

**Authorization and Consent to Participate in
Telemedicine Consultation**

The purpose of this form is to obtain your consent to participate in a telemedicine consultation with a Providence Pediatric Practice Physician.

Purpose and Benefits. To allow medical consultation for issues that don't require an in-person exam to help limit office exposure.

Nature of Telemedicine Consultation: During the telemedicine consultation:

- a) Details of you and/or your child's medical history, examinations, X-rays, and tests, will be discussed with our health professional through the use of interactive video, audio and tele-communications technology.
- b) An observatory exam of your child may take place.
- c) Video, audio, and/or digital photo may be recorded during the telemedicine consultation visit.

Medical Information and Records. All existing laws regarding your access to medical information and copies of your medical records apply to this telemedicine consultation. Additionally, dissemination of any patient-identifiable images or information from this telemedicine interaction to researchers or other entities shall not occur without your consent, unless authorized under existing confidentiality laws.

Confidentiality. Reasonable and appropriate efforts have been made to eliminate any confidentiality risks associated with the telemedicine consultation. All existing confidentiality protections under federal and Pennsylvania State law apply to information disclosed during this telemedicine consultation.

Risks and Consequences. The telemedicine consultation will be similar to a routine medical office visit, except interactive video technology will allow you to communicate with a physician at a distance. At first you may find it difficult or uncomfortable to communicate using video images. The use of video technology to deliver healthcare and educational services is a new technology and may not be equivalent to direct patient to physician contact. Following the telemedicine consultation, your physician may recommend a visit to a hospital, specialist or our office for an in person examination. [separately billable]

Rights. You may withhold or withdraw consent to the telemedicine consultation at any time without affecting your right of future care or treatment, or risking the loss or withdrawal of any program benefits to which you would otherwise be entitled. You have the option to consult with the specialist in person if you travel to his or her location.

Financial Agreement. Not all insurance companies cover this service. Should this service be refused by your insurance company, it will become your personal balance. All copays, co-insurance and deductibles will apply.

I have been advised of all the potential risks, Consequences and benefits of telemedicine. My health care practitioner has discussed with me the information provided above. I have had an opportunity to ask questions about this information and all of my questions have been answered. I understand the written information provided above.

Signature _____ **Date** _____
patient (or person authorized to give consent)

If signed by person other than patient, provide relationship to patient: _____