

NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

This notice describes how your health information may be used and disclosed and how you can access this information. Please review it carefully.

At Colorado Springs Vascular, we have always kept your health information secure and confidential. A new law requires us to continue maintaining your privacy, to give you this notice and to follow the terms of this notice.

We may use or disclose your health information for payment of your services. For example, we may send a report of your progress to your insurance company.

We may use or disclose your health information for our normal healthcare operations. For example, one of our staff will enter your information into our computer.

We may share your medical information with our business associates, such as a billing service.

We have a written contract with each business associate that requires them to protect your privacy.

We may use your information to contact you. For example, we may send you a recall card in the mail. We may also want to call and remind you about your appointments. If you are not home, we may leave this information on your answering machine or with the person who answers the telephone.

In an emergency, we may disclose your health information to a family member or another person responsible for your care.

We may release some or all of your health information when required by law.

If this practice is sold, your information will become the property of the new owner.

Except as described above, this practice will not use or disclose your health information without your prior written authorization.

You may request in writing that we not use or disclose your health information as described above. We will let you know if we can fulfill your request.

You have the right to know of any uses or disclosures we make with your health information beyond the above normal uses.

As we will need to contact you from time to time, we will use whatever address or telephone number you prefer.

You have the right to transfer copies of your health information to another practice. We will mail our files for you.

You have the right to see and receive a copy of your health information, with a few exceptions. Give us a written request regarding the information you want to see. If you also want a copy of your records, we may charge you a reasonable fee for the copies.

You have the right to request an amendment or change to your health information. Give us your request to make changes in writing. If you wish to include a statement in your file, please give it to us in writing. We may or may not make the changes you request, but will be happy to include your statement in your file. If we agree to an amendment or change, we will not remove nor alter earlier documents, but will add new information.

You have the right to receive a copy of this notice.

If we change any of the details of this notice, we will notify you of the changes in writing.

You may file a complaint with the Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave., S.W., Room 509F, Washington, DC 20201. You will not be retaliated against for filing a complaint.

However, before filing a complaint, or for information or assistance regarding your health information privacy, please contact our Privacy Officer, Kathy Camasta or if not available, Missy Doty at (719) 477-1033.

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**COLORADO SPRINGS VASCULAR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICE**

I hereby acknowledge Colorado Springs Vascular privacy practice and understand that I may request a copy of the privacy practice.

Signature of patient or patient representative

Date

DOCUMENTATION OF GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

(For use when acknowledgement cannot be obtained from the patient)

The patient presented to the office on _____ and was notified of the Covered Entity's Notice of Privacy Practice. A good faith effort was made to obtain from the patient a written acknowledgement of his/her receipt of the notice.

___ Patient refused to sign

___ Patient was unable to sign or initial because: _____

___ The patient had a medical emergency, and an attempt to obtain the acknowledgement Will be made at the next available opportunity.

___ Other reason (describe below):

