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## “Terms of Acceptance for Acupuncture”

When a patient seeks acupuncture and we accept a patient for such care, it is essential for both to be working towards the same objective.

Acupuncture has only one goal. It is important that each patient understand both the objective and the method that will be used to attain it. This will prevent any confusion or disappointment.

**Acupuncture:** The ancient Oriental art and science of inserting extremely fine needles into the body to open and unblock energy or “Qi”. Acupuncturists may also use low voltage electrical instruments to stimulate acupuncture points. Acupuncture points are located on the body and are stimulated in such a way as to increase or decrease the flow, or even re-direct the flow of energy in the body.

This is a very simple explanation for the complex process that takes place in the body during acupuncture.

**Health:** A state of optimal physical, mental and social well being, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

We do not offer to diagnose or treat any disease or condition. However, if during the course of our examination, we encounter unusual findings, we will advise you. If you desire advice, diagnosis, or treatment for those findings, we will recommend you seek the services of another health care provider.

Regardless of what the disease is called, we do not offer to treat it. Nor do we offer advice regarding treatment prescribed by others. OUR ONLY PRACTICE OBJECTIVE is to facilitate the movement of “Qi”. When the “Qi” is deficient, illness results. When the “Qi” is in excess or becomes stagnant there will almost always be pain. But when the “Qi” is abundant and free-flowing the body is balanced and harmonious.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and fully understand the above statements.  
(Print Name)

All questions regarding the doctor’s objectives pertaining to my care in this office have been answered to my complete satisfaction.

I therefore accept acupuncture care on this basis.

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(Signature)

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