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	<u>PER</u>	SONAL/FAMILY HISTORY	
You	Father's Side	Mother's Side	Sibling/Children

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Age of Diagnosis →	Age	Age	Living?	Age	Living?	Age	Living?
Example: Colon Cancer		Aunt at 44	Yes	Grandfather at 65	Yes	Brother at 36	Yes
Heart Attack							
Diabetes							
Stroke							
High Blood Pressure							
Blood Clots							
Breast Cancer							
Ovarian Cancer							
Prostate Cancer							
Pancreatic Cancer							
Melanoma							
Uterine (endometrial) Cancer							
Colon Cancer							
Stomach, Kidney/urinary, brain, OR small bowel cancer							
10 or more colon polyps found in a life time							
Other type of cancer (please write in)							

Are you of Ashkenazi Jewish decent?	Υ	N	
Age of first period (if applicable)			
Age of First Child (if applicable)			
Are you Menopausal?	Υ	N	
Have you ever had hormone replacement therapy?	Υ	N	
If you answered yes to Breast Cancer:			
Was Tamoxifen or Herceptin prescribed?	Υ	N	
Breast cancer in both breasts?	Υ	N	
Have you had a surgical or needle biopsy of the breast?	Υ	N	
If yes, did the biopsy show atypical cells?	Υ	N	

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Confirmed TRIPLE NEGATIVE STATUS Y N Patient meets NCCN criteria for testing Y N Doctor informed patient meets NCCN criteria for hereditary cancer testing? Y N

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Has anyone in your family had genetic testing for a hereditary cancer syndrome?

Y N

			ALCOHOL, TOBA	CCO, CAFFEINE, AND DRUG	<u>USE</u>		
Present Use:			Type/Amount	Past Use:			Type/Date Stopped
Alcohol	Υ	N		Alcohol	Υ	N	
Tobacco	Υ	N		Tobacco	Υ	N	
Illegal Drugs	Υ	N		Illegal Drugs	Υ	N	
Caffeine	Υ	N		Caffeine	Υ	N	

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HEARTBURN & ACID REFLUX QUESTIONNAIRE

Are you taking medicat	ion for acid reflux?			Have yo	ou ever h	ad a barii	um swallo	w?	
Yes	No	Unknown			Yes		No		Unknown
Names (e.g. Nexium, Pr	ilosec, omeprazole,	Tums, Zantac, Pepcid)		When?					
Dose and frequency			=	Have yo	u ever h	ad acid re	eflux testir	ng (pH test	t)?
					Yes		No		Unknown
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Do you have a gastroen								. ,	
Yes	No	Unknown		Have yo	u ever n Yes	ad esopn	ageai test No	ing (mano	• •
Name				When?					Unknown
Do you have an Ear Nos	se &Throat doctor (FNT)?		vviieii:					
Yes	No	Unknown		Do vou	have a h	atal herr	nia?		
Name	-			,	Yes		No		Unknown
				Do you	have Bar	rett's esc	phagus?		
Have you ever had an u	pper endoscopy (E	GD)?		,	Yes		. No		Unknown
Yes	No	Unknown		Do you	have a fa	mily hist	ory of eso	phageal ca	ancer?
When?					Yes		No		Unknown
Please circle the nun Scoring Scale	iber that best ref	lects your symptoms u	sing the	scoring	scale pr	ovided	below.		
0 = No symptoms									
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1 = Symptoms noticea									
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1. How bad is your hear				0	1	2	3	4	5
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		not taking medications)?		0	1	2	3	4	5
7. Do you have difficult		f not taking medications)?		0	1 1	2 2	3 3	4 4	5 5
9. Do you have bloating				0	1	2	3	4	5
10. If you take medicati				0	1	2	3	4	5
11. How satisfied are yo			Satisfied	Ü	Neutra		_	tisfied	J
Within the past month	, how did the follow	ving problems affect you?	Please o	ircle one	numbe	r for each	n sympton	n.	
1. Hoarseness or other	voice problems			0	1	2	3	4	5
2. Clearing throat	voice problems			0	1	2	3	4	5
3. Excess throat mucus	or postnasal drip			0	1	2	3	4	5
4. Difficulty swallowing				0	1	2	3	4	5
5. Coughing after eating				0	1	2	3	4	5
6. Breathing difficulties		S		0	1	2	3	4	5
7. Troublesome or anno				0	1	2	3	4	5
8. Sensations of someth	ning sticking in thro	at or lump in throat		0	1	2	3	4	5
9. Heartburn, chest pair	n, indigestion or sto	mach acid coming up		0	1	2	3	4	5

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Patient is possible candidate for anti-reflux surgery?	Υ	N	
Patient would like to discuss reflux options with the physician	Υ	N	
Doctor informed patient is interested in Reflux consult?	Υ	N	

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REVIEW OF SYSTEMS

Please circle (Y) or (N) any of the following that apply to symptoms you are recently or currently experiencing. Address each section carefully. Nausea Υ General Change in appetite Ν Rectal bleeding Υ Ν Chills Υ Ν Vomiting Υ Ν Fever Ν Constipation Ν **Fatigue** Υ Ν Diarrhea Ν Υ Weight gain Ν Other_ Υ Weight loss Ν Υ Hematology Pain Ν Ν Easy bruising Ν Insomnia Υ Ν Other_ Easy bleeding Other_ Allergy/Immunology Υ Ν Genitourinary Rash Wheezing Ν Difficulty urinating Υ Ν Other Urinary frequency Υ Ν Painful urination Ν **Ophthalmologic** Other_ Change in vision Υ Ν Discharge Υ Ν Musculoskeletal Other_ Joint stiffness Υ Ν Painful joints Υ Ν **ENT** Υ Swollen joints Ν Decreased hearing Ν Other ___ Nosebleeds N Painful swallowing Ν **Peripheral Vascular** Υ **Earaches** Ν Cold extremities Ν Hoarseness Ν Decreased sensation in extremities Mass or lumps Ν Ν Other _ **Endocrine** Skin Υ Cold intolerance Ν Mole(s) Υ Ν Υ Ν Υ Heat intolerance Ν Nodule(s) Υ Ν Rash Excessive thirst Υ Ν Skin Cancer Ν Ν **Excessive** sweating Other Other _ Neurological Respiratory Trouble with balance Υ Ν Cough Ν Gait abnormality Υ Ν Shortness of breath at rest Ν Headache Υ Ν Shortness of breath with exertion Y Ν Seizures Ν Wheezing Ν Numbness/Tingling Ν Other ___ Dizziness Υ Ν Υ Lightheadedness Cardiovascular N Υ **Memory Changes** Ν Chest pain at rest Υ Ν Other_ Chest pain with exertion Υ Ν Difficulty lying flat Υ Ν Psychological Irregular heartbeat Υ Ν Anxiety Υ Ν Other Ν Depressed mood Ν Difficulty sleeping Gastrointestinal Other_ **Abdominal Pain** Υ Ν **Cancer Related** Υ Blood in stool Ν Chemotherapy Υ Ν Change in bowel habits Υ Ν Radiation Ν Difficulty swallowing Υ Ν Heartburn Ν Reflux Ν

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Home Address:	STREET		APT#		TY STATE	ZIP
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Emergency Contact Name:			Relation	nship:	Phone: <u>(</u>)
Is the patient a minor?	Yes	No	Is the patient	an adult dependent	Yes No	
Are you employed?	Yes	No	Full-Time	Part-Time	Self Employed Reti	red
Are you a student?	Yes	No	Full-Time	Part-Time		w you heard about our
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I have received and reviewed North Texas Surgical Oncology Associates **Notice of Privacy Practices**, which explains how my Individually Identifiable Health Information (IIHI) may be used or disclosed. IIHI is the same as my medical information. I have also received a copy of this **Acknowledgment of Review and Patient Restriction of Protected Health Information**. I can fill in the names of friends, relatives, spouse, immediate family, etc. below if I want them to be able to have access to my IIHI. I understand that my Primary Care Physician will be provided access to my IIHI unless otherwise noted below.

I am confirming receipt of this Acknowledgment of Review of Privacy Practices and identifying who has access to my IIHI, other than myself. Please check below. I do not want anyone to have access to my IIHI. I am the only one who should have access to my IIHI. П It is agreed and acceptable for my "spouse only" to have access to my IIHI. П Patient is under eighteen (18) years of age and understands that his/her legal representative has access to his/her IIHI and the legal representative is signing below. П I want the person/s listed below to have access to my IIHI: Name: ______ Phone: ______ Phone: _____ Name: ______ Phone: ______ Phone: _____ Name: ______ Phone: _____ Phone: _____ It is acceptable to leave a detailed, medical or billing information on a phone message for me at the following number: It is agreed and acceptable for NTSOA to communicate with me by email and NTSOA's patient portal, below is the email I would prefer to use. Email address: I agree to receive Fax communication from NTSOA if necessary, below is the fax number I prefer to use. (____)___ Printed Name of Patient OR Legally Authorized Representative Signature of Patient OR Legally Authorized Representative Date _____ OFFICE USE ONLY Dr. David L. Smith Dr. Thomas E. Le Voyer Dr. M. Umar Butt Dr. Fred S. Lee

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By signing below I acknowledge receipt of the Patient Policies and Informational Guide which includes information on

appointme	ciated with no-snows, same-day can ents, test results, telephone calls, ref			
emergeno	ies.			
Printed Nam	ne of Patient OR Legally Authorized Represe	ntative		
Signature of	Patient OR Legally Authorized Representati	ive		
Date				
	PHARMACY A	ASSIGNMENT AND	AUTHORIZATION	
The pharm	nacy I normally get my prescriptions fro	om is:		
Pharmacy	Name:	Phari	macy Phone:	
Address:				
	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
	I authorize this office t	o have access to my pre	scription drug history.	
PATIENT NA	AME PRINTED		DATE	
PATIENT SIG	GNATURE			
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PRIMARY	LANGUAGE:			
ETHNICITY	(GENETIC BACKGROUND)			
RACE:(CULT	URAL ASSOCIATION)			

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SURGERY CANCELLATION POLICY

Scheduling of your surgery requires a coordinated effort of multiple people beginning with your doctor and including his nursing and administrative staff. Authorization by your insurance carrier must be obtained and scheduling of the facility and anesthesia. A tremendous amount of work takes place in preparation for your surgery.

Cancellation of surgery is sometimes unavoidable due to medical problems or significant conflicts which cannot be avoided. These cancellations, however, can result in unused surgery time. Potentially productive time by the physician goes unused despite the tremendous amount of work required in preparation for the particular surgery. Other patients who could have benefited from that surgery time cannot do so unless the surgery time is made available soon enough.

Therefore, a minimum of 72 business hours (3 business days) notification is required for surgery cancellation. This allows the physician and his staff to potentially fill the slot with another patient. Failure to notify us of cancellation in the required time will result in a charge of \$150.00. This will be posted to your account.

Exceptions to this policy will be made only for emergencies and conflicts beyond our control.

By signing below you are acknowledging that you have read this policy and understand that a cancellation of your surgery may result in a fee of \$150.00

Patient's Signature:	Date:
Printed Patient Name:	

By initialing here I am acknowledging the following:

There are three components of my surgery that may require payment from me.

- Surgeons Fee paid to the surgeons office at the time of scheduling surgery
- Facility Fee paid to the facility on the date of service
- Anesthesia Fee paid to anesthesia (usually billed after surgery)

I understand that I am responsible for the \$150.00 cancellation fee if I am unable to satisfy any of the above and decide to cancel my surgery during the three business days prior to my scheduled surgery date.

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Patient Policies and Informational Guide

Our mission is to provide excellence in medical care and personal service. We honor the doctor-patient relationship and encourage you to take an active role in your health.

Appointments

The office is open for appointments from 8:00am – 4:30pm, Monday through Friday; phones are answered until 4:30pm. We are closed for most major holidays. Same day appointments may be available, and we will make every effort to see you if you have an acute medical need during our regular business hours.

All patients must bring a current photo I.D., insurance cards (if any), and a list of medications to each appointment. This list should include prescriptions, over-the-counter medications and supplements. Please bring any film or CD of radiology reports, if any.

New patients please arrive 30 minutes prior to your appointment with your completed New Patient Packet. Established patients please arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment to allow for check-in.

Please be on time so that you will be able to keep your appointment, late arrival of 15 minutes or more may result in the cancellation or rescheduling of your appointment.

Should you need to reschedule or cancel your appointment, please notify the office with at least 24 hours' notice, otherwise you will receive a reminder call the day before your appointment.

Keep in mind; we reserve your appointment time for you, therefore, no-shows, last minute cancellations, or late arrivals may result in a \$25.00 cancellation fee assessed to your account. In order to protect the rights of other patients who are waiting to be scheduled, you may be asked to find another medical provider if you have two or more consecutive missed or cancelled appointments.

After each appointment your doctor or their Medical Assistant should hand you a clinic sheet, this will tell the staff what appointments, test, or lab work is needed for your next office visit. Remember to stop at the front desk to checkout before leaving the office they will take your clinic sheet and schedule your follow up appointment.

No-Show/Cancellation Policy

As a patient in our clinic, it is your responsibility to maintain your scheduled appointments. The clinic requires that all appointment cancellations be received 24 hours before the scheduled appointment. <u>Failure to cancel the appointment with proper notice will result in a failed appointment fee of \$25.00</u>.

In order to continue to provide prompt attention to all of our scheduled patients, it is necessary to have a late arrival policy. The clinic will consider a "failed appointment" any time a patient has not given the advance notice required above or has failed to arrive within 15 minutes of their appointment time. If a patient arrives 15 or more minutes late, they may be asked to reschedule and the appointment will be considered a "late cancellation" and result in the assessment of a failed appointment fee.

Telephone Calls

Our telephone is answered 24 hours a day. Calls are initially answered by our receptionist. If you have a question or need to speak to the physician or medical staff please provide as much information as possible to the receptionist. He or she will forward your message to the appropriate person. Your call will be returned by the end of the business day. After hours, the on call physician will be available to handle urgent medical issues. Non-emergency calls, such as appointments, medications, and refills should be made between 8:00am and 4:30pm Monday-Friday.

Patient Portal

NTSOA's patient portal provides a way for you to communicate with our practice, securely and efficiently during our business hours. Using the patient portal will allow you to view your personal health records and update as needed, view your lab results, request appointments, request to change a scheduled appointment, or see date/time of upcoming appointments, and manage your personal information.

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If you have a true medical emergency, call 911 or go to the nearest Emergency Department. Ask them to contact our office at (972) 696-0030.

Test Results

The results of laboratory and radiology tests are very important for the continued evaluation and management of your care. Tests are performed by laboratories as determined by your health insurance. It may take several days to get these test results back to our office. When having radiology test, scans, biopsies or any other procedure done outside our office, please know that we will make every effort to obtain the results as soon as possible. However, it could take 48 hours to a week for those results to reach us.

Test results are given at your follow up appointment. No diagnostic test or pathology results are given by phone.

Requests for Refills

Please call your local pharmacy for medication refills, including those medications that have no remaining refills or requests for additional refills. Your pharmacy will contact us for refill authorization, if necessary.

Referrals and Pre-Certifications

Your insurance may require a referral from your physician in order for you to see a specialist. Your insurance may also require pre-certification of office or outpatient services. As a courtesy, our office will make every reasonable effort to obtain these referrals and pre-certifications for you. Some managed care contracts specify the location for these services. Our staff is trained to help our patients through this process and will answer any questions you may have.

Requests for Medical Records

Our office is happy to provide you with a copy of your medical records. If you are in need of a copy of your medical records or wish to have a copy sent to another physician please allow 15 business days for records request to be processed. A fee may be assessed for copies with payment required before records will be released. Records, FMLA, and Disability paperwork may be charged at \$25.00 for the first 20 pages and \$0.50 for each additional page.

Payment for Services

We recognize the need for a clear understanding between you and our office regarding payment for services. Charges for professional services and treatment depend upon the terms of your insurance contract. Co-payment and unmet annual deductibles are payable at the time of your visit this includes any payment required for scheduling surgical procedures. Patients without insurance coverage will be given a discount off the fee billed for paying at the time of service based on commercial insurance contracts average reimbursement for the services needed. We accept cash, check, Visa, Discover, MasterCard and American Express.

Insurance

Please notify us immediately if there are any changes in your coverage, employer or insurance company. When a change occurs, we will verify the new coverage and do our best to ensure a smooth transition.

Our front office staff is always available during regular office hours to answer any questions you may have.

Talking to Your Doctor

You may not remember everything you want to ask your doctor, and may find it helpful to write down questions prior to your appointment. When you do get answers to your questions, write them down, too. That way, when you go home, you won't forget and you will be better equipped to answer questions that your family may have. Keep track of how you are feeling and any changes you notice so you can inform your doctor. By staying organized, you are helping yourself remain in control of your illness.