



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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