

1. Bring your License/ID and Insurance card to each appointment. A *digital picture will also be taken at this initial appointment* for your electronic medical chart.
2. Plan to update or verify your personal information at each appointment.
3. Complete the enclosed Patient Information Forms and bring them to your appointment. This information will be used by the provider during your evaluation. Failure to have the forms completed prior to your arrival may result in your appointment being delayed or rescheduled.
4. Please arrange for a driver to arrive with you for your appointment. Some procedures may require the use of light sedation. Please be aware that you must have a driver present in the waiting room in order to receive sedation.
5. Anticipate being at our office for your initial appointment for approximately two or three (2-3) hours.

**FINANCIAL POLICY**

Our office participates with a variety of insurance plans including but not limited to:

Medicare	Priority Health	Blue Cross Blue Shield	HAP	Aetna	Cofinity	United Healthcare
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If you have questions regarding your insurance, we will try to help. However, questions relating to specific coverage issues must be directed to your insurance company’s member services department. Their telephone number should be listed on the back of your insurance card.

Referrals: Many insurance plans require a referral from your primary care physician to be seen by a specialist. We will contact your insurance carrier to arrange for a referral but ask that you follow up with them too. If a referral is required but not secured, your visit may be rescheduled or you may be financially responsible.

All applicable co-payments, deductibles, co-insurance and personal balances, both current and prior, are due at the time of service unless other payment arrangements have been made. In some cases, you may be asked to pay the balance of your account or make payment arrangements prior to making your next appointment.

For your convenience, we accept cash, checks, VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express and money orders. You may also pay your bill online through our website (shown below). *Please note that there is a \$25.00 service charge for all returned checks.*

We understand that there may be times and circumstances that come up where you are unable to pay your entire bill. In these situations it is very important that you contact our Billing Office (800-319-3118) so a financial representative can assist you in setting up a reasonable payment plan and to keep your account from being sent to a collection agency.

If you fail to meet the financial obligations agreed upon in this financial policy or have other payment arrangements made, your outstanding balance will be sent to a collection agency. You will be required to pay your entire balance and any collection agency fees, up to 25% of your account balance, before being scheduled for any further appointments.

If you have billing related questions, please contact our billing office at (800) 319-3118 and select option 2.

**[www.tricountypain.com](http://www.tricountypain.com)**

Welcome to Tri-County Pain Consultants. The purpose of this letter is to let you know what to expect from me and our team and to answer some questions that we respond to on a regular basis.

Our practice is not built on a single course of treatment, but on the best use of multiple team members and options. Your treatment with us may involve medications, injections, behavioral health and/or physical therapy. Our goal is to do what works for you; our recommendations are based on a thorough assessment of your current health and your goals for improvement.

Medications may be used to help manage pain, often times they can be a very effective part of a pain management plan. However, we are always looking to find the root cause of the problem so that we aren't masking the symptoms. Pain can be a major hurdle to many daily activities so behavioral therapy including biofeedback and counseling may be a vital component of care. In addition, physical therapy can provide just the right touch to compliment your overall treatment goals.

We use injections for two main reasons. One, is to help diagnose the source of the pain, the second is that it can be therapeutic in reducing pain. Back pain provides an example. Some sources of back pain may be very obvious such as a large disc herniation. In other cases the exact source of back pain may be less certain. I put medications at different spots in the back to help diagnose & treat the source. Not every patient is a good candidate for injections, frequently they can be used to help a person feel better. Injections can initially be used to break the cycle of constant debilitating pain. As a continued treatment, longer lasting injections can be used to encourage activity and reduce the need for medications. Injections coupled with behavioral & physical therapy and/or medication can be a winning combination for helping you to get back to daily activities and to have reduced pain.

Again I welcome you to my practice and I hope this letter answers a few of your questions. I realize that you may have additional questions and I welcome the opportunity to address them when we meet at your first appointment. I appreciate the confidence you have by trusting your care to me and my entire team. We are all eager to meet you and to help you manage your pain.

Sincerely,

Tri-County Pain Consultants

## History Form

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Consultation: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female

Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_

### REFERRING PHYSICIAN

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

### FAMILY PHYSICIAN

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHIEF COMPLAINT:** (Explain what brought you into the office today.) \_\_\_\_\_

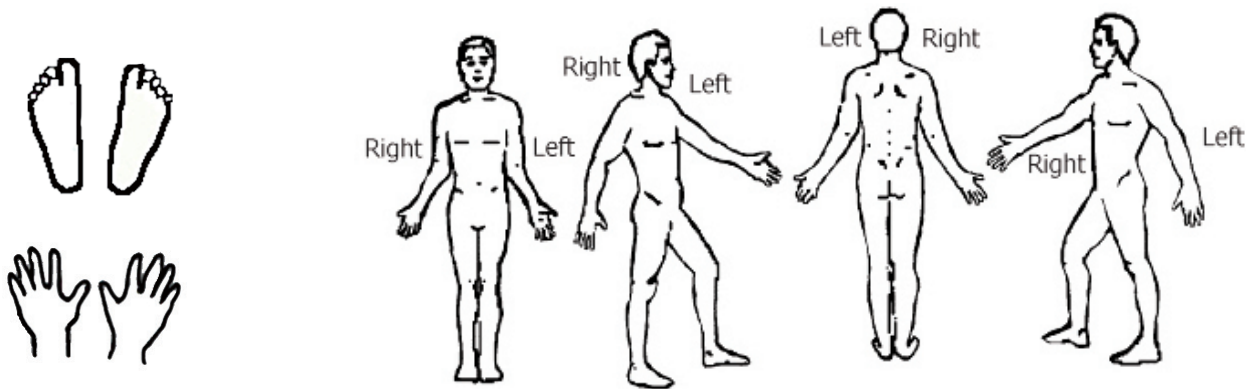
Do you have pain or another symptom \_\_\_\_\_

A particular condition or diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_

Did a physician ask you to come to our office for a particular type of treatment?

### HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS:

Please indicate on the drawings below where your pain is located.



Please circle any of the following symptoms that you are experiencing.

Is your problem: constant, intermittent, frequent, occasional, infrequent

Is the pain: sharp, dull, aching, throbbing, burning, tingling, shooting, stabbing, electrical

Is your problem: mild, moderate, severe, excruciating

How would you rate your average pain on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is no pain and 10 is unbearable? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been experiencing this problem? \_\_\_\_\_

Do any of the following make the problem worse: time of day, sitting, standing, bending, lifting, twisting, crawling, stair climbing, coughing, sneezing, heat, cold, eating, weather changes, light touch, stress, other, \_\_\_\_\_

Do any of the following make the problem better: rest, heat, cold, massage, medication, other \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any factors or symptoms that occur with your problem, such as, numbness, muscle weakness, bowel or bladder problems, or others? \_\_\_\_\_

What doctors have you seen for this problem? (Name and Specialty) \_\_\_\_\_

What tests have you had for this problem and what were the results, if known?

MRI \_\_\_\_\_

CT Scan \_\_\_\_\_

X-Rays \_\_\_\_\_

EMG \_\_\_\_\_

What treatments have you had for this problem and what were the results?

Surgery \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy \_\_\_\_\_

Injections/Nerve Blocks \_\_\_\_\_

TENS \_\_\_\_\_

Psychological/Behavioral Pain Management \_\_\_\_\_

Osteopathic/Chiropractic Manipulation \_\_\_\_\_

Acupuncture \_\_\_\_\_

What medication are you currently taking for this problem and how much? \_\_\_\_\_

What medication have you used in the past for this problem? \_\_\_\_\_

**PAST MEDICAL HISTORY:** Do you have any of the following conditions? Please check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> High Blood Pressure         | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> Type 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Type 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Scleroderma            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Cholesterol            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis  | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpal Tunnel Syndrome |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irregular Heart Beat        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pancreatitis   | <input type="checkbox"/> Glaucoma               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congestive Heart Failure    | <input type="checkbox"/> Stomach Ulcers   | <input type="checkbox"/> Strokes                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coronary Artery Disease     | <input type="checkbox"/> GERD   | <input type="checkbox"/> TIAs                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart Attack/MI             | <input type="checkbox"/> Thyroid Disorder   | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure Disorder       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peripheral Vascular Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Kidney Disease   | <input type="checkbox"/> Headaches              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep Apnea                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gynecological Problems   | <input type="checkbox"/> Depression             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy / LMP _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety/Panic Disorder |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronchitis/Emphysema/COPD   | <input type="checkbox"/> Osteoarthritis   | <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding Disorder      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pneumonia                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatoid Arthritis   | <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis                | <input type="checkbox"/> Lupus  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer, type _____     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, _____                |   |   |

**PAST SURGICAL HISTORY:** (Please list all surgeries you have had and the approximate dates.) \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOSPITALIZATIONS:** (If you have been hospitalized, when was it and for what reason.)

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**Accidents/Injuries:** (Please list any significant accidents or injuries and when they occurred.)

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**Medications:** (Please list all medications you are currently taking, including aspirin.)

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| 2. _____ | 5. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ | 9. _____ |

**Allergies:** Please list all medication and other allergies.

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**Family History:** Please list any illnesses that are present in your family or the cause of their death:

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**SOCIAL HISTORY:**

Married     Single     Divorced     Separated     Widow/Widower

Do you live with your spouse or significant other?     Yes     No

How many children and grandchildren do you have?    Children \_\_\_\_\_    Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_

If you smoke, how many packs per day and for how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

How many alcoholic beverages do you drink a day? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you now or have you ever used illegal drugs? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been the victim of abuse or violence? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your highest level of education? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have vocational training and in what area? \_\_\_\_\_

**OCCUPATIONAL HISTORY**

Working full-time     Working part-time     On medical leave     Disabled     Unemployed     Retired

What is your current occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you work and how long have you been there? \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW OF SYSTEMS:** Please circle of any of the following symptoms that you are experiencing.

**General:**    Weight gain/loss, Fatigue, Fever, Chills, Night Sweats

**Skin:**    Hair changes, Nail changes, Itching, Rashes

**Head:**    Trauma, Headaches

**Eyes:**    Vision loss, Blurriness, Tearing, Glasses, Contact lenses

**Ears:**    Hearing loss, Ringing, Dizziness, Ear ache

**Nose/Sinuses:**    Allergies, Nose bleed

**Mouth/Throat/Neck:** Bleeding gums, Hoarseness, Sore throat, Difficulty swallowing, Swollen neck, Masses

**Breasts:** Skin changes, Lumps/masses, Discharge

**Respiratory:** Shortness of breath, Wheezing, Productive cough, Coughing up blood

**Cardiovascular:** Palpitations, Heart murmur, Chest pain, Shortness of breath lying down, during sleep, Leg swelling, Leg pain, Leg pain when walking

**GI:** Loss of appetite, Nausea, Vomiting, Indigestion, Irregular bowel movements, Constipation, Diarrhea, Vomiting blood, Bloody stools, Black/tarry stools, Hemorrhoids, Abdominal pain, Jaundice

**Urinary:** Frequency, Urgency, Hesitancy, Painful urination, Blood in urine, Incontinence, Stones, Infections

**Male:** Testicular pain or masses, Hernias, Discharge, STD's, Loss of sex interest/function

**Female:** Pregnant, Irregular periods, Painful periods, Hot flashes/sweats, STD's, Loss of sex interest/function

**Musculoskeletal:** Joint stiffness, Joint instability, Reduced range of motion, Swelling/redness of joints

**Neurological:** Numbness, Tingling, Loss of sensation, Muscle weakness, Paralysis, Tremors, Seizures  
Fainting/blackouts

**Hematologic:** Anemia, Easy bruising/bleeding, Bleeding disorder, Transfusions

**Endocrine:** Heat/cold intolerance, Excessive sweating, Excessive thirst, Excessive Hunger

**Psychiatric:** Changes in mood, Stress/tension, Anxiety, Depression, Thoughts of suicide, Memory problems

### FUNCTIONAL STATUS:

How long can you: Sit \_\_\_\_\_  
Stand \_\_\_\_\_  
Walk \_\_\_\_\_  
Climb Stairs \_\_\_\_\_  
Drive \_\_\_\_\_

Does the pain interfere with:  Daily activities  
 Eating  
 Dressing  
 Bathing  
 Using the toilet  
 Getting out of Bed/Chair  
 Recreational activities  
 Housework  
 Yard work  
 Work Duties

### PATIENT GOALS

What are your goals for treatment? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Spoken Language:

- English    Spanish    Vietnamese    Non-English Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Declined

### Ethnicity:

Are you Hispanic/Latino?

- Yes  
 No  
 Declined

### Race:

- American Indian / Alaskan Native  
 Asian  
 Black/African American  
 White  
 Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander  
 Multiracial  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Declined

### Gender Identity Values

- Identifies as Male
- Identifies as Female
- Female-to-Male (FTM/Transgender Male/Trans Man)
- Male-to-Female (MTF/Transgender Female/Trans Woman)
- Genderqueer, neither exclusively male nor female
- Choose not to disclose

### Sexual Orientation Values

- Lesbian, gay, or homosexual
- Straight or heterosexual
- Bisexual
- Don't know
- Choose not to disclose

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. It will help us serve you better.