

Last Name	Type of Insurance (circle) Medicare HMO/PPO/POS Other	
First Name, Middle initial	Person Responsible for bill: Self Parent Other	
Street Address		Date of Birth
City, State	Referring Doctor	Family Doctor
Zip Code	Patient Occupation	
Social Security # (Parent or Guardian)	Name & Address of Employer	
Home Telephone () - Leave detailed message Yes ____ No ____	Pharmacy, Location & Phone #	
Cell Telephone () - Leave detailed message Yes ____ No ____	Emergency Contact	
Work Telephone () -	() -	
E-Mail	Drivers License #	
Gender (Circle One) Male Female Marital Status (Circle one) S M D W	Spouse's Name _Number of Children	
Primary Insurance Co.	Secondary Insurance Co.	Tertiary Insurance Co.
Name of Primary Insured	Primary Insured Date of Birth	E-mail Address
Is Medicare your Secondary Insurance? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - if yes check the applicable reason below <input type="checkbox"/> Working Aged Beneficiary or Spouse w/Employer Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Workers' Compensation <input type="checkbox"/> No Fault Insurance Including Auto as Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health Service(PHS) or other Federal Group <input type="checkbox"/> Other Liability Insurance Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Beneficiary under Age 65 with Large Group Health Plan (LGHP)		

Do you have a living will? Yes No Do you want information regarding a living will? Yes No

- I hereby extend authorization for myself or the above named patient to be seen, examined and treated by the Urology Group of Princeton physicians and staff as indicated by the standard of Urologic practice.
- I hereby request that payment of authorized (Medicare/Private Insurance) benefits be made on my behalf to the Urology Group of Princeton for any services furnished to me by that physician or supplier. I also authorize the holder of medical information about me to release to the Health Care Financing Administration and its agents any information needed to determine these benefits for a related service.
- I hereby authorize the release of medical information to my referring physician
- I understand that any charges incurred by myself or the above named patient are my responsibility.
- I understand that a no show charge of \$25 or \$50 might be incurred if I do not cancel my appointment 1 business day before my appointment
- **Patient/Guardian Signature** _____ **Date** _____

Patient Medical Information

Explain briefly what brought you to the office to see the doctor today:

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What is your approx Height? _____ Ft. _____ Inches Approx Weight? _____ Lbs.

Genito-Urinary History

	Not at All	Less than 1 time in 5	Less than half the time	About half the time	More than half the time	Almost always
Incomplete Emptying – Over the past few months how often have you had a sensation of not emptying your bladder completely after you finished urinating?	0	1	2	3	4	5
Intermittency – Over the past month how often have you found you stopped and started again several times during urinating?	0	1	2	3	4	5
Urgency – Over the past month, how often have you found it difficult to postpone urination?	0	1	2	3	4	5
Frequency – Over the past month, how often have you had to urinate again less than two hours after you finished urinating?	0	1	2	3	4	5
Weak Stream – Over the past month, how often have you had a weak urinary stream?	0	1	2	3	4	5
Straining – Over the past month, how often have you had to push or strain to begin urination?	0	1	2	3	4	5
Nocturia – How many times do you typically get up at night to urinate, from the time you go to bed until the time you get up in the morning?	0 times	1 time	2 times	3 times	4 times	5 times

Total Score _____

If you were to spend the rest of your life with your voiding condition just the way it is now, how would you feel about that? (Circle your answer)

Delighted Pleased Mostly Satisfied Mixed Most Dissatisfied Unhappy Terrible

Do you have leakage of urine? Yes No

How many pads do you use each day (if applicable)? _____ Pads per day

Do you have:

A history of bladder, kidney or prostate infections? Yes No

A history of blood in the urine? Yes No

A history of kidney stones? Yes No

Difficulty or dissatisfaction with sexual function? Yes No

A history of HIV/Venereal Disease? Yes No

Please review the following review of systems and check off any symptoms that have effected your current and prior health. If you have not experienced symptoms in a particular system check "negative".

<p>Constitutional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Weight Loss/Gain <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue <input type="checkbox"/> Fever/Chills, Sweats <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Negative 	<p>Psychiatric:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Depression <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Negative
<p>Eyes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Blurry Vision/glasses <input type="checkbox"/> Cataracts <input type="checkbox"/> Glaucoma <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Negative 	<p>Gastrointestinal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea/Vomiting <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea/Constipation <input type="checkbox"/> Blood in Stool <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Negative
<p>Ears/Nose/Mouth/Throat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ringing in Ears/Hearing Loss <input type="checkbox"/> Nasal Discharge/Bleeding <input type="checkbox"/> Sore Throat <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Negative 	<p>Gynecologic: (Woman only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Menopause/ Abnormal Menses <input type="checkbox"/> Breast Lump <input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal Discharge/Problems <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Negative
<p>Cardiovascular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular Heartbeat <input type="checkbox"/> Chest Pain (Angina)/Heart Attack <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Murmur/Valve Problem <input type="checkbox"/> Elevated Cholesterol <input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension/High Blood Pressure <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Negative 	<p>Respiratory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Cough <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of Breath <input type="checkbox"/> Wheezing <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Negative
<p>Musculoskeletal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Pain/Arthritis <input type="checkbox"/> Low Back Pain <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Negative 	<p>Endocrine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid Disease <input type="checkbox"/> Adrenal Disease <input type="checkbox"/> Erectile Dysfunction/Loss of Libido <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Negative
<p>Skin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> New Skin Lesion <input type="checkbox"/> Rash/Dry Skin <input type="checkbox"/> Skin Cancer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Negative 	<p>Hematological:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Easy Bruising/Bleeding <input type="checkbox"/> Swollen Lymph Nodes <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Negative
<p>Neurologic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Numbness of Arms/Legs/Face <input type="checkbox"/> Weakness of Arms/Legs/Face <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Loss <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Negative 	<p>Reviewed By: _____ (Physician's signature)</p> <p>Date reviewed: _____</p> <p>Re-review _____</p> <p>_____</p>

How many pregnancies? _____ How Many children? _____

Please list any gynecological problems for which you have been treated.

Medication History

Do you have a heart murmur, heart valve or joint replacement that requires antibiotics for dental work?

Yes No

Are you currently taking any medications or vitamins? Yes (please specify) No

Specify current medication	Dosage	How often taken
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Aspirin, Antinflammatories, Coumadin, Vitamin E, Herbs		

DO YOU HAVE ANY ALLERGIES YES NO

History of Medical Illness

List all condition for which you have received evaluation or treatment such as asthma, heart disease, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, ulcers, diabetes, strokes, etc.

Date	Specify type of Medical Illness
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History of Surgery

List all surgeries which you have had including appendectomy, hysterectomy, tonsillectomy, hernia repair, etc.

Date	Specify type of Surgery
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Social/Family History

Do you currently smoke? No Yes ___ packs per day for the last ___ years

Have you been a smoker in the past? No Yes ___ years Quit? ___ # years ago

Do you drink wine, beer or alcoholic beverages? daily socially rarely never

How many cups of caffeinated beverages (coffee, tea, cola) do you consume in a day? ___ #of cups

Do you have a family history of Cancer? Yes No

Do you exercise regularly? Yes No

Circle if any family history of Genito Urinary Cancer – Prostate, Kidney, Bladder, Uterine, Ovarian, Breast

Reviewed By Physician: _____

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who may assist in your care, such as your spouse, children or parents. Finally, we may disclose your IIHI to another healthcare provider for purposes related to your treatment.

2. **Payment.** Our practice may use and disclose your IIHI in order to bill and collect payment for the services and items you may receive from us. For example, we may contact your health insurer to certify that you are eligible for benefits, and we may provide your insurer with details regarding your treatment to determine if your insurer will cover, or pay for, your treatment. We also may use and disclose your IIHI to obtain payment from third parties that may be responsible for such costs, such as family members. Also, we may use your IIHI to bill you directly for services and items. We may disclose your IIHI to other health care providers and entities to assist in their billing and collection efforts.
3. **HealthCare Operations.** Our practice may use and disclose your IIHI to operate our business. For example, we may use or disclose your information for our operations, to evaluate the quality of care you receive from us, or to conduct cost management and business planning activities for our practice. We may disclose your IIHI to other healthcare providers and entities to assist in their healthcare operations.
4. **Appointment Reminders.** Our office may use or disclose your IIHI to contact you to remind you of an appointment.
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3. **Research.** Our practice may use and disclose your IIHI for research purposes in certain limited circumstances. We will obtain your written authorization to use your IIHI for research purposes except when an Institutional Review Board or Privacy Board has determined that the research consent adequately serves to protect your privacy.
4. **Serious Threats to Health Safety.** Our practice may use and disclose your IIHI when necessary to reduce or prevent a serious threat to your health and safety or the health and safety of another individual or the public. Under these circumstances, we will only make disclosures to a person or organization able to help prevent the threat.
5. **Military.** Our practice may use or disclose your IIHI if you are a member of the U.S. or foreign military forces (including veterans) and documents are required by the appropriate government authorities.
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4. **Amendment.** You may ask us to amend your health information if you believe it is incorrect or incomplete, and you may request an amendment for as long as the information is kept by or for our practice. To request an amendment, your request must be made in writing and submitted to our Administrator. You must provide us with a reason that supports your request for amendment. Our practice will deny your request if you fail to submit your request (and the reason supporting your request) in writing. Also, we may deny your request if you ask us to amend information that is in our opinion (a) accurate and complete; (b) not part of the IIHI kept by our practice; (c) not part of the IIHI which you would be permitted to inspect or copy; or (d) not created by our practice, unless the individual or entity that created the information is not available to amend the information.

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PATIENT AUTHORIZATION FOR USE AND DISCLOSURE
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The Health Insurance Accountability and Portability Act of 1996, HIPAA, requires that we have your consent prior to our healthcare professional discussing your personal health with your family members or significant others that are not directly involved in your care.

Can our physicians discuss your healthcare with any of your family members? Yes No

Please circle those that apply

Spouse Mother Father Sister Brother Child Other

Provide Name, Relationship, and Telephone # of designated contact:



I hereby give my permission to the Urology Group of Princeton, allowing for the physicians or their representatives to release or discuss authorized medical information and/or billing issues, with the above family members or to leave a voicemail message at the designated phone number where appropriate.

Leave Voicemail (Home / Cell)

Discuss Billing Issues with Family Member

Yes No

Yes No

Please indicate a specific family member if desired _____

This authorization will be in effect until such time as you request its revision. Release of Patient Personal Health Information covered by this authorization will be disclosed only for the purpose of keeping your designated family members knowledgeable about your healthcare condition.

You do not have to sign this authorization in order to receive treatment from the Urology Group of Princeton. You have the right to revoke this authorization in writing to the extent that the practice has acted in reliance upon this authorization; your written revocation must be submitted to the Privacy Officer at 134 Stanhope Street, Princeton, NJ 08540.

PRINT NAME _____

SIGNED BY _____

DATE _____

Urology Group of Princeton

FINANCIAL POLICY

Regarding Insurance: In order to be seen by physicians at the Urology Group of Princeton and receive care through your insurance carrier, you must provide us with your insurance card. For Medicare patients, this includes both your Medicare card and your card for any other health insurance, (supplementary coverage) that you have. If you receive a new card, you must provide it to us. If your insurance has lapsed or is not in effect at the time of service, you will be required to pay the entire bill for services provided when the insurance has lapsed or is not in effect.

If we have a contract with your insurance plan:

- If you have an HMO insurance plan with which we have a contract, then before you come for your appointment with us, you must obtain a proper referral from your Primary Care Physician containing a diagnosis, and stating the number of office visits approved, and the date the referral expires. **You** are responsible to keep track of the number of visits allowed and the expiration date. If your referral expires or you use all allowed visits, and then you are seen by one of our providers, you will be responsible for the entire bill for that visit. If your card says that you have a copay, you must pay that copay before you will be seen for your appointment.
- If you have a PPO or POS insurance with which we have a contract, you do not need a referral to see us. POS insurance is your choice whether you choose to have a referral or pay on your deductible. If your card says that you have a copay, you must pay that copay before you will be seen for your appointment. We will bill your insurance the balance. If your insurance company tells us that you have not satisfied your deductible for the year, then we will bill you for the deductible amount that you are required to pay, and you must pay us.

If we DO NOT have a contract with your insurance plan:

- You will be required to pay in full for our services at the time of the visit. Please do not ask our front desk personnel to send you a bill after services have been performed, unless approved in advance by the office manager when the appointment is made.
- We will submit a bill to your insurance company unless you ask us not to do so, with the instruction for your insurance carrier to make payment to you (because you already have paid us). If you do not agree with your plan's payment, that is between you and your plan, because we do not have a contract with your plan.

If you are not sure whether we have a contract with your insurance plan, please discuss this with our staff.

Medicare Patients:

- You must give us your Medicare card and any card for your supplemental or other insurance (where applicable).
- You will be required to satisfy your annual \$162.00 deductible and pay your 20% copayment. If you have given us your Medicare card and other supplemental insurance cards, we do not require that you pay us at the time of service, and we will submit the claim to Medicare and to any secondary or supplemental insurance that you have.
- Approximately thirty to sixty days after the appointment, we will bill you for the balance that you owe to us, which will be the amount allowed for the service by Medicare, minus the amount that Medicare has paid us, and also minus any amount that your supplemental insurance has paid us. You are required to pay this bill.

Medicaid Patients:

- We are not contracted with any type of Medicaid Plans. Therefore, if you have Medicare as your primary insurance and Medicaid as your secondary insurance you will be required to pay the 20% balance at the time of service. If you have a Medicare deductible you will be responsible for that balance.

Regarding Biopsy Charges: There will be an additional fee charged by an outside lab for the processing of any biopsies taken either in our office or our surgery center. The professional component of reading/interpreting the pathology tissue will also be billed separately either by one of our employed pathologist or an outside pathology lab.

About non-covered services: A service considered by your insurance carrier to be non-medically necessary [cosmetic or otherwise] will not be covered by your insurance policy. You will be required to pay in full for this service in advance. Payment will be expected at the time of service in this circumstance, unless arrangements are made with our office administrator.

Thank you for your understanding of our financial policy. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

I have read the Financial Policy (above). I have asked any questions that I had about this Financial Policy. I understand and agree to this Financial Policy.

Signature of Patient or Responsible Party

Print Name of Patient

Relationship/Authority of Responsible Party

Date