



Our Notice of Privacy Practices has recently been updated to include the following section regarding Health Information Exchanges. Please take a moment to review and sign the acknowledgement at the bottom of the page.

Thank you.

Health Information Exchanges

We may participate in one or more health information exchanges. In general, health information exchanges facilitate the electronic exchange of health information across different organizations within a specified area, such as a health system, a community, or a broader region. If you have any questions regarding our participation in these health information exchanges, please contact our Privacy Officer for additional information.

We will participate in a health information exchange involving health care providers who care for patients in Frederick County that will be operated by Frederick Memorial Hospital. We will share your information with this exchange as permitted by law in order to facilitate the secure exchange of your electronic health information between health care providers and other health care entities for your treatment, payment, or other permitted purposes (including health care operations). If you do not want your information shared in this way, you can opt out by completing a written opt out form, which we will provide, and submit to any of our offices. We will comply with your opt out request to the extent required by applicable law. Opting out will not preclude any participating organization that already has received or accessed your information from retaining such information. If you opt out, you can choose to resume participation by submitting a written request to one of our offices.

We also participate in the Chesapeake Regional Information System for Our Patients (CRISP), a statewide internet-based health information exchange approved but not operated by a State of Maryland agency. Because we participate with CRISP, your health information will be shared with this exchange in ways similar to those described above regarding the Frederick County exchange. You may “opt-out” and prevent searching of your health information available through CRISP by calling 1-877-952-7477 or completing and submitting an OPT-OUT form to CRISP by mail, fax or through their website at www.crisphealth.org. We are not CRISP and cannot submit your opt-out should you decide to opt-out.

Acknowledgement of Privacy Practices

I understand that the patient’s health information is private and confidential. I understand that The Pediatric Center works very hard to protect the patient’s privacy and preserve the confidentiality of the patient’s personal health information.

I understand that The Pediatric Center may use and disclose the patient’s personal health information to help provide health care to the patient, to handle billing and payment, and to take care of other health care operations.

The Pediatric Center has a detailed document called the “Notice of Privacy Practices”. It contains more information about the policies and practices protecting the patient’s privacy. I understand that I have the right to read the “Notice” before signing this Acknowledgment.

Within this Notice of Privacy Practices is contained a complete description of my privacy/confidentiality rights. These rights include, but aren’t limited to, access to my medical records; restrictions on certain uses; receiving an accounting of disclosures as required by law; and requesting communication be by specified methods of communications or alternative location. This Notice of Privacy Practices may be updated periodically.

Patient’s Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian’s Printed Name: _____ Relationship to Patient: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____