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Dear Patient,

Welcome to Southeastern Cardiology! We are thrilled that you have chosen our practice for your care and look forward to getting to know you.

We would like to provide you with some basic policies that allow us to coordinate your care.

Our business hours are 8:30 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00 Monday through Thursday.

SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS & ARRIVAL TIME: Please call during the business hours listed above. We will do our best to schedule you promptly. **Please always arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time –** this will ensure a quicker triage process and keep your appointment on schedule. If you need to speak with a financial counselor, please plan to arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment.

CANCELLATIONS: If you cannot keep your scheduled appointment, it is important that you notify us as soon as possible. **A 24-hour cancellation notice is required for all appointments.** Testing appointments (echo and stress) have associated fees for missed appointments without appropriate cancellation notice. Three (3) missed appointments without proper cancellation may result in dismissal from the practice.

AFTER HOURS: We understand that issues may arise outside of our business hours – therefore, we have an answering service available to you. If you feel that the issue is not severe enough to warrant immediate treatment, please call the following business day to schedule an appointment.

MEDICATION REFILLS: ***NO refills or medications of any kind will be prescribed after hours***. This includes holidays and weekends. If you are getting low on your medications, please ***contact your pharmacy*** at least ***one week in advance*** to alert them that you need a refill. Your pharmacy will then contact us to request the refill. You can also ***request refills via the patient portal.*** All medication refills are at the discretion of your physician and you may be required to come in for a patient visit before your next refill. Please plan accordingly.

HOSPITAL VISITS: In the event that you are admitted to the hospital for a cardiac related illness, someone on our provider team will see you. After you are discharged, our office will contact you to schedule a hospital follow up as well as any other necessary testing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with exceptional medical care.
Sincerely,

The Team at Southeastern Cardiology

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Patient Name:_____DOB:_____Gender: M or F

Last 4 Social _____ Marital Status: M S W D

Address:_____

City:_____State:_____Zip:_____

Home Phone:_____Work Phone:_____Cell:_____

Current Pharmacy:_____Location:_____

1. Have you or the person with you come in contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
   Yes or No

2. Are you or the person with you having any flu like symptoms? Fever,loss of taste or smell,coughing,sneezing? **Yes or No**

3. Have you or the person with you been tested for COVID-19 in the last 14 days? **Yes or No**

   When?_____

4. Was either positive? **Yes or No** explain:_____

5. Have you or the person with you traveled outside of the country in the last 14 days? **Yes or No**

Signature:_____Date:_____

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Patient Name:_____DOB:_____ Gender: M of F

Social Security Number:_____-_____-_____ Marital Status: M S W D

Preferred Language:_____Ethnicity: Hispanic Latino N/A Race:_____

Address:_____

City: State: Zip:

Home Phone:_____Work Phone:_____Cell:_____

Employer/Occupation:_____Email:_____Web enable: Y or N

HIPAA Approved Contacts (Emergency Contacts)

Name:_____Relationship:_____Phone:_____

Referring Doctor:_____City, Sate:_____Tel#_____

Primary Doctor:_____City, Sate:_____Tel#_____

INSURANCE INFORMATION
Please present insurance card (s) and picture ID to Receptionist.

Primary Insurance:_____Policy #:_____Group #___

Secondary Insurance:_____ Policy #:_____Group #:_____

IF YOUR INSURANCE IS THROUGH YOUR SPOUSE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

Spouse Name:_____DOB:_____SSN: _____

You here with give permission to Southeastern Cardiology Associates now and hereafter to submit full medical records within discretion, to your accident, health insurance companies, or our agents, if they so request. I specifically assume and guarantee responsibility for all charges relating to the named patient's responsibility.

Please Sign Here:_____Date: _____

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Columbus, Ga 31904
Phone: (706)243-4500 Fax: (706)243-4503

Health History Form

Name: _____ **Date: _____**

DOB: _____ **Male ☐** **Female ☐**

Signature: _____

Symptoms (Please check 'Yes' or 'No' and give complete answers to the questions)**:**

Have you experienced any Chest Pain/Pressure/Discomfort? Yes___ No___

- Is your chest discomfort Mild, Moderate, or Severe? _____
- When did chest discomfort first occur, Days ago, Weeks ago, Months ago? _____
- What does it feel like – Pressure, Dull Ache, Sharp Pain, Tightness? _____
- Where is it usually located – Left Chest, Middle Chest, Right Chest? _____
- Does the discomfort spread anywhere – Left arm, Right arm, Jaw/Neck, Shoulders/Back? _____
- Does anything bring the discomfort on – Exertion, Stress, Deep Inspiration, Lying Supine, Has no aggravating factors? _____
- Does anything relieve the discomfort – Nitroglycerin, Deep Inspiration, Rest, Medication, Has no alleviating factors? _____

Have you experienced any Shortness of Breath? Yes___ No___

- Has the shortness of breath gotten Better, Worse, or Stayed about the Same? _____
- Is your shortness of breath Mild, Moderate, or Severe? _____
- When did the shortness of breath first begin – Days ago, Weeks ago, Months ago, Years ago _____
- Does your shortness of breath occur with exertion, does not occur with exertion, can happen at any time? _____

Have you experienced any Palpitations (fluttering, pounding, fast heartbeats)? Yes___ No___

- Describe how these palpitations feel – fluttering, pounding, racing _____
- How often do you feel these palpitations -often, occasionally, rarely? _____
- When did these palpitations begin – Days ago, Weeks ago, Months ago, Years ago? _____
- Do you take any medications for palpitations, if so, what? _____

Which local Pharmacy do you use? _____ (ex: Walgreens on Macon Road)

Do you use a mail order pharmacy? If yes, which one? _____ (i.e. Express Scripts)

Medications

Please list all medications you are *currently* taking including prescription, over the counter, and vitamins

Medication	Dosage	How Many Times a Day?

Past Medical History: **Please indicate if *YOU* have a history of the following:**

- No past medical problems
- Coronary artery disease (i.e. cardiac stents placed or open-heart bypass)
- Myocardial Infarction (heart attack)
- Congestive heart failure
- Aneurysm – as in AAA
- Aneurysm - Brain
- Atrial Fibrillation
- Peripheral Vascular Disease
- Heart Murmur
- Heart Valve Issues
- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Hypercholesterolemia/Hyperlipidemia
- Hypothyroidism
- Hyperthyroidism
- Diabetes
- Kidney disease
- Cancer (what kind? _____)
- Asthma
- Bleeding Disorder
- Blood Clots
- Pulmonary Embolism
- Stroke/TIA
- GERD (reflux)
- Hiatal Hernia
- COPD
- Seizure Disorder
- Sleep Apnea
- Other _____

Allergies:	**Medication/Food/Other**	**Reaction**
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

Surgical History:	**DATE:**	**TYPE OF SURGERY AND NAME OF SURGEON:**
Examples:	*02/2015*	*Heart Cath with 2 stents by Dr. Darrah*
	04/2019	*CABG x4 by Dr. Brooks*
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

Recent Hospitalizations (Where/Reason): _____

_____

_____

Family History: (When checking the problem that your immediate family member (mother, father, maternal grandmother, siblings, etc.) experienced**, PLEASE notate which family member had the problem to the side**

Example: Myocardial Infarction – dad, paternal grandfather

- Alcoholism _____
- Aneurysm _____
- Asthma _____
- Blood Clotting Disorders _____
- Coronary Artery Disease (Stents placed or CABG) _____
- Cancer, what kind? _____
- COPD _____
- Diabetes I or II _____
- Heart Valve Issues _____
- Hypercholesterolemia/Hyperlipidemia _____
- Hypertension _____
- Hyperthyroidism _____
- Hypothyroidism _____
- Kidney Disease _____
- Myocardial Infarction _____
- Sleep Apnea _____
- Stroke/TIA _____
- Other - _____

Social History:

Smoking Status: □ Never Smoked □ Former Smoker □ Current Everyday Smoker
□ Occasional Use

Smoking, How Much (Either how many per day or week): _____
Other type of tobacco/vape and how much: _____

Alcohol: Did you have a drink containing alcohol in the past year: _____

If 'YES': How often did you have a drink containing alcohol in the past year?
□ Never □ Monthly □ 2 - 4 times a month □ 2 – 3 times a week
□ 4 or more times a week

If 'YES': How many drinks did you have on a typical day when you were drinking in the past year?
□ 1 or 2 drinks □ 3 or 4 drinks □ 5 or 6 drinks □ 7 to 9 drinks
□ 10 or more drinks

If 'YES': How often did you have 6 or more drinks on one occasion in the past year?
□ Never □ Less than monthly □ Monthly □ Weekly
□ Daily or Almost Daily

Illegal Drug Use (Type and How Often): _____
_____
_____

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Alternative Communication Release Form

I authorize Southeastern Cardiology Associates in regards to my protected health information:

_____To speak with anyone listed on the Right to Share Information list, and to give my prescriptions to them as indicated below.

_____To speak only with me.

Right to Share Information with Family and Friends

Southeastern Cardiology Associates reserves the right to communicate PHI with family or friends when it is deemed in the best interest of the patient as described in the Notice of HIPAA Policies.

In order to have your PHI shared in other circumstances with members of your family or friends, please list those individuals that we are authorized to release information to.

	Is Allowed to Pick up Prescriptions	
_____	Yes	No
Name		
_____	Yes	No
Name		
_____	Yes	No
Name		
_____	Yes	No
Name		

_____ _____
Patient Name (printed) **Date of Birth**

_____ _____
Signature of Patient **Date**

_____ _____
Signature of Witness **Date**

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CONSENT TO ROUTINE PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS

IMPORTANT: Do not sign this form without reading and understanding its contents. Mark out and initial any Procedure and/or section of this form for which consent is not granted.

During the course of my care and treatment, I understand that various types, diagnostic, or treatment procedures may be necessary. These procedures are performed by the physician or an assistant for the physician.
While usually performed without incident, there are potential risks associated with each of these procedures. It is not possible to list every risk for every procedure and this form will therefore list the most common possible risks. It is important to note that a simple act as taking a commonly used medication can rarely cause severe reactions that could lead to organ failure or even death.
If I have any questions or concerns regarding these procedures, I will ask my physician or his/her assistant to provide me with additional information. These procedures include:

- Needle sticks such as shots, injections, or intravenous lines to administer fluids or medications. Material risks include, but are not limited to infection, infiltration (fluid from an IV leaking into tissue), disfiguring scar, nerve damage with possible loss of limb function. Alternatives to needle sticks (if available) include oral, rectal, nasal, or topical medications (each of which may be less effective) or refusal of treatment.
- Physical tests, assessments and treatments such as internal body examinations, wound cleaning and wound dressing. Material risks include allergic reaction and infection. Apart from using modified procedure and/or refusal of treatment, no practical alternative exists.
- Drawing blood or bodily fluids with a needle or taking tissue samples (biopsy). Material risks include but are not limited to infection, damage to joint or organ, nerve damage, and bleeding.
- Administration of medication whether orally, rectally, topically, or through the eye, ear, or nose. Material risks include, but are not limited to, allergic reaction, puncture, and perforation. Apart from varying the method of administration and/or refusal of treatment, no practical alternative exists.
- Insertion of internal tubes such as scopes, catheters, drainage tubes, etc. Material risks include but are not limited to internal injuries, bleeding, infection, and difficulty urinating after long term catheter placement. Apart from external collection devices or refusal of treatment, no practical alternative exists.

I understand that:

- The practice of medicine is not an exact science and that NO GUARANTEE OR ASSURANCES HAVE BEEN MADE TO ME concerning the outcome and/or result of any procedures; and
- The Healthcare Professionals participating in my care will rely on my documented medical history, as well as other information obtained from me, my family or others having knowledge about me, in determining whether to perform or recommend the procedures, therefore, I agree to provide accurate and complete information about my medical history
- I may be asked to sign additional required informed consent documents for specific procedures and tests. By signing this form:
- I consent to Healthcare Professional performing Procedures as they deem reasonably necessary or desirable in the exercise of their professional judgment, including those procedures that may be unforeseen and not known to be needed at the time this consent is obtained; and
- I acknowledge that I have been informed, in general terms, of the nature and purpose, the material risks and the practical alternatives of the procedures.

I understand that SEC uses a Physician's Assistant, Jed Vickers, PA-C, Nurse Practitioners Erin K. Cullefer, NP, Laura Rue, NP, and Daniela Quintana, PA-C in our office for those levels of practice that have been approved by the Georgia State Board of Medical Examiners. Your Signature on this approval form conveys that you are in agreement with being treated by our mid-levels whom act under our supervision.

_____

Signature **Date**

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Financial Policy

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- As a courtesy to our patients, we file insurance on behalf of the patient. It is the **patient's responsibility** to make sure that the practice has the correct insurance information. If the patient does not provide the practice with the appropriate information so that the bills can be submitted to insurance within 30 days then the bill becomes the responsibility of the patient.
- Patient consents to text and email contact by our third party collection vendor.
- **The patient is** responsible for obtaining all referrals for office visits and testing prior to your visit. The practice will assist whenever possible.
- **The patient will be responsible for all co-payments, co-insurances and deductibles.**
- If after 60 days your insurance company has not processed the claim, it will become the **patient's** responsibility and they will receive a bill for the services.
- **We will bill the patient for any balances due (co-insurance and deductibles) and expect all accounts to be paid within the initial billing cycle.** A 2% monthly service fee will be assessed for unpaid balances after 60 days (2 billing cycles).
- If you are unable to pay your balance in full, please contact our billing office at **706.221.6116** to make payment arrangements. This plan will require a regular monthly payment and must be paid in full according to the payment plan structure (see Payment Arrangement Policy). If a payment is missed, the account will default to the collection process.
- This practice sees all patients regardless of ability to pay. Discounts for essential services are offered depending upon family size and income. You may inquire about this with the front desk.
- **Accounts not paid in full after the second billing cycle and without an arranged payment plan with our billing office will be put into the collection process.** A 25% service fee will be added to all accounts sent to a collection agency.
- We participate with most insurance plans. However, it is the responsibility of the patient to know which providers are with their insurance plan. We are happy to assist in determining if we are on your provider panel.
- A **$25.00 charge** will be assessed for any appointment not cancelled within 24 hours of the scheduled appointment time.
- There will be a **$35 charge assessed for any echo or vascular appointment** a **$100 charge assessed for any stress test appointment and $50 for any treadmill appointment** that is not canceled within 24 hours. This fee must be paid before you can reschedule.
- A $35.00 charge will be assessed for any check returned from the bank.
- There is a $50.00 charge for the completion of any forms.
- A charge of $.25 per page will be assessed for a copy of medical records that exceeds 10 pages and an additional charge of $2.00 will be assessed if the medical records need to be notarized.

Please sign below indicating that you have read and agree to our Financial Policy.

Patient Name (please print) _____

_____ _____

Patient Signature or Guardian Date

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HIPAA COMPLIANT AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE/DISCLOSURE OF PHI

FOR SEC STAFF USE ONLY:

TO: _____ FAX: _____

PLEASE SEND REQUESTED INFORMATION:

_____

_____

FOR PATIENT USE:

PATIENT NAME: _____DOB: _____ LAST 4 SSN: _____

I understand that the purpose of this authorization is for the use and/or disclosure of my protected health information (PHI) and that it may contain information that is protected under state laws and federal regulations. I understand that once the above information is disclosed it may be subject to re-disclosure and will no longer be protected by Privacy Protection Rules. I understand that I have the right to revoke this authorization at any time and that my revocation must be submitted to the facility where PHI is being requested from. I understand that my revocation is not effective to the extent that persons or organizations in which I have authorized to use and/or disclose my PHI have acted in reliance upon this authorization. I understand that I may refuse to sign this authorization and my refusal to sign will not affect my ability to receive treatment, payment enrollment, or eligibility of benefits. I understand that I will be given a copy of this authorization upon my signature, when requested. I hereby authorize the facility where I am requesting PHI to disclose/release medical records and other information obtained in the course of my diagnosis and/or treatment. I hereby release the facility where I am requesting PHI from any liability which may result from this disclosure of confidential medical information of which may arise of the result of the use of information contained in the information released. I authorize this information may be faxed when applicable. I agree to pay copy charges if applicable.

PATIENT SIGNATURE: _____

SEC WITNESS: _____ DATE: _____

I understand that this information may include any and all treatment plans, medication issues, history of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS); sexually transmitted disease; human immunodeficiency (HIV) infection; behavioral health service/psychiatric care and evaluations; treatment for alcohol and/or drug abuse; or similar conditions.

SPECIFIC INFORMATION NOT TO BE DISCLOSED: _____

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NOTICE OF HIPAA POLICIES AND PATIENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

I acknowledge that SEC follows the guidelines set forth by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. I understand that the practice may use my personal health information to help provide health care to me with regards to billing and payment and/or other health care options. There may be no other uses or disclosures of this information unless I permit. I do, however, understand that sometimes the law may require the release of this information without my permission. I also understand that my health information is private and confidential. I understand that Southeastern Cardiology Associates will strive to protect my privacy and preserve the confidentiality of my personal health information. I understand that SEC has established procedures that help them in protecting my personal health information. These procedures may include other signature requirements, written acknowledgement, authorizations, and reasonable time allowance for requested information. I understand there may be charges incurred for copying my health information and for non-routine information needs. I further understand that SEC will not use or disclose my health information without my authorization, except as described in this notice.

My signature below indicates that I understand and agree with the above use of my protected health information and that I have received a copy of the HIPAA Privacy Rule.

My signature below authorizes Southeastern Cardiology Associates to obtain any medical records necessary to assist with the medical care of my behalf.

_____ _____

Signature **Date**

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Testing Cancellation Policy

Our office requires a MINIMUM of 24-hour notice on a cancellation. You will be billed $35 to $100 (depending on the test) for cancellations that fall outside the 24-hour cancelation window and missed appointments. Please note that insurance companies do not reimburse for cancelled appointments. You will not be permitted to reschedule your appointments until this fee has been paid.

I have read the above policy and understand I will be charged a fee if I do not give the required notice for cancellation.

Patient Signature: _____

SEC Witness: _____

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