

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION AND TO PAY BENEFITS TO PHYSICIAN

I HEREBY CONSENT TO TREATMENT by Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists physicians, their associates, and/or assistant and accept responsibility for fees for such medical services. I understand that treatment may include x-rays, injections, medical appliances, and/or such other procedures as deemed necessary.

I understand that payment (or co-payment) is expected at the time of service, and that insurance is filed as a courtesy to me. I understand that I am financially responsible for charges not paid by this authorization. I further understand if a balance results on my account at the time of any litigation settlement relating to injuries for which I am being seen, my account with this practice will be the first bill paid in full at the time of settlement. I assign benefits from claims made by or on behalf of me for any insurance coverage, workers' compensation, governmental agency or disability benefits, and I assign proceeds from all settlements, judgements or verdicts in my favor from third-party liability claims for injuries treated hereunder, in a amount equal to the full amount of all charges (including attorney's fees, collection action fees, costs and interest) due hereunder, is made to Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists (AOS) without offset. I acknowledge and agree that such assignments shall not be revoked. I grant Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists (AOS) a lien in like amount and they are authorized to receive direct payment of all assigned benefits / proceeds. Any attorney, insurance carrier or agency handling or disbursing such benefits or proceeds is ordered, authorized and directed to withhold and promptly pay over to Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists (AOS) the lesser of the full amount of their charges or the total net proceeds or benefits available without offset. Should any Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists physician qualify and testify as an expert witness on my behalf, in any legal or administrative proceeding or deposition, including appearances cancelled within 7 days, I understand that I will be liable for such physician's fee as an expert witness. Should collection actions become necessary, I understand that I will be liable for all costs associated with collecting the unpaid balance owing on my account, including reasonable attorney fees of 33 1/3% of the unpaid balance owing on my account.

I hereby authorize the release of any information necessary for filing of any insurance and direct payment to the Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists physicians for any amounts due under my present policy(ies) or any policy that I may at a later date ask to be filed. This authorization is valid for current and subsequent treatment unless I submit a written revocation. A copy of this authorization shall be considered as effective and valid as the original. I will advise Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists of any changes in insurance coverage.

I also authorize Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists to talk with and exchange information with other medical professionals regarding my medical condition. The medical professionals include, but are not limited to: physical therapists, occupational therapists, athletic trainers, nurses, physicians assistants, rehabilitation specialists, case workers, primary care physicians, referring physicians, nurse practitioners and diagnostic CT scans (interpreted by MRI&CT).

If health care workers are accidentally exposed to my blood or body fluids in the course of providing health care to me, I agree to have my blood tested for any infectious disease which might be transmitted to them through this exposure, including HIV/AIDS and hepatitis.

I also authorize Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists to verbally disclose my personal medical information to: _____ for the purpose of my ongoing medical care. I understand that Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists may not condition treatment or payment on my willingness to sign this authorization unless specific circumstances under which such conditioning is permitted by law are applicable and are set forth in this authorization. I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time by notifying Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists in writing.

However, if I choose to do so, I understand that my revocation will not effect any actions taken by Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists before receiving my revocation. I understand that the information used or disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to redisclosure by the recipient and no longer be protected. I understand that this authorization will expire upon the termination of my status as a patient of Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists.

Signed: _____
Patient, Parent or Guardian Date Witness

STATEMENT TO PERMIT PAYMENT OF MEDICARE BENEFITS TO PROVIDER, PHYSICIAN AND PATIENT

I request that payment of authorized Medicare benefits be made either to me or on my behalf to Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists for any services furnished me by Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists. I authorize any holder of medical information about me to release to the Health Care financing Administration and its agents any information needed to determine these benefits or the benefits payable for related services.

Signed: _____
Patient, Parent or Guardian Date Witness

Atlantic Orthopaedic Specialists files your insurance as a courtesy to you. If a co-payment or co-insurance is due from you, your insurance company, HMO, or managed care company requires us to collect this payment at the time of service. We accept cash, check, Mastercard, and VISA.