

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

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**AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OR DISCLOSURE OF
PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

Completion of this document authorizes the disclosure and/or use of health information about you. Failure to provide *all* information requested may invalidate this -authorization.

USE AND DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION:

Name of Patient: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Other Names: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Medical Record or Account #: _____

(Hospital use only)

I AUTHORIZE: _____

(Facility or other provider)

TO DISCLOSE TO: _____

(Persons/organizations authorized to - **receive** the information)

at the following address: _____

(street, City, state and zip, code)

the following information contained in the records Specified below (check box and, initial applicable lines below):

___ Mental health or developmental disability treatment records (excludes "psychotherapy notes")

___ Substance abuse treatment records

___ HIV test results (This authorizes disclosure of laboratory test results only.)

Note that your records may include information concerning your HIV status even if you do not check this box.)

THE FOLLOWING RECORDS, specific types of health information, or records for the date(s) of treatment as specified: (Check applicable box / boxes)

Billing Records

Emergency Room

Procedure Reports

Consultation Reports

History and Physical

Progress Notes

Discharge Summary

Laboratory Tests

X-ray Reports

Date(s): _____

Other: _____

ALL RECORDS -regarding my treatment, hospitalization, and outpatient care.

A separate authorization is required for the use or disclosure of psychotherapy notes or research health information.

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PURPOSE: The purpose and limitations (if any) of the requested use or disclosure is:

- At the request of the patient or personal representative; **OR**
 Other: _____

EXPIRATION: This authorization will automatically expire one (1) year from the date of execution unless a different end date is specified: _____

(insert date)

MY RIGHTS:

- I may refuse to sign this authorization. My refusal will not affect my ability to obtain, treatment or payment or eligibility for benefits.
- I may, revoke this authorization at any time, but I must do so in writing and submit it to the following address: Sequoia Hospital, 170 Alameda de las Pulgas, Redwood City, CA 94062-2799. My revocation will take effect upon receipt, except to the extent that others have, acted in reliance upon this authorization.
- I have a right to receive a copy of this authorization.

Information disclosed pursuant to this authorization could be re-disclosed by the recipient. Such re-disclosure is in some Gases not protected by California law and may no longer be protected federal confidentiality law (HIPAA). If this authorization is for the disclosure of substance abuse information, the recipient may be prohibited from disclosing the information under 42 C.F.R. part 2.

SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____
(Patient or personal representative)

Print name of personal representative

Relationship to patient

Patient/Representative Identification Verified. Initials: _____ Dept., _____

Note: If the **substance abuse treatment** information is protected by federal confidentiality rules (42 C.F.R. part 2) the following prohibition of re-disclosure statements must be provided to the recipient of the information:

The federal rules prohibit the recipient from making any further disclosure of the information unless further disclosure is expressly permitted by the, written consent of the person to whom it pertains, or as otherwise permitted by 42 C.F.R. part 2. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is NOT sufficient for this purpose. The federal rules restrict a use of the information to criminally investigate or prosecute any alcohol or drug abuse patient.