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## **Electronic Communication**

My primary concern is always your privacy, so this notice will outline the use of electronic communications:

I utilize email and text messaging for arranging or modifying appointments. Your name appears on my Contact List and on my calendar as a first name and a last name initial. There is no other identifying information listed. While my computer and Iphone are locked, there is no guarantee of privacy as Email and Iphone SMS (text) messages are never completely secure or confidential unless encrypted. I DO NOT use an encryption service that will guarantee complete security. While it is extremely unlikely that someone will be looking at these logs, they are, in theory, available to be read by the system administrator of the Internet service provider and they could be subject to "hacking." As such, I would urge you to only use SMS messaging or emailing for arranging or modifying appointments. Please do not send clinical information or any other health information that you would like to be secure through electronic means. My confidential landline: 856-467-6800 (also listed on your receipts and my business card) can be used for clinical information to ensure privacy. It can also be used for scheduling purposes if you would prefer complete privacy.

I have read the above information, understand its content, and will utilize electronic communication at my own risk. This authorization constitutes an informed consent regarding electronic communication without exception.

Client's signature	Date
Client Representative and relationship to client	Date