



Informed Consent to Treat

Acupuncture

Acupuncture is the insertion of needles through the skin to adjust the body's energy. The goal is to alleviate pain, provide relief from a variety of symptoms related to an illness, and support overall health and well being. Side effects from acupuncture may include, but are not limited to: slight bruising, minor bleeding, fainting, and possible aggravation of symptoms. More serious risks or complications, such as pneumothorax, are possible but extremely rare.

Moxibustion

Direct Moxibustion is the application of a protective salve and an herb (usually mugwort) onto the skin. The herb is burned until you feel the heat, in which the herb is then removed from the skin. *Moxibustion* is done to adjust the body's energy to alleviate pain, provide relief from a variety of symptoms related to an illness, and support overall health and well being.

Indirect Moxibustion is the use of an herbal stick that is burned and held a few inches away from the skin. This herb stick warms the area to adjust the body's energy to alleviate pain, provide relief from a variety of symptoms related to an illness, and support overall health and well being.

Side effects from *direct* and *indirect* may include: reddening of the skin, risk of burn, risk of scarring, respiratory aggravation, and possible aggravation of symptoms.

Herbal and Dietary Supplement Treatment

Chinese Herbal and Dietary Supplement is the use of prepared herbs and dietary supplements to alleviate pain, provide relief from a variety of symptoms related to an illness, and support overall health and well being. Side effects from herbal and dietary supplement treatment may include, but are not limited to: digestive complaints, headaches, and possible temporary aggravation of symptoms. If any side effects are felt, you should discontinue the use of herb/supplement and call me to consult on the issue.

Topical Application of Herbs (poultices, medicated pads)

Poultices are a combination of herbs mixed with honey, water, vinegar, or alcohol and then applied topically to the skin. Side effects from poultices may include redness of the skin, swelling, itching, and possible temporary aggravation of symptoms. If any side effects are felt, you should discontinue use of poultice/medicated pad and call me to consult on the issue.

Cupping and Tuina Chinese (medical) Massage

Cupping is the application of suction cups to the skin to alleviate pain, move stagnation, and provide relief from a variety of illnesses such as coughing. Possible side effects may include, but are not limited to local redness, bruising, and minor bleeding, and blistering. Tuina is used to alleviate pain, realign sinews and balance the body's energy. It may cause bruising, discomfort, and possible aggravation of symptoms.

TDP Lamp

The TDP Lamp is designed to provide heat to an area of the body to alleviate pain, provide relief from a variety of symptoms related to an illness, and support overall health and well being. Side effects that may be experienced by the heat lamp include, but are not limited to: reddening of the skin, risk of burn, risk of scarring and possible aggravation of symptoms existing prior to treatment.

If any of the side effects are felt from any of the above explained modalities or techniques, it is important to contact me at (503) 323-0453. I encourage all patients to keep in contact with their Primary Care Physicians at all times during the course of a treatment. There are many other medical alternatives to acupuncture, which include treatment by Primary Care Providers.

_____ (Initial here) the treatment above has been explained to me, I have had the opportunity to ask any questions I have regarding their application, and fully understand the above consent. I understand that I may refuse any of these treatments and discontinue treatment at any time.



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Informed Consent to Treat/Office Policy/Financial Agreement



Financial Agreement/Assignment of Benefits

The undersigned in consideration of services to be rendered to patient, agree to pay each provider of service, in accordance with their regular rates and terms, for the service rendered. The undersigned further agree to pay reasonable attorney fees and expenses incurred in collecting all sums not paid when due, whether or not litigation is actually commenced, as well as all attorney fees and costs on appeal.

The undersigned assigns to each provider of service all insurance benefits available for their professional and clinic services rendered. The assignment is non-revocable, and the undersigned authorizes carrier of said benefits to make payment directly to Golden Needle Acupuncture Clinic or other related professional billing services. Payments received from insurers will apply to the patient’s account balance obligation. The undersigned agrees to promptly pay any charges that are not immediately (within 30 days) covered by insurance.

Office Policy

Payment is required at the time service is performed. Cash, personal check, or money order is acceptable. We also accept credit cards (Visa and Master) or debit cards.

For any plans where we are preferred providers, the patient is responsible to pay any co-pay, co-insurance, deductible, and non-covered items such as supplements or poultices at the time of the visit. Our office will bill the health plan for the remainder of the fees, please contact your insurance provider prior to your initial visit to confirm coverage. Our office may not provide insurance billing for healthcare plans for which we are not the preferred providers. The service summary for the office visit will list all the necessary insurance code and information for you to obtain reimbursement for covered services. If our office provides insurance billing for you, you authorize the release of any medical or other information necessary to process the insurance claim. You also authorize payment of medical benefits to this office.

If you have to cancel a scheduled appointment, 24-hour notice is required. In the event in which we do not receive sufficient notice, we will charge the full price of the missed appointment fee.

Brief phone consultations between scheduled appointments are free of charge. However, a consultation fee may be charged for after hour’s calls exceeding 20 minutes.

SERVICE	FEE	TOS 30% discount
New patient, acupuncture 1+h	\$285	\$195
Return patient, follow-ups 45m	\$165	\$115
Chinese herbs/supplements	\$40 -150	N/A
Poultices	\$20-60	N/A
Massage (15 minutes)	\$65	N/A
Slide Cupping (15 minutes)	\$25	\$15

_____ (Initial here) I have read, fully understand, and agree that the above financial agreement and office policy for two years from the date below.

Patient Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/ guardian _____ Date _____