

Baritz Wellness Center

INFORMED CONSENT

TELEPHONE NUTRITIONAL COUNSULTATION SERVICES

I specifically authorize the natural health practitioners at Baritz Wellness Center to develop a natural, complementary health improvement program for me which may include dietary guidelines, nutritional supplements, and other natural programs.

- I understand that consultations, products, and programs are not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease including conditions of cancer, AIDS, Infections, or other medical conditions, and that these are not being tested for or treated.
- I understand that no guarantee or assurance of any specific result is given or implied.
- I understand that consultations, products and programs do not supplant competent medical care and that regular medical examinations for the early detection of disease are important.
- I understand that statements regarding consultations, products and programs have not been evaluated by the FDA.
- I understand that the practitioners at Baritz Wellness Center encourage me to consult with a medical doctor before starting, stopping, increasing or decreasing prescription medication.

A HEALTHY LIFE STYLE

Our program is designed to help you establish a healthier lifestyle. Recommendations include nutritional supplementation, food selection, exercise, and stress reduction. Results depend on earnest implementation of these recommendations. It often takes six to nine months to establish new healthful lifestyle patterns.

RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TELEPHONE NUTRITIONAL CONSULTATION SERVICES

- When taken at recommended dosages nutritional supplements are generally recognized as safe. Occasionally one may experience temporary digestive upset or a temporary allergic reaction.
- Because you have not been physically examined the practitioner has less information, for that reason you are encouraged to have periodic medical checkups especially if you have persistent symptoms, recurrent symptoms or if you do not seem to be responding to the recommended nutritional program.

THE NATURE OF TELEPHONE NUTRITIONAL CONSULTATIONS

- Dr. Robert Baritz has been licensed to practice chiropractic in Massachusetts for over 20 years and his clinic has seen over 7,000 patients. He is not licensed to practice chiropractic in any other state. He has been providing nutritional advice since 2004. In 2007 he was granted the title of *Certified Clinician in Whole Food Nutrition* by the *International Foundation for Nutrition and Health*. www.ifnh.org
- Those persons who utilize Telephone Nutrition Consultation services are accepted as *clients*; they are not accepted as *patients* because they have not been examined and are not being provided chiropractic adjustments.

AVAILABILITY AND NATURE OF OTHER OPTIONS

- Other options include: self-treatment, consultation with other health professionals and ignoring your symptoms.
- Some patients have asked if they can consult with our office and purchase supplements elsewhere. This is not recommended because we cannot be sure of the quality or freshness of the supplements; there are also reports of fraudulent supplements sold on the Internet. If a patient insists on getting supplements elsewhere the charge for an office visit is \$95, as it is more difficult to get results. These patients are not eligible for our Family or Pre-Pay Plans.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES & PRODUCTS

- Wellness services and products are not covered by any insurance plan. Insurance plans deal with injuries and illnesses.
- All fees for services and nutritional supplements are due prior to delivery. This is to keep you informed of charges before they are incurred and to provide faster service.
- Call in advance for authorization if you wish to return a product. To ensure freshness no returns of products will be accepted after 30 days. Returns must be in sealed containers, original cartons and in re-sale condition.
- We request 24 hours advance notice for appointment cancellation or rescheduling. No notice may result in a consultation charge. Prepayment plans are intended for patients who are receiving care intensively. If a patient does not receive any visits for twelve months, a \$10/month maintenance fee will be deducted from any unused balance for each additional month the patient is not seen.
- Patient may terminate care at any time. Refund of unused payments will be paid within 30 days of receipt of written request. A refund is calculated by subtracting the regular fee for services rendered from the amount paid.

CONSENT

I have discussed any questions I have with the attending practitioner and have had my questions answered to my satisfaction. By signing below I state that I have weighed the risks and benefits of Telephone Nutritional Consultations and related programs and have decided that it is in my best interest to participate in this Nutritional Consultation program and give my consent to the aforementioned consultations and related programs.

Signature (guardian if a minor) _____

Date _____

Relationship of guardian to patient _____

Witness _____