

Suncoast Rheumatology (SR)

Acknowledgment Form for Receipt of SR HIPAA* Notice of Privacy Practices

As our patient, we want you to know that we respect the privacy of your personal medical records, and will do all that we can to secure and protect that privacy. We support your right to full access to your personal medical records.

We have provided you with a detailed copy of our HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices which comprises pages 3 – 7 of this patient packet. A copy of the SR HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices is also available on our website: www.suncoastrheumatology.com.

We assure you that we strive to achieve the very highest standards of ethics and integrity in performing services for our patients. We have a HIPAA Compliance Program in place which provides guidelines, policies and procedures regarding appropriate use of our patients' PHI (Protected Health Information). All of our employees, managers, and providers continually undergo training in order to fully understand and comply with government rules and regulations regarding HIPAA with particular emphasis on the Privacy Rule.

If you have any concerns or objections, you may call our office at 727-223-9610; and ask to speak with our HIPAA Compliance Officer. There is also contact information for the Regional Offices of the Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Children and Families on the last page of our Notice of Privacy Practices (page 7 in your patient packet.)

Please sign & date this form to confirm that you have received your copy of our Notice of Privacy Practices. Thank you for being one of our highly valued patients.

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the SR Notice of Privacy Practices.

Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

Print Name: _____

*HIPAA is the acronym for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act that was passed by the United States Congress in 1996. The United States Government Department of Health and Human Services states that the HIPAA Privacy Rule provides federal protections for personal health information held by covered entities and gives patients an array of rights with respect to that information. At the same time, the Privacy Rule is balanced so that it permits the disclosure of personal health information needed for patient care and other important purposes. The Security Rule specifies a series of administrative, physical, and technical safeguards for covered entities to use to assure the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of electronic protected health information.