HIPAA Privacy Notice

This notice describes how medical information about you may be used and disclosed, and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully.

Our Commitment to Your Privacy

We are committed to protecting the privacy of your health information. We are required by law to maintain the confidentiality of your health information and to provide you with this Privacy Notice explaining our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your health information. We are also required to abide by the terms of this Privacy Notice.

Uses and Disclosures of Your Health Information

We may use and disclose your health information for the following purposes:

- Treatment: We may use and disclose your health information to provide, coordinate, or manage your healthcare and related services.
- Payment: We may use and disclose your health information to obtain payment for the healthcare services we provide to you.
- Healthcare Operations: We may use and disclose your health information for our healthcare operations, which include quality improvement activities, administrative activities, and other activities necessary to support our healthcare services.
- Required by Law: We may use and disclose your health information as required by law.
- Public Health Activities: We may use and disclose your health information for public health activities, such as reporting to government agencies for public health surveillance, investigations, and interventions.
- Health Oversight Activities: We may use and disclose your health information for health oversight activities, such as audits, investigations, and inspections.
- Judicial and Administrative Proceedings: We may use and disclose your health information in response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process.
- Law Enforcement: We may use and disclose your health information for law enforcement purposes, such as to identify or locate a suspect, fugitive, witness, or missing person, or to comply with a court order or other legal process.

Your Rights

You have the following rights with respect to your health information:

- Right to Inspect and Copy: You have the right to inspect and obtain a copy of your health information, subject to certain limitations.
- Right to Amend: You have the right to request that we amend your health information if you believe that it is inaccurate or incomplete.
- Right to Request Restrictions: You have the right to request restrictions on our use and disclosure of your health information, subject to certain limitations.
- Right to Request Confidential Communications: You have the right to request that we communicate with you about your health information in a certain way or at a certain location.
- Right to Receive a Copy of this Privacy Notice: You have the right to receive a copy of this Privacy Notice.

If you believe that your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a complaint with us or with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

Contact Information

If you have any questions about this Privacy Notice or how we use and disclose your health information, please contact us at <u>https://mispineandjoint.com</u>