Dear Parent:

Enclosed please find a copy of all forms that are relative to our office. Please read the office policy, HIPAA procedures as well as complete the general consent and disclosure forms and bring them with you to your appointment. You must arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time to check in. All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied to their appointments by a parent or legal guardian. The initial consultation will take approximately one hour. If your insurance requires you to have a referral, it is your responsibility to bring it with you to your appointment. If you do not have your referral when arriving for your appointment, it will be necessary for your appointment to be rescheduled. Please bring your insurance card to each visit as we verify eligibility at every office visit.

You will receive a reminder call from our office to confirm your appointment 2-3 business days in advance. If we must leave a message, please call back to confirm your appointment. If you need further clarification on directions to the office please call. If you need to cancel your appointment we must have at least 24 hours advanced notice. If you do not cancel your new patient appointment at least 24 hours in advance, we may not allow you to reschedule. If you cancel a follow up appointment with less than 24 hour notice or do not show we charge a fee of $150.00 that is not billable to your insurance carrier. If you have other children we ask that you not bring them with you to the appointment.

Thank you.
What is child neurology?

Neurology is the medical specialty dealing with disorders affecting the nervous system, which consist of the brain, spinal cord, nerves and muscles. The child neurologist has trained in Pediatrics and in Neurology with special training on the neurological diseases of children. The pediatric neurologist does not perform surgery but will help diagnose and treat your child's condition.

What is a consultation?

If your child's regular physician is concerned that symptoms may involve the nervous system, he may request a specialized opinion. A neurological consultation consists of a history of your child's medical background with special attention to the present problem. The neurological examination will involve tests of vision, strength, coordination, reflexes and sensation. This will help the neurologists to locate where in the nervous system the problems are. The examination may indicate other tests are required. These tests are necessary to help the doctor confirm a diagnosis, which may lead to specific treatment.

What are neurological tests?

EEG (Electroencephalogram): Records the brain's electrical activity by means of electrodes applied to the head. It is often used to help diagnose or rule out episodes such as seizures, fainting, black out spells or episodes, etc... It is painless and requires little preparation.

CT (Computerized Tomography): Combines x-ray and computers to construct pictures of the brain. These pictures can provide much information regarding the condition of the brain. A dye may be injected into a vein under some circumstances to help visualize suspected problems.

MRI (Magnetic resonance imaging): This is another method for making pictures of the brain. These pictures are made using a magnet and no radiation is involved. The images of the brain are very detailed, even more than those taken with CT. As with CT, sometimes a dye is injected into a vein to help visualize possible problems.

Do I need to continue to take my child to his regular doctor?

YES. The neurologist will assist your primary care physician by managing the neurological aspects of your child’s care. Your primary care physician should remain in charge of the general medical needs of your child. Routine problems such as fever, upset stomach, diarrhea... should be called to your regular doctor.
Phone calls and questions?

We employ specifically trained staff who will help you by telephone in an effort to increase availability and provide medical service. To contact us for questions regarding your child's neurological problems please call 972/566-8600 and follow the prompts to the nurse line. You must leave a detailed message and your child's chart will be pulled. The staff will review your questions with the doctor and call you back. Please do not call the operator or receptionist as they are unable to put your call through. You must leave a message on the nurse line. As our nurses often work until 6 or 7 pm your call may be returned late in the day or early evening.

Caller ID/Call Block

If you have caller ID and Call Block on your home phone our doctors/nurses will be unable to return your call. Please disable features anytime you are expecting a return call from our office.
Direction to Dallas Pediatric Neurology Associates

Park in Open Lot or Parking Garage for Building A
We are located in Medical City Dallas Hospital, Building B Suite B248 on second floor

**From Downtown Dallas (from the South)**
Go North on US 75-Central Expressway
Take the Forest Lane Exit
Turn Left on Forest Lane
The hospital is on your right

**From Ft. Worth (from the West)**
Go east on I-30 to US 75 Central Expressway North
Take Forest Lane/Hospital Exit
Turn Left on Forest Lane
Hospital is on your right

**From East Texas (from the East)**
Go west on I-30 or I-20 to 635 LBJ Freeway
Go North on 635 (it turns into 635 west)
Take Coit Road Exit
Turn left on Coit
Follow to the light at Forest Lane
The hospital is on your right at the next light

**From Oklahoma**
Go South on US 75 Central Expressway
Take the Churchill exit, stay on service road
Turn right on Forest Lane
Hospital is on the right
-OR-
Go South on 35 East Stemmons Freeway
Go East on LBJ Freeway
Exit Coit
Go right on Coit to Forest Lane and turn right
Hospital is on the right.
OFFICE POLICY

In an effort to answer your questions and improve our efficiency, we have compiled the following office policy.

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30-4:30pm (Monday-Friday)  APPOINTMENTS: 8:45-3:30pm  When you call for an appointment, please tell the appointment secretary the nature of the problem. More acute cases are given priority. We make every effort to keep on schedule however, delays can occur. Please help us keep on schedule by arriving for your appointment 30 minutes (for a new patient) and 15 minutes (for an established patient) prior to your appointment time.

THE ROLE OF THE REFERRING PHYSICIAN: Since this is a practice in consultative Pediatric Neurology, it is mandatory that each child have a primary care physician, be it a general pediatrician or family doctor. Your child’s primary care physician will be kept informed of your child’s progress and current neurological status. Your primary care physician is the doctor you should contact for your child’s routine care.

AFTER OFFICE HOURS: The phone is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via a voice mail system. Instructions are given as to how the physician on call may be contacted if you have an emergency after hours. Please do not have the physician paged for non-emergent calls. After hours emergencies are handled by the physician who is on call at the time of the emergency. If you subscribe to “Caller ID” and “Anonymous Call rejection”, please be advised that most phones utilized by our doctors and staff have caller ID blocking and will reflect “anonymous” or “private” when your phone calls are returned. Be aware that this could cause a problem if the doctor or staff needs to reach you with information regarding your child. There may be a charge for after hour phone calls. These charges are billed directly to you; we will not file this with your insurance. Prescription refills are not handled after hours.

MEDICATION: Request for medication refills should be called in during regular office hours to our prescription refill line. Please do not request refills for medication after hours. Keep track of your supply of medication and request refills before running out. Forty-eight hours (two working days) notice is required to refill regulated prescriptions. There is a $15.00 charge to process each regulated prescription and must be paid when picked up or mailed, this is not covered by your insurance company and will not be filed. There is a $25.00 charge for requests for same day. Note the date of the prescription; you have 21 days to have it filled. There is a $20.00 fee for replacing duplicate or lost prescriptions. Expired prescriptions not filed by the pharmacy must be returned to our office. Follow up appointments are very important. Refills will not be authorized if follow up appointments are not kept. If you do not keep your appointment with our doctor, you will need to follow up with your PCP to get your refill. If your insurance company requires an override on the medication your doctor has chosen, you will be charged $25.00 for this process. If an authorization is required there is a fee of $10.00. This is not filed with your insurance carrier and you are responsible for the fee.

MEDICAL RECORDS: Letters and narrative reports are routinely sent to the primary care physician. We require written consent from a parent or guardian prior to sending medical records to anyone other than your primary care physician. NO INFORMATION REGARDING PATIENTS WILL BE RELEASED TO ANYONE WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN. If you want
a copy of your child’s records to be sent to another physician for any other reason, you must provide us with written authorization including the name and address where you wish records to be sent. We request ten working days to process medical records requests. In addition, there may be a fee charged for copying the records of $35.00 and up.

There is also a charge for form completion. Phone call charges and form completion are not covered by insurance carriers and we will not file for those charges. Physicians will complete school related forms for a fee of $25.00 and up, however please allow 6-8 weeks for such forms to be completed.

**POLICY REGARDING PAYMENT:** Payment is due when services are rendered. To keep our office overhead down, we do not file insurance for companies we are not contracted with. If you have any questions regarding payment, you may discuss them with the finance manager. We are affiliated with some HMO/PPO insurance companies. If you are enrolled in a plan we have a contract with, you are only required to pay the co-payment or deductible/co-insurance (contracted amount) at the time of your visit provided you bring your referral with you on the day of your visit. We do not collect from HRA/HSA accounts unless we can confirm the balance on your account.

For insurance plans we are not contracted with, payment is due at the time of service. We provide a receipt that has been specifically designed to enable you to file your insurance. This receipt is simply attached to your insurance form and submitted. You will be reimbursed directly according to your plan benefits.

**YOUR INSURANCE COVERAGE IS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OBTAIN A CURRENT INSURANCE REFERRAL FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE APPOINTMENT. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR INSURANCE REFERRAL UPON ARRIVAL, WE MAY NEED TO RESCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT. PAYMENT OF YOUR ACCOUNT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.** Billing is automated and accounts over 90 days past due are automatically turned over to an agency for collection. There is a $25.00 fee if we have to turn your account over to an agency for collection.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED OUR OFFICE DOES NOT TAKE CHECKS, OUR FORMS OF PAYMENT ARE CASH, VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVER AND AMERICAN EXPRESS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE YOUR_PAYMENT ONLINE WE ARE ABLE TO ACCEPT ELECTRONIC CHECK AND THE CREDIT CARD TYPES THAT ARE REFERENCED ABOVE. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT WWW.DALLASPEDiatricNEuroLOGY.COM AND CLICK ON LOGIN OR REGISTER UNDER MAKE PAYMENTS ONLINE.**

Patients with Medicaid are seen at the Continuity Clinic which is held each Thursday morning at Children’s Medical Center. Medicaid assignment is not accepted at this office.

**AS FOR THE MATTER OF DIVORCED PARENTS:** Payment is the responsibility of the parent who brings the child to the appointment. This is regardless of the terms outlined in a divorce decree. This is a matter between the divorced parties and the courts and we cannot be placed in the middle. If the divorced parents cannot agree on treatment for their child we may not be able to continue to treat them.

**HOSPITALIZATIONS:** The doctors are affiliated with Medical City Dallas Hospital.

Thank you for your cooperation. We are looking forward to working with you and your child.
Please Complete this Page and Bring it to your Appointment.

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I AUTHORIZE DPNA TO DISCLOSE THE FOLLOWING PROTECTED INFORMATION TO THE NUMBERS INDICATED BELOW: LAB RESULTS, TEST RESULTS, APPOINTMENT REMINDERS, PROCEDURES AND OTHER HEALTHCARE SERVICES. LIST IN ORDER OF PRIORITY, WHICH NUMBER WE CAN CONTACT YOU AND/OR LEAVE A MESSAGE

PREFERRED CONTACT: ( ) MOM | HOME | WORK | CELL (CIRCLE WHICH IS APPROPRIATE)
( ) DAD | HOME | WORK | CELL (CIRCLE WHICH IS APPROPRIATE)

SIGNATURE: __________________________ DATE: __________________________

**BRING YOUR REFERRAL AND INSURANCE CARD OR A COPY OF INSURANCE INFORMATION TO EACH APPOINTMENT**

CONFIDENTIAL: This message is intended only for the use of the individual or entity to which it has addressed. This message contains information from Dallas Pediatric Neurology Associates, which may be privileged, confidential and exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that dissemination, distribution or copy of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you received this communication in error, please notify us immediately at 972-566-8600.
Credit Policy

All services rendered by this association are charged directly to the patient. As a courtesy we will file your insurance claims at no charge and credit their payment to your account. Unless we are contracted with your insurance carrier as a participating provider to accept what they approve, your deductible or the percentage not covered by the carrier is due at the time of service. Managed care co-pays are due at the time of service. If you do not have insurance payment is due in full at time of service. Payment of your charges is ultimately your responsibility and you as the patient agree to comply with our policy.

Fee Disclosure Acknowledgement

We will make available our fee schedule for medical procedures upon request. Most fees are for office and/or hospital procedures. However, fees will also be incurred when you request special services in addition to your regular services. Fees are not covered by your insurance plan. The following is a brief, non-comprehensive listing of such services:

1) Telephone conferences 25.00 first 15 minutes, 1.00 each add’l minute
2) Records processed for transfer 35.00 and up
3) Returned checks (NSF) 25.00
4) Form completion or Written Correspondence for employer or school 10.00-30.00
5) Replacement of lost or expired prescriptions 10.00
6) Processing triplicate prescriptions 15.00, 25.00 same day
7) Time expended for unusually complicated collections (Pro-Rated for time spent)
8) Insurance Override on Prescription 25.00
9) Cancel less than 24 hour notice 150.00+

Signature __________________________ Date __________________
DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL/FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO FAMILY MEMBERS/FRIENDS

Patient Name: ___________________________ DOB: __________________

In our effort to adhere to HIPAA guidelines, Dallas Pediatric Neurology Associates (DPNA) needs your authorization to release medical/financial information connected to your child's care. Please complete the information below so that we may release any necessary information to your family member(s) or friends.

If you are over the age of 18 you must give authorization for our physicians/staff to speak to your parents!

Please check the appropriate box if you do NOT wish this information to be released.

☐ Please DO NOT release this information.

I, the undersigned, hereby authorize DPNA to disclose information from my child/my medical or financial record to the following family member(s) or friends:

Name: ___________________________ Relationship: _________________

Contact information: ____________________________________________

Type of information that DPNA can provide to them: ☐ Medical ☐ Financial ☐ Both

Name: ___________________________ Relationship: _________________

Contact information: ____________________________________________

Type of information that DPNA can provide to them: ☐ Medical ☐ Financial ☐ Both

___________________________________________ (Signature of Parent/Patient (if over 18))

_____________ Date
NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES
Effective April 14, 2003
Dallas Pediatric Neurology Associates
7777 Forest Lane, Suite B248
Dallas, Texas 75230
972-566-8600

This Notice Describes How Medical Information About Your Family May Be Used and Disclosed As Well As How You Can Get Access To This Information. PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY.

As required by the Privacy regulations created as a result of the Health Insurance Profitability and Accountability Act of 1996, also known as HIPAA, we are required by law to maintain the privacy of your Protected Health Information (PHI) and to provide you with the Notice of your privacy practices, our legal duties, and your rights concerning your health information.

Our office is required to abide by the terms of this Notice of Privacy Practices. As time passes our privacy practices and the law related to them may change which may require a change to this notice. The revised notice will be posted in our office. For more information about our privacy practices, or additional copies of the notice, please contact us using the information listed at the end of the notice.

Protected Health Information (PHI) includes, but is not limited to, medical records, lab reports, referrals, radiology/imaging specialist consultations, immunization records, current demographics, insurance information, telephone conversations and/or messages.

Permissible Uses and Disclosures without Your Written Authorization
We will use and disclose health information about your family for treatment, payment and healthcare operations. For example:

**Treatment:** To maintain high quality healthcare, it will be necessary to share projected health information with all members of your treatment team. This can include employees in this office as well as other health care providers; we may also use or disclose your health information to provide you with appointment reminders such as voicemail messages, postcards or letters.

**Payment:** Necessary information will be shared with appropriate payor sources and their representatives for payment purposes including, but not limited to, eligibility, benefit determination, claim processing and utilization review. It will also be necessary for our billing personnel to have access to PHI information to carry out their billing and collection efforts.

**Healthcare Operations:** Necessary information will be shared for the continuing operations for this office. Some examples include, but are not limited to, peer review, accreditation, and compliance with all federal and state laws.

We may also disclose PHI to our business associates for the treatment, payment of healthcare operations, or to other healthcare providers when such PHI is required for them to treat you, receive payment for service they render to you, or conduct certain health care operations, such as quality assessment and improved activities.

**Specific Authorization required for other uses and disclosures**
Other uses and disclosures of your projected health information will only be made with your written authorization. This authorization will only allow the use or disclosure of the specific information detailed on the authorization form you provide. Any specific authorizations you request will remain in effect till you revoke the authorization in writing. Some examples include, but are not limited to; marketing activities, the use or disclosure of psychotherapy records in our possession, transferring of your child's medical records in our possession to other doctors and in some instances for research purposes.

Other uses and disclosures may be made without your authorization
The following are situations where this office may use or disclose your PHI without your consent or authorization:

- As required by law, court orders, a legal process, or government agencies
- For matters of public health for the purpose of controlling disease as dictated by law
- Disclosures may be made to public health authorities in situations of suspected abuse or neglect
- Disclosures to Institutional Review Boards of your de-identified information for the purpose of medical research

Patient Rights effective April 14, 2003

- In general you will have the right to look at or receive a copy of your protected health information. Request for this information must be in writing and detail the information you are requesting. Some exceptions include but are not limited to: psychotherapy notes, information compiled for use in civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings. There will be an administrated charge for expenses such as copies and staff time. Please allow 5 business days for copies to be made available.

- You have the right to request a restriction of the disclosure of your protected health information for treatment, payment or operations. This office is not required to agree to the request, but will do so at our discretion based on medical and business needs. This request may not apply in some emergency situations.

- You have the right to request to receive confidential communications from us by alternative means or to an alternative location. We will make every effort to honor reasonable requests. These requests must be submitted in writing.

- You have the right to request an accounting of the disclosures made of your protected health information by this office (after April 14, 2003). This only applies to disclosures made for purposes other than treatment, payment, and healthcare operations. Only one request a year will be allowed. There will be a charge for the preparation of this information.

- You have the right to request we amend your protected health information in your medical records. If you desire to amend your records, please submit a written request with changes outlined to the Privacy Officer. We will comply with your request unless we believe that the information that would be amended is accurate and complete and or other special circumstances apply.

- You may submit a written complaint to the Director, Office of Civil Rights of the US Department of Health and Human Services if you (1) are concerned that we may have violated your privacy rights, (2) disagree with a decision we made about access to your health information, (3) disagree with a response we made to a request to amend or restrict the use or disclosure of your health information or to have us communicate with you by alternative means or at alternative locations. We would ask that you first contact us regarding your problem and allow us the opportunity to resolve your issue. At no time will there be any retaliation against a family for filing a complaint.

Questions and Concerns
If you need additional information regarding our privacy practices, or have questions or concerns please contact our Privacy Officer at 972-566-8488. If you need to contact us by mail please send your written correspondence to:

Office Manager, Dallas Pediatric Neurology Associates, 7777 Forest Lane, B-248, Dallas, Texas 75230.

DALLAS PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY,
DALLAS PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY ASSOCIATES

Disclosure Agreement

Patient’s Name: ___________________________________________

Reason For Office Visit:
[ ] New Patient Neurological Exam
[ ] Follow-up Neurological Exam

FOR NON-INSURED PATIENTS:
I/my child does not have any form of medical/healthcare insurance including Medicare or any form of Medicaid. __________ (initials)

IF WE ARE CONTRACTED WITH YOUR INSURANCE AND WE ARE FILING WITH YOUR INSURANCE FOR YOUR OFFICE VISITS:

Check appropriate box(es).
[ ] My insurance plan covers New Patient Neurological exams.
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I recognize that I am responsible for providing my insurance information to Dallas Pediatric Neurology Associates at the time of service. If I do not have this information, I must pay for my visit and will be provided a statement to file with my insurance carrier myself. __________ (initials)

I agree to pay for any and all medical services I receive from the physicians of this practice that my insurance company refuses to pay, for whatever reason. This office will file a claim on my behalf. However, if my insurance company denies payment for any reason (i.e. non-covered services, terminated coverage, my failure to secure a referral from my primary care physician), I will pay for service upon written/verbal notice of their refusal. Failure by your insurance company to pay for a “clean claim” within 45 days of filing is, for the purpose of this agreement, a refusal to pay. __________ (initials)

__________________________ ______________________
Signature of Patient or Responsible Party Date