FREMONT HOSPITAL

AUTHORIZATION TO USE OR RELEASE PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION REGARDING MEDICAL, PSYCHIATRIC AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECORDS

FOR THE RECIPIENT OF THE INFORMATION: If any of the requested records contain information regarding alcohol or drug abuse treatment, it is protected by Federal confidentiality rules (42 CFR Part 2). Federal rules prohibit you from making any further disclosure of this information unless further use or disclosure is expressly permitted by the written consent of the person to whom it pertains or as otherwise permitted by 42 CFR Part 2. A general authorization for the use or release if medical or other information is NOT sufficient for this purpose. Federal rules restrict any use of the information to criminally investigate or prosecute any alcohol or drug abuse patient.

I hereby authorize: FREMONT HOSPITAL
39001 Sundale Drive
Fremont, CA 94538 PHONE: (510) 574-4812 **FAX: (510) 574-4827**

To use or release health information and records obtained during the course of treatment of:

Patient Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Patient/Requester's Phone: _____

_____ Social Security No.: _____

1. The information is to be **used or disclosed to the following <u>persons or organizations</u>:**

   Person/ Entity Name: _____

   Complete Address: _____

   Phone Number: _____ Fax #: _____

2. **Purpose: [ ]** At the request of the patient **[ ]** Other: _____

3. **Dates of Treatment** (insert dates): _____. If this line is left blank, the treatment dates covered by this authorization are from the most recent preadmission to discharge and claims resolution.

I understand that this authorization extends to all or any part of the records/information designated below, which may include treatment for physical and mental illness, alcohol/drug use, HIV/AIDS test results or diagnoses. The information to be used or released includes:

_____ Discharge Summary
_____ Discharge Instructions
_____ Psychiatric Evaluation
_____ History and Physical Exam
_____ Laboratory Data/ X-Ray Reports
_____ Medication Records
_____ Assessments (RN, SS, Intake)
_____ Verbal Communication with:
Name: _____
Relationship: _____

_____ Treatment Plans
_____ Progress Notes
_____ Physician Orders
_____ Consultation Report
_____ Face Sheet
_____ Billing/Financial Records
_____ Letter with Date and Physician Name
_____ Letter with Date, Physician Name, Diagnosis
_____ Other _____

This authorization is limited only to that information that I have requested above to be used or disclosed to the persons/facilities named herein. I hereby release Fremont Hospital, its employees and agents from all legal responsibilities or liability that may arise from the use or disclosure of medical records and other health information in reliance on this authorization.

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Patient's Name: _____

1. **Expiration:** I understand that unless I revoke the authorization earlier, this authorization will automatically expire 180 days from the date this authorization is signed.
2. **Re-disclosure:** I understand that information used or disclosed in accordance with this authorization may no longer be protected by federal law, and could be used or re-disclosed by the receiving party.
3. **Refusal to sign:** I understand that I may refuse to sign this authorization and that Fremont Hospital will not condition treatment, payment, or eligibility for benefits on whether I sign this authorization.
4. **Certification: I certify that I am (check whichever applies):**
   [ ] The patient, and the identification that I have provided is true and correct.
   [ ] The patient's authorized representative, and that the identification and proof of authority that I have provided are true and correct. Copies of legal documents supporting the assignment of this authority must be submitted. The signature of the authorized representative is required for patients who are conservatees under the Lanterman-Petris Act. This does not include conservatees under the Probate Code.
   * My relationship to the patient is that of: _____.
5. **Revocation:** I have the right to make a written request to stop the use or release of information at any time, although I understand that I cannot do anything about information already used or disclosed under this authorization.
6. **Minors:** I understand that minors over 12 years old must sign the authorization along with their parent/guardian. Fremont Hospital will not condition treatment, payment, or eligibility for benefits on whether this authorization is signed.
7. **Copy:** I understand that I will receive a copy of this completed form if I check yes: [ ] Yes [ ] No

The confidentiality of medical, psychiatric and substance abuse information is protected by State and Federal Statutes, Rules and Regulations (including: California Confidentiality of Medical Information Act; California Administrative Code, Title 22; California Welfare and Institutions Code 5328; Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations; and HIPAA).

_____	_____	
Patient Signature (**Required if Adolescent)**	Date	
_____	_____	_____
Parent or Legally Authorized Representative	Date	Relationship to Patient
_____	_____	_____
Staff Member/Witness Signature	Print Last Name	Date

(INTERNAL USE ONLY)

I have received _____ as documentation that verifies the relationship with the patient and the authority to receive health information on behalf of the patient.

_____	_____	_____
Date	Employee Signature	Printed Name