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### Patient Consent for Use of Electronic Email

#### 1. Risk of Using E-Mail

Julie Nathan, PhD (Provider) offers patients and parents the opportunity to communicate with her by email. Transmitting information by email, however, has a number of risks that patients should consider before giving consent. These risks include, but are not limited to:

- Email can be immediately broadcast worldwide and be received by both intended and unintended recipients.
- Email senders can misaddress email.
- Backup copies of email may exist even after the sender or the recipient has deleted his or her copy.

#### 2. Conditions for the Use of Email

Julie Nathan, PhD will use reasonable means to protect the security and confidentiality of email information sent and received. However, because of the risks outlined above, Dr. Nathan cannot guarantee the security and confidentiality of email communication and will not be liable for improper disclosure of confidential information that is not caused by Provider's intentional misconduct. Thus, patients must consent to the use of email for patient information.

#### 3. Expectations for Email Communication

Email should only be used by parents and patients for **nonurgent** matters. Julie Nathan, PhD will make every effort to read and return emails within 72 business hours. All urgent matters should be communicated by telephone.

#### Patient Acknowledgement and Agreement

I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand this consent form. I understand the risks associated with the communication of email between Provider and me, and consent to the conditions outlined herein. In addition, I agree to the expectations outlined herein, as well as any other instructions that Provider may impose to communicate with patients by email. Any questions I may have had were answered.