits include increased energy, increased gastrointestinal function, improved immunity and general well being.

**Botanical Medicine** is the use of herbal teas, tinctures, capsules and other forms of herbal preparations to assist in the recovery from injury and disease. These compounds are also used to boost the body's immune system and prevent disease.

*Homeopathy* is a form of medicine based on the law of similars - that is the use of tiny doses of the very thing that causes symptoms in healthy people. These minute doses of plant, animal or mineral origin are used to stimulate the body's ability to heal itself. Homeopathy is a powerful tool and effects healing on a physical and emotional level.

**Oriental medicine** includes acupuncture, as well as the use of botanical formulas and dietary changes to eliminate disease and balance body functions. Acupuncture refers to the insertion of sterilized needles through the skin into underlying tissues at specific points on the surface of the body. Sometimes moxa (a compressed herb in the form of a stick) is burned over an acupuncture point to help relieve symptoms. Botanical formulas may be given in the form of pills, tinctures, extracts or decoctions (strong teas) to be taken internally or used externally as a wash. Herbal formulas may include shell, mineral and animal materials as well as plants. Dietary advice is based on Traditional Chinese medical theory.

*Physical medicine* refers to the use of hands-on techniques such as soft tissue and spinal manipulation, as well as various types of electrical stimulation and therapeutic ultrasound for the purpose of treating musculoskeletal and neurological problems. Hydrotherapy refers to the use of hot and cold water applications to improve circulation and stimulate the immune system.

As Naturopathic Medicine is a holistic approach to health, *lifestyle* is considered relevant to most health problems. Your naturopath will help you to identify risk factors and make recommendations to help you optimize your physical, mental and emotional environment.

Your naturopath will take a thorough case history, do a screening physical examination, which could include a breast exam on females, and request bloodwork and urine tests as needed. If your case requires, the physical may include more specific examinations such as gynecological, rectal, prostate or genital exams or your naturopath may request you visit your medical doctor for such exams.

Even the gentlest therapies have their complications, especially in certain physiological conditions such as pregnancy and lactation, or in very young children. Some therapies must be used with caution in certain diseases such as diabetes, heart, liver or kidney disease. It is particularly important therefore that you inform your practitioner immediately of any disease process that you are suffering from, or if you are pregnant, suspect you are pregnant or you are breast feeding.

PLEASE TURN OVER

There are some health risks to treatment by Naturopathic Medicine. These include, but are not limited to:

- □ Aggravation of pre-existing symptoms;
- □ Allergic reactions to supplements or herbs;
- Deain, bruising or injury from venipuncture, intramuscular injections or acupuncture;
- □ Fainting or puncturing of an organ with acupuncture needles, accidental burning of skin from the use of moxa;

I understand that a record will be kept of the health services provided to me. This record will be kept confidential and will not be released to others unless so directed by myself or my representative or unless it is required by law. I understand that I may look at my record at anytime and can request a copy of it by paying the appropriate fee. I understand that information from my record may be analyzed for research purposes, and that my identity will be protected and kept confidential. I understand that the naturopath will answer any questions I have to the best of her/his ability.

I understand that results are not guaranteed. I do not expect the naturopath to be able to anticipate and explain all risks and complications. I will rely on her/him to exercise judgment during the course of the procedure which she/he feels at the time is in my best interests, based upon the facts then known.

I have read the above information and with this knowledge, I voluntarily consent to the diagnostic and therapeutic procedures mentioned above, except for: (please list exceptions)

I intend this consent form to cover the entire course of treatment for my present condition. I understand that I am free to withdraw my consent and to discontinue participation in these procedures at any time.

Signature of Patient or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE THE FOOD DIARY ON THE NEXT PAGE PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT.

## Food Diary

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Other Comments:						
Comments:						

\*Please use this form to document a full week of meals. Be as accurate as possible. Record all food, drink, and supplements taken during these seven days.