

NEW HIPAA PRIVACY REGULATIONS

Federal law, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, authorized the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt new rules to protect patient privacy.

Notification is therefore given that the office of Los Alamitos Cardiovascular Group, Inc. (Alan Gold, M.D., Stuart Fischer, M.D., Timothy O'Neill, M.D., Steven Forman, M.D., Bret Witter, M.D., Ramandeep Brar, M.D.) will not reveal to anybody personal information about you or your family member (i.e. name, address, social security number as well as other health information) without your permission. Your information will never be sold, or listed for the purpose of advertisement, solicitation or fund raising.

It is, however, understood that within the realm of doing business and for general patient care purposes, your personal information will be necessary and used in the following context:

- Patient registration
- Procure medical records from former physicians
- Converse with colleagues for opinions/care
- Insurance: verifications, billing (paper and wire), includes fax transmissions, insurance company follow-up and interaction with billing services relating to patient care
- Hospital workers, nurses, aids and medical records department
- Emergency officials, Paramedics, fire personnel, emergency room physicians, nurses or technicians. Personal religious designate.
- Our office staff
- Pharmacists, drug program personnel/workers
- Completions of disability forms
- Computer and electronically stored information (i.e. related business vendor and service persons)

My signature below authorizes the release of any necessary information listed above.

Patient's Name

Signature of Patient/Guardian

Date