Suburban
Pediatric Associates

Adolescent Privacy Policy

As children enter adolescence, it is important that they have access to health care and to a professional who will be sensitive to their concerns. The health care providers at Suburban Pediatric Associates, Inc. (SPA) are committed to providing the comprehensive services to our adolescents, including routine health care, as well as discussion of various risk behaviors such as secularity, us of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, mood disorders, concerns about body image and exposure to weapons.

Sometimes it is important that confidential care be offered to teens. As problems may only be revealed if the teen is promised privacy. All SPA care providers are skilled in addressing these issues and will provide time for such confidential discussions with teens as appropriate. Any issues discussed in such sessions will remain confidential between the care provider and the adolescent UNLESS the care provider identifies potentially dangerous issues such as health behaviors that risk the teen's well-being, involvement in dangerous activities, victimization by violent, or a teen so upset that he or she is in danger of hurting him/herself or others.

By signing this document, a parent acknowledges the need for such confidentiality and accepts the promise of the care provider to discuss those issues which require discussion but to keep confidential those issues which represent no threat to the teen's health. The teen acknowledges that he or she can feel free to share confidential information with the care provider, but that the care provider must make the ultimate decision when and if such information must be revealed to a parent or other authority.

It is further understood that under Ohio statute as well as the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) such confidential information will NOT be provided to the parent except under extraordinary circumstances.

Parent: _____ _____
Sign Print

Adolescent: _____ _____
Sign Print

Date: _____ DOB: _____