



For your Protected Health Information, PHI
**THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU, AS A CLIENT OF
THE VIRTUAL NEPHROLOGIST, INC., MAY BE USED AND/OR DISCLOSED**

PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY

Relationships are built on trust. One of the most elements of trust is respect for an individual's privacy. We, at The Virtual Nephrologist, Inc., value our relationship with you, and we take your personal health and financial information privacy very seriously. The privacy of your health information is important to us.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING UNLESS YOU HAVE A REQUEST OR A COMPLAINT

For purposes of this Notice, "us", "we" and "our" refers to The Virtual Nephrologist, Inc. "You" or "your" refers to our clients (or their legal representatives). When you receive virtual consultation services from us; we will obtain access to your medical information (e.g., your health history that you provide). We are committed to maintaining the privacy of your health information and we have implemented numerous procedures to ensure that we do so. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) require us to maintain the confidentiality of all your healthcare records and other individually identifiable health information used by or disclosed to us in any form, whether electronically, on paper, or orally, your PHI is protected and secure. HIPAA is a federal law that gives you significant new rights to understand and control how your health information is used. Starting April 14, 2003, HIPAA requires us to provide you with this Notice of our legal duties and the privacy practices we are required to follow when you first contact us for virtual consultation services. If you have any questions about this Notice, please ask to speak to our privacy officer. Our Physician, The Virtual Nephrologist, Dr. Rifai follows the policies and procedures set forth in this notice.

You may choose to not use your name and just ask questions and request research assistance. We will not ask you details of personal, health and medical or financial information you do not want to disclose.

OUR RULES on how we may use your Protected Health Information, PHI

We DO NOT store any financial or medical information about you after conclusion of the Virtual Consultation.

We DO NOT disclose any financial or medical information to any third party.

We DO NOT Video or audio record our virtual consultations. We request you DO NOT VIDEO or AUDIO RECORD TOO. We do not give a consent to audio or video record any or part of the consultations.

We DO NOT ask for information you do not share.

We destroy any and all information about you, including e-mails, paper records and electronic records and we provide you with a certificate of destruction of such information at the end of a virtual consultation service.

We will take reasonable administrative, technical and security safeguards to ensure the privacy of your PHI when you share it.

We reserve the right to change our privacy practices by changing the terms of this Notice at any time.

GENERAL DISCLAIMER

The relationship between The Virtual Nephrologist, Inc. and the client is NOT a Doctor Patient relationship. It is an advice and education regarding medical matters related to Hypertension, Kidney Disease, Dialysis or Heart Failure. We also provide you with guidance and assistance in research about medical matters you are interested in.

THIS SITE IS NOT AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL NEEDS. IF YOU EXPERIENCE A MEDICAL EMERGENCY CONTACT YOUR LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICES IMMEDIATELY, DIAL 911 OR GO TO THE NEAREST EMERGENCY ROOM.

WE DO NOT OFFER OR PROVIDE MEDICAL PERSCRIPTIONS. THIS SITE IS NOT AN ALTERNATIVE TO CONVENTIONAL MEDICAL CARE. THE SITE IS ONLY FOR YOUR ADDITIONAL UNDERSTANDING OF HYPERTENSION, KIDNEY DISEASE, DIALYSIS AND CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE VIA QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AND ASSISTANCE IN RESEARCH ABOUT YOUR CONDITION OR QUESTIONS.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES (PLEASE READ SIGN AND FAX BACK TO US)

As required by the Privacy Regulations, I hereby acknowledge that I have received a current copy of this practice's "NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES", revision date of April 27-2018.

As required by the Privacy Regulations, I am aware that this practice has included a provision that it reserves the right to change the terms of its notice and to make the new notice provisions effective for all protected health information that it maintains.

Requests:

___ I wish to file a "Request for Restriction" of my Protected Health Information.

___ I wish to file a "Request for Alternative Communications" of my Protected Health Information.

___ I wish to object to the following in the "Notice of Privacy Practices":

I understand that this office may change their Notice of Privacy Practices and is not required to honor the terms of the original or previous version(s).

Signature: _____ Date signed _____ Printed Name: _____

CONSENT (PLEASE READ, SIGN AND FAX TO US)

I give The Virtual Nephrologist, Inc. and A. O. Rifai, MD my consent to use my Protected Health Information to carry out my Virtual consultation and to obtain payment from me via PayPal or direct e-mail billing to my e-mail of record.

I understand for any medical emergencies I should call 911 or go to the nearest ER.

I understand for any "time sensitive matter", I should not use the internet. I understand that e-mails and Skype, Vsee may not be HIPAA compliant.

I understand that Dr. Rifai is not my treating physician and for my ultimate decision and medications and direct patient care, I should see my primary care physician and any consultant I follow with, including Nephrologist.

Signature: _____ Date signed _____ Printed Name: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE _____

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Need a Virtual Advice? How does it work?

All your questions are answered while you never have to leave your home or wait in the doctor's office. Your questions are answered in real time by Dr. Rifai, The Virtual Nephrologist, so you will never get an auto responder or a search result.

- 1- Contact The Virtual Nephrologist via e-mail, Skype, or VSee, (see contact us page). For Skype the contact name is thevirtualnephrologist. For Vsee, the contact e-mail address is thevirtualnephrologst@gmail.com. The AVANTAGE of VSee is the ability for Dr. Rifai to share the research screen with you. Both Skype and VSee are audiovisual communication tools.
- 2- Ask your medical question or send a detailed email describes your needs.
- 3- Set up an appointment that is convenient for you and for Dr. Rifai and pay the fees in advance. We have a 100% money back guarantee with 100% satisfaction.
- 4- Emergent virtual advice is available for an additional fee.

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