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## *INFORMED CONSENT*

I hereby consent to be treated by Jessica DePete, M.S., L.Ac., with acupuncture and/or other Oriental medicine procedures, which may include acupuncture, moxibustion, cupping, gua sha, electrical stimulation, tui-na (Chinese massage), Chinese herbal medicine, or nutritional and lifestyle counseling.

- ☉ I understand that acupuncture is performed by the insertion of pre-sterilized acupuncture needles through the skin, with or without the addition of heat or electrical stimulation, to certain points on the body, with the intent of improving bodily functions, relieving pain, and treating certain diseases or bodily dysfunction.
- ☉ I have been informed that acupuncture, when performed by qualified licensed practitioners, is a safe method of treatment, but in rare occasions side effects may occur. The most common of these are bruising or tingling near the needling sites for a few days, fatigue, or temporary aggravation of pre-existing symptoms. Other possible, though extremely rare, side effects include fainting, spontaneous miscarriage or pneumothorax. If I experience any symptom I believe may be the result of an acupuncture treatment, I have been advised to contact my acupuncturist promptly for guidance.
- ☉ I understand that I should also inform my acupuncturist prior to being treated if I believe that I might be pregnant or am trying to become pregnant.
- ☉ I accept the fact that no guarantee is made concerning the outcome of my acupuncture or herbal medicine treatments and that I may stop treatment at any time.
- ☉ I understand that it is not within the scope of practice for acupuncturists to offer Western medical (biomedical) diagnosis and that it is my responsibility to seek such diagnosis elsewhere if I have not already done so.

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Patient's name (please print)

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Patient's signature

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Date

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