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PATIENT CONSENT TO USE UNENCRYPTED E-MAIL OR TEXT

It is very important that you are aware that computer e-mail, texts, and e-fax communication can be relatively easily accessed by unauthorized parties and hence can compromise the privacy and confidentiality of such communication.

E-mails, texts, and e-faxes, in particular, are vulnerable to such unauthorized access due to the fact that servers or communication companies may have unlimited and direct access to all e-mails, texts and e-faxes that go through them.

It is always a possibility that e-faxes, texts, and e-mail can be sent erroneously to the wrong address and computers.

E-mail messages on your computer, your laptop, iPad, phone or other devices have inherent privacy risks – especially when your e-mail access is provided through your employer or when access to your e-mail messages is not password protected.

Please, note that e-mails, faxes, and texts are all part of your clinical records.

Please notify St. Gianna Clinic if you decide to avoid or limit, in any way, the use of e-mail, phone messages, or texts. If you communicate confidential or private information via unencrypted e-mail, phone messages or texts, it will be assumed that you have evaluated the risks and made an informed decision. St. Gianna Clinic will view it as your understanding to take the risk and your decision will be honored.

Emergencies: Please do not use texts, e-mail, voice mail, or faxes for emergencies.

Patient's Name: _____

Date: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Patient's Signature: _____

Guardian Signature: _____