



KIDS FIRST

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HIPAA EMAIL CONSENT

Very important. Please read!

- HIPAA stands for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. HIPAA was passed by the U.S. government in 1996 in order to establish privacy and security protections for health information.
- Most popular email services (ex. Hotmail®, Gmail®, Yahoo®) do not utilize encrypted email.
- When we send you an email, or you send us an email, the information that is sent is not encrypted. This means a third party may be able to access the information and read it since it is transmitted over the Internet. In addition, once the email is received by you, someone may be able to access your email account and read it.
- Email is a very popular and convenient way to communicate for a lot of people, so in their latest modification to the HIPAA, the federal government provided guidance on email and HIPAA. The information is available on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website at <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/faq/570/does-hipaa-permit-health-care-providers-to-use-email-to-discuss-health-issues-with-patients/index.html>
- The guidelines state that patients may initiate communications with a provider using e-mail. If this situation occurs, the health care provider can assume (unless the patient has explicitly stated otherwise) that e-mail communications are acceptable to the individual. If the provider feels the patient may not be aware of the possible risks of using unencrypted e-mail, or has concerns about potential liability, the provider can alert the patient of those risks, and let the patient decide whether to continue e-mail communications.

Please check/initial one:

I understand the risks of unencrypted email and do hereby give permission to Kids First Pediatric Group, LLC to send me personal health information (PHI) via unencrypted email.

I do not wish to receive personal health information via email.

Patient Name and Date of Birth

Signature (Parent/Guardian, if patient is a minor)

Date