

#### **OFFICE POLICIES**

Manuel To Health Naturopathic Centre (M2HNC) has established the following policies in order to ensure the most efficient service to our clients:

- We require a minimum **24 hour notice** for all appointment cancellations or changes. Please leave messages on our answering machine during off-hours.
- For all missed appointments without notification, there may be a charge for the appointment.
- Mhen you arrive late for your appointment, only the balance of the time that was booked for you can be used.
- M2HNC has a **SCENT-FREE** policy. Scents include smells or odours from cosmetics (i.e. perfume, shampoo, make-up etc.) or from other products like air fresheners, cleaning products, etc. These scents may affect other clients' health, especially those with environmental sensitivities.
- Solution Clients must turn off all electronic devices during their visits (i.e. cell phone, pagers etc.).
- Full payment is made at the time of your visit, unless prior arrangement has been made with Manuel To Health Naturopathic Centre. Acceptable tenders for transactions are Cash, Cheque, Debit, Visa, or Mastercard.
- The fee for each NSF Cheque is \$45.
- M2HNC must authorize all product returns.
- Seturns must be made with the original receipt within 14 days for credit only on account. No cash, cheque or credit card refunds will be issued.
- Opened, damaged, or expired products will not be accepted for credit.



# STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND INFORMED CONSENT

Manuel To Health Naturopathic Centre (M2HNC) is an office with Naturopathic Doctors providing naturopathic health care. Naturopathic Medicine uses non-invasive techniques for the assessment of each client's health and provides natural therapies for treatment.

M2HNC uses Functional Biometry, such as Meridian Stress Assessment System (MSAS) testing and metabolic urine testing, with structural, nutritional, and lifestyle techniques in the assessment of each client. Some of these techniques are considered non-diagnostic, and hence, does not diagnose, treat, prescribe or cure any disease. The purpose of these techniques are to assist in the overall assessment of the client in order to provide optimal quality care to all clients.

There are some health risks associated with naturopathic medicine treatment.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Pain, bruising or injury from acupuncture or injections.
- Homeopathic remedies may occasionally result in aggravation of pre-existing symptoms. The duration is usually short when this occurs.
- Some clients experience allergic reactions to certain supplements and herbs. Please advise your Naturopathic Doctor of any allergies you have.
- Fainting or puncturing of an organ with acupuncture needles, accidental burning of the skin from the use of moxa.

Each client must sign this document before any treatment is rendered. Your signature acknowledges and consents to the following:

- 1. You understand that the ultimate responsibility of your health is your own.
- 2. The clinic does not guarantee treatment results.
- 3. The Naturopathic Scope of Practice will be used.
- 4. You understand that the treatments provided and/or referred to other health practitioners is based upon the assessment of conditions revealed via your personal history and interview, physical assessment, laboratory testing, and methods used to evaluate the energetic status of the body.
- 5. You understand that the practice of Functional Biometry, such as Meridian Stress Assessment System Testing, is at this time, considered non-standard and experimental.
- 6. Failure to follow sound nutritional, exercise and lifestyle programs can undermine the expected results.
- 7. You are free to withdraw consent and to discontinue treatment at any time.
- 8. You accept full responsibility for any fees incurred during care and treatment at the time of visit unless prior arrangement has been made with M2HNC.
- 9. A minimum of 24 hours notice is required for appointment cancellations and changes. Otherwise, you may be billed for missed appointments.
- 10. Naturopathic Medicine and Conventional Medical Treatment are not mutually exclusive and you have been given the option to continue seeking conventional medical treatment.
- 11. It is your responsibility to determine whether your health insurance covers Naturopathic Medicine services, treatments, and prescribed natural health products. M2HNC will charge a fee by time for extra paperwork required for uncertain claims for reimbursement.

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Signature:			(Client, Par	ent or Guardian)	



### **Naturopathic Intake Form - Adult**

Please complete the following form as accurately and fully as possible. This information is essential for your Naturopathic Doctor to assess your total health picture as it relates to your current condition.

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First Name:		Middle N	lame:	Last Name:		
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## **HEALTH HISTORY**

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Please list other health	concerns, in order of importance/severity, including start dates: Start date:
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Is there pain or discomf	ort? Y / N If yes, please describe the pain:)
Have you had this cond	ition before? Y / N If yes, when?
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MEDICAL HISTORY	
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Please list any surgeries dates: <u>Date</u>	s (i.e. removal of tonsils, appendix, hysterectomy, c-section etc.) and their Surgery
Please list any hospitaliz	zations and reason for stay:  Hospitalization

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	appetite	0	Picky eater	0	Anal itch	0	Constipation
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0	Fainting	0	Double vis	sion		coordination	0	Neurological
0	Tremor	0	Speech		0	Paralysis		disorder
0	Memory problem		impairme	nt	0	Tingling		
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What are your sources of stress?						
How do you cope with stress, and in w stress?		•	•		•	
Do you exercise regularly? Y / N If yes, what type, for how long, and ho	w o	ften?				
Please list hobbies and other activities						
SLEEP: Number of hours of sleep					_	
Difficulty falling asleep?		Yes Yes	0	No No		
Wake in middle of the night		Yes	0	No	What time?	
Recall dreaming?		Yes	0	No		
Recurrent dreams?		Yes	0	No		
Take naps?	) `	Yes	0	No	When?	How long?
ENERGY: Rate your energy level (circle): 1(very Best energy time?						
ENVIRONMENT: In your current or previous employmer animal material? (If yes, please descri						
What type of housing do you live in?	0	House Work			Mobile home Farmhouse	
How long have you lived there?				_		
Is there any room(s) in your home which may cause you to experience symptoms?	0	Yes		0	-	re?
Is there a mold?	0	Yes		0	No	
Is it quite dusty?	O	Yes		0	No	

Is there a lot of vegetation around?	0	Yes	0	No
Do you live near a power generation station?	0	Yes	0	No If yes, how near?
Do you live near transmission lines or a power transformer?	0	Yes	0	No If yes, how near?
Do you live near a communication tower?	0	Yes	0	No If yes, how near?
What type of water do you drink?	0	Tap water	0	Well water o Reverse Osmosis
	0	Brita filter	0	Bottled water - Brand:
Do you use an air purifier?	0	Yes	0	No
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<b>ॐ Thank-y</b> Signature:		-	g the	e intake form 🗬
Date:				



# PATIENT CONSENT FORM FOR COLLECTION, USE AND DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Privacy of your personal information is an important part of our Clinic, while providing you with quality naturopathic care. We understand the importance of protecting your personal information. We are committed to collecting, using and disclosing your personal information responsibly. We will try to be as open and transparent as possible about the way we handle your personal information.

In this clinic, Liona Manuel B.Sc. ND acts as the Privacy Information Officer.

All staff members who come in contact with your personal information are aware of the sensitive nature of the information that you have disclosed to us. They are trained in the appropriate use and protection of your information.

Our privacy policy outlines what our clinic is doing to ensure that:

- only necessary information is collected about you;
- we only share your information with your consent;
- storage, retention and destruction of your personal information complies with existing legislation, and privacy protection protocols;
- our privacy protocols comply with privacy legislation and standards of our regulatory body, the College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta (CNDA).

## How Our Clinic Collects, Uses and Discloses Patients' Personal Information

Our Clinic understands the importance of protecting your personal information. To help you understand how we are doing that, we have outlined here how our Clinic is using and disclosing your information.

This Clinic will collect, use and disclose information about you for the following purposes:

- to assess your health concerns
- to provide health care
- to advise you of treatment options
- to establish and maintain contact with you
- to send you newsletters and other information mailings
- to remind you of upcoming appointments
- to communicate with other treating health-care providers

- to allow us to efficiently follow-up for treatment, care and billing
- to complete claims for insurance purposes
- to comply with legal and regulatory requirements of our regulatory body, the College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta, acting under the authority of Alberta's *Health Professions Act*.
- to invoice for goods and services
- to process credit card payments
- to collect unpaid accounts
- to assist this clinic to comply with all regulatory requirements
- to comply generally with the law
- to allow potential purchasers, practice brokers or advisors to conduct an audit in preparation for a practice sale

By signing the consent section of this Patient Consent Form, you have agreed that you have given your informed consent to the collection, use and/or disclosure of your personal information as outlined above.

Patient Consent

I have reviewed the above information that explains how your clinic will use my personal information, and the steps your clinic is taking to protect my information.

I agree that	Manuel To Health	Naturopathic Centre can collect, use and disclose personal information al as set out above in the information about the clinic's privacy policies.	bout
	(Patient's name)		
Signature		Print name	
 Date			



#### PRIVACY POLICY

We, at Manuel To Health Naturopathic Centre are committed to collecting, using and disclosing personal information in a responsible manner, and only to the extent that is necessary for the services we provide. We will be open with our handling of your information, as you will see from this Privacy Policy.

Please note that in this document, patient and client are considered to be interchangeable terms.

#### What is personal information?

Personal information refers to any information that can identify an individual. Personal information that we collect **may** include:

- Name, address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, date of birth, social insurance number, occupation, name of employer, place of employment, insurance company, insurance coverage
- Education, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, health history, health records, family history, hours of work, income
- Activities or views e.g. religion, politics, opinions, community involvement

Information related to a person's business is not protected by privacy legislation.

#### Collecting Personal Information:

Primary Purposes: For our clients, the primary purpose for collecting personal information is to help us assess what your health concerns are, to advise you of your options, to provide the health care you desire and to establish and maintain contact with you.

Related purposes: For our clients, related purposes for collecting personal information

include: invoicing and statements, accounting and tax records, follow up services, quality control, communication with other health care providers, insurance claims, education (e.g. newsletters/articles, seminar announcements), marketing and compliance with regulation by a licensing/regulatory body. You can choose not to be part of some of these related purposes; for example, declining seminar announcements or newsletters. Please be aware that it may not be possible to decline some of the related purposes, such as information required by a regulatory body.

For members of the general public (non-clients), our primary purpose for collecting personal information is to allow the practitioners or staff to follow up on inquiries, ensure your request was properly handled (quality control), and provide information updates if you have expressed interest in receiving such notices.

For contract staff, our primary purpose for collecting personal information includes: communications, client communication, accounting and tax records, quality control, and education.

#### Protecting Personal Information:

We understand the importance of protecting personal information. For that reason, we have taken steps to safeguard your personal information from unauthorized access, disclosure, use or tampering.

Safeguards are in place to protect your personal information against loss or theft, as well as unauthorized access, disclosure, copying, use or modification.

Your personal information is protected, whether it is recorded on paper or electronically.

Practitioners and staff are trained to collect, use and disclose personal information only as necessary to fulfill their duties and in accordance with our Privacy Policy.

#### <u>Retention and Destruction of Personal</u> Information:

Client files (containing personal information) will be maintained for a minimum of seven years.

Care is exercised in the destruction of personal information to prevent unauthorized access to the information even during disposal and destruction.

#### Accuracy of Personal Information:

This clinic endeavours to ensure that your personal information is as accurate, complete, and as up-to-date as necessary for the purposes that it is to be used.

Information shall be sufficiently accurate, complete and up-to-date to minimize the possibility that inappropriate information is used to make a decision about you as our patient.

With only a few exceptions, you have the right to see what personal information we hold about you.

If you believe there is a mistake in the information, you have the right to ask for it to be corrected. This applies to factual information and not to any professional opinions we may have formed.

#### Consent:

This clinic will seek informed consent for the collection, use and/or disclosure of personal information, except where it might be inappropriate to obtain your consent, and subject to some exceptions set out in law.

Consent is required for the collection of personal information and subsequent use or disclosure of that information. In order for the principles of consent to be satisfied, our clinic has undertaken reasonable efforts to ensure that you are advised of the purposes for which

information is being used, and that you understand those purposes. Once consent is obtained, we do not need to seek your consent again, unless the use, purpose or disclosure changes.

Consent for the collection, use and disclosure of personal information may be given in a number of ways, such as:

- signed medical history form;
- signed introductory questionnaire;
- taken verbally over the telephone and then charted;
- e-mail;
- written correspondence

You may withdraw consent upon reasonable notice.

#### Do You Have a Concern?

Our information Officer is Liona Manuel B.Sc. ND, who can be reached at 587-280-9888 or via email at <a href="mailto:liona.manuel@m2hnc.ca">liona.manuel@m2hnc.ca</a> to address any questions or concerns you may have.

If you wish to make a formal complaint about our privacy practices, you may make it in writing to our Information Officer. She will acknowledge receipt of your complaint, ensure that it is investigated promptly, and that you are provided with a formal decision and reasons in writing.

Thank you for your interest in our Privacy Policy. If you have a concern about the professionalism or competence of our services, or the mental or physical capacity of any of our professional staff, we would ask you to discuss those concerns with us. However, if we cannot satisfy your concerns, you are entitled to file a complaint with any of the regulatory boards of the individual practitioner(s). For example, if you have a complaint concerning one of our naturopathic doctors, you can contact the College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta (call 403-266-2446 or at www.cnda.net).