



FOOT
& ANKLE
ASSOCIATES
OF MAINE, P.A.

Foot and Ankle Associates of Maine, P.A.

www.footandankleassociatesofmaine.com

Welcome to Foot & Ankle Associates of Maine. We sincerely appreciate you choosing our practice for your foot and ankle health. Enclosed please find your appointment card indicating the date and time of your appointment. If you are unable to keep this date and/or time, please call us at 207-725-4008 so we may reschedule your appointment. We will make every effort to accommodate your schedule.

Please be on time for your appointment to avoid being rescheduled.

What to bring with you:

- Completed the Patient Information Sheet and Insurance Information Form (enclosed) in ink.
- Insurance card(s)

If you have not completed these forms prior to your visit, please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time to complete these forms. This will keep our schedule running smoothly and avoid encounter delays.

Please note, if you have "managed care" insurance (Cigna Healthcare, HMO, PrimeCare Medicaid, PPO, Choice, etc.): our doctors may participate with your insurance plan, and if so, our practice must adhere to the rules of that plan. Most managed care plans require you to obtain a referral from your Primary Care Physician (PCP) prior to seeing a specialist. *If you are uncertain as to the type of plan you have please call your insurance carrier for more information.* We ask that you call your PCP prior to your appointment to assure your referral has been made. IF we do not receive your referral by the time of your appointment, you will be asked to reschedule your appointment.

We recognize that our patients and their families may be stressed due to medical reasons and we will do all we can to assure your appointment runs smoothly and on time. However, as this is a surgical office, from time to time an urgent surgery disrupts our regular patient flow. If such an incident should occur, you will be kept informed of the status of your appointment.

We also ask that you please be prepared to pay your office visit co-pay (if any) at the time of your visit.

Please feel free to call with any questions, and once again, Welcome!

Sincerely,
Foot and Ankle Associates of Maine, P.A.

Compassionate care for all aspects of the foot and ankle

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Health Information Sheet (1011)

Last Name _____ First _____ Initial _____ Today's Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Sex M ___ F ___ Birthdate _____ Age _____ Email address _____

Wt. _____ Ht. _____ Shoe size _____ Marital Status M D S W P Number of Children _____

Phone# _____ Primary Doctor (First) _____ (Last) _____

Employer _____ Occupation _____ WorkPhone _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone # _____

Reason for visit _____ RT _____ LT _____

Have you been treated for this problem? No Yes ** If yes, date of treatment _____

What treatment was received? _____ By whom? _____

Have you had X-rays taken for this problem? No Yes, when _____ where _____

Is there any possibility that you are pregnant? No Yes

HAVE YOU EVER

Explain:

Been operated on? ___ No ___ Yes _____
Been seriously injured? ___ No ___ Yes _____
Been on any type of disability? ___ No ___ Yes _____

SOCIAL HISTORY:

Do you smoke cigarettes? ___ No ___ Yes, how much? ___ less than 1 pack/day ___ 1-2 packs/day ___ >3 packs/day

Do you use alcohol? ___ No ___ Yes, how much? ___ 1-2 drinks per day ___ More

Do you use recreational drugs ___ No ___ Yes

ALLERGIES: Please check all that apply

None _____ Aspirin _____ Sulfa _____ Other (please list) _____
Penicillin _____ Tape _____ Latex (rubber) _____
Iodine dye _____ Codeine _____ Metal _____

List all current medications you are taking:

Name & location of the Pharmacy you use _____

PERSONAL HISTORY: Check if YOU have had any of the following diseases, symptoms, or conditions

Arthritis	___ Yes ___ No	Back Injury/problem	___ Yes ___ No	Heart disease	___ Yes ___ No
Cancer	___ Yes ___ No	High Blood Pressure	___ Yes ___ No	Kidney disease	___ Yes ___ No
Stroke/Seizures	___ Yes ___ No	Immune Problems	___ Yes ___ No	Liver disease	___ Yes ___ No
Diabetes	___ Yes ___ No	Hepatitis	___ Yes ___ No	Blood Clots	___ Yes ___ No
Malignant Hyperthermia	___ Yes ___ No				

Review of Systems...	Please X all that apply	<u>RESPIRATORY</u>	<u>EXTREMITIES</u>	___ Speech delay or difficulty
<u>GENERAL</u>	___ Nose bleeds	___ Asthma/Wheezing	___ Cold limbs	<u>PSYCHIATRIC</u>
___ Appetite changes	___ Difficulty swallowing	___ Chronic coughing	___ Deformity	___ ADD / ADHD
___ Body aches	___ sore throat or hoarseness	___ Coughing up blood	___ Discoloration	___ Depression
___ Fatigue	___ Swollen glands	___ Shortness of breath	___ Loss of limb	___ Insomnia
___ Fever	<u>INTEGUMENTARY</u>	___ Sleep apnea	___ Joint pain	___ Anxiety/nervousness
___ General good health	___ Blister	<u>GASTROINTESTINAL</u>	___ Numbness/tingling sensation	___ Memory loss or confusion
___ Recent weight Change	___ Hair loss	___ Abdominal pain	___ Swelling of limbs	___ Panic attacks
<u>EENT</u>	___ Hair/nail changes	___ Blood in stool	<u>MUSCULOSKELETAL</u>	<u>ENDOCRINE</u>
___ Blurred/Double vision	___ Increased skin dryness	___ Constipation	___ Ambulation difficulties	___ Excessive thirst or urination
___ Corrective lenses	___ Mole size/color changes	___ Diarrhea	___ Back pain/stiffness	___ Glandular/hormonal problem
___ Eye disease/Injury	___ Rash/Itching	___ Heartburn or indigestion	___ Joint pain/swelling	___ Heat or cold intolerance
___ Eye flashes or floaters	___ Skin color changes	___ Nausea/vomiting	___ Muscle pain/cramps	___ Hyperactivity
___ Glaucoma	___ Varicose veins	___ Painful bowel movements	___ Muscle weakness	___ Skin becoming drier
___ Loss of vision	<u>CARDIOVASCULAR</u>	<u>GENITOURINARY</u>	___ Frequent/recurrent headaches	___ Thyroid Disease
___ Ear aches or infections	___ Chest pain/pressure	___ Blood in urine	___ Lightheaded or dizziness	HEMATO/LYMPHATIC
___ Hearing loss or ringing	___ Palpitations	___ Burning/painful urination	___ Tremors	___ Anemia
___ Chronic sinus problems	___ Shortness of breath when walking/laying flat	___ Frequent urination	___ Paralysis	___ Bruise/bleed easily
	___ Swelling of feet, ankles or hands	___ Incontinence or dribbling	___ Head injury	___ Past transfusion
		___ Kidney stones	___ Poor balance	___ Phlebitis
		___ Urgency	___ Delayed motor skills	___ Slow to heal cuts or bruises
		___ Waking at night to urinate		___ Swollen lymph nodes

Collection of the following information is encouraged under the HITECH Act, enacted under the American Recover and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. This information is used to help improve quality of care to all patients.

Ethnicity:	Race:	___ American Indian or Alaska Native
___ Hispanic or Latino	___ White	___ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
___ Not Hispanic or Latino	___ Black or African American	___ Other
___ Declined Response	___ Asian	___ Declined Response
Preferred Language: _____		___ Declined Response

Attestation

I authorize FOOT AND ANKLE ASSOCIATES OF MAINE, P.A. and providers thereof to diagnose and treat all my podiatry and podiatric surgical needs for this, and every subsequent visit. I agree to allow Medical Assistants and /or other personnel associated with FOOT AND ANKLE ASSOCIATES OF MAINE, P.A. to take vitals, pertinent history and / or to observe performed procedures. I authorize FOOT AND ANKLE ASSOCIATES OF MAINE P.A. to contact my insurance company and release any medical information needed to process claims. I agree that I will be charged for, and expected to pay for, any services rendered that insurance will not pay. I understand that it is my responsibility to pay my co-payment (if applicable) at the time services are rendered. In the case of self-pay, I understand that payment is expected at the time services are rendered. I further understand signing below, I am affirming that I have completed this form fully and that the information furnished is correct to the best of my knowledge. I am also affirming that I have read and understand the contents of the authorization above and my responsibilities therein. I understand that this attestation begins a voluntary Physician/Patient relationship with FOOT AND ANKLE ASSOCIATES OF MAINE, P.A. and that they or I may terminate this relationship at any time with at least one (1) months' notice. A photocopy of this authorization shall be considered as effective and as valid as the original.

Notice of Privacy Practices

I acknowledge that I have been offered a copy of, and a chance to read through, the Notice of Privacy Practices. I have read and agree to the above statements

_____ Patient or legal guardian printed name	_____ Patient or legal guardian signature	_____ Date
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Patient Financial Policy

Your understanding of our financial policy is an essential element of your care and treatment. If you have any questions, please discuss them with our front office staff or supervisor.

- As our patient, you are responsible for all authorizations/referrals needed to seek treatment in this office.
- Unless other arrangements have been made in advance by you, or your health insurance carrier, payment for office services are due at the time of service. We will accept VISA, MasterCard, cash or check.
- Your insurance policy is a contract between you and your insurance company. As a courtesy, we will file your insurance claim for you if you assign the benefits to the doctor. In other words, you agree to have your insurance company pay the doctor directly.
- We have made prior arrangements with insurers and other health plans to accept an assignment of benefits. We will bill those plans with which we have an agreement and will only require you to pay the co-pay/co-insurance/deductible at the time of service.
- If you have insurance coverage with a plan with which we do not have a prior agreement, we will prepare and send the claim for you on an unassigned basis. This means your insurer will send the payment directly to you. Therefore, all charges for your care and treatment are due at the time of service.
- All health plans are not the same and do not cover the same services. In the event your health plan determines a service to be "not covered," or you do not have an authorization, you will be responsible for the complete charge. We will attempt to verify benefits for some specialized services; however, you remain responsible for charges to any service rendered. Patients are encouraged to contact their plans for clarification of benefits prior to services rendered.
- You must inform the office of all-insurance changes and authorization referral requirements. In the event the office is not informed, you will be responsible for any charges denied.
- For most services provided in the hospital, we will bill your health plan. Any balance due is your responsibility.
- There are certain elective surgical procedures that we require pre-payment. You will be informed in advance if your procedure is one of those. In the event, payment will be due one week prior to the surgery.
- Past due accounts are subject to collection proceedings. All fees including, but not limited to collection fees, attorney fees and court fees shall become your responsibility in addition to the balance due this office.
- There is a service fee for charts & x-rays retrieved from our medical storage facility. You will need to fill out a request form before we can retrieve medical records and x-rays. There is a service fee for duplication of medical records and completion of all medical forms.
- There is a service fee of \$25.00 for all returned checks. Your insurance company does not cover this fee.

Patient's signature _____ Date _____

We Care About Your Privacy

1. Our Pledge Regarding Medical Information

The privacy of your medical information is important to us. We understand that your medical information is personal and we are committed to protecting it. We create a record of the care and services you receive at our organization. We need this record to provide you with quality care and to comply with certain legal requirements. This notice will tell you about the ways we may use and share medical information about you. We also describe your rights and certain duties we have regarding the use and disclosure of medical information.

2. Our Legal Duty

Law Requires Us to:

1. Keep your medical information private.
2. Give you this notice describing our legal duties, privacy practices, and your rights regarding your medical information.
3. Follow the terms of the current notice.

We Have the Right to:

1. Change our privacy practices and the terms of this notice at any time, provided that the changes are permitted by law.
2. Make the changes in our privacy practices and the new terms of our notice effective for all medical information that we keep, including information previously created or received before the changes.

Notice of Change to Privacy Practices:

1. Before we make an important change in our privacy practices, we will change this notice and make the new notice available upon request.

3. Use and Disclosure of Your Medical Information

The following section describes different ways that we use and disclose medical information. Not every use or disclosure will be listed. However, we have listed all of the different ways we are permitted to use and disclose medical information. We will not use or disclose your medical information for any purpose not listed below, without your specific written authorization. Any specific written authorization you provide may be revoked at any time by writing to us.

For Treatment:

We may use medical information about you to provide you with medical treatment or services. We may disclose medical information about you to doctors, nurses, technicians, medical students, or other people who are taking care of you. We may also share medical information about you to your other health care providers to assist them in treating you.

For Payment:

We may use and disclose your medical information for payment purposes. A bill may be sent to you or a third-party payer. The information on or accompanying the bill may include your medical information.

For Health Care Operations:

We may use and disclose your medical information for our health care operations. This might include measuring and improving quality, evaluating the performance of employees, conducting training programs, and getting the accreditation, certificates, licenses and credentials we need to serve you.

Additional Uses and Disclosures:

In addition to using and disclosing your medical information for treatment, payment, and health care operations, we may use and disclose medical information for the following purposes.

Facility Directory:

Unless you notify us that you object, the following medical information about you will be placed in our facility directories: your name; your location in our facility; your condition described in general terms; your religious affiliation, if any. We may disclose this information to members of the clergy or, except for your religious affiliation, to others who contact us and ask for information about you by name.

Notification:

We may use and disclose medical information to notify or help notify a family member, your personal representative or another person responsible for your care. We will share information about your location, general condition, or death. If you are present, we will get your permission if possible before we share, or give you the opportunity to refuse permission. In case of emergency, and if you are not able to give or refuse permission, we will share only the health information that is directly necessary for your health care, according to our professional judgment. We will also use our professional judgment to make decisions in your best interest about allowing someone to pick up medicine, medical supplies, x-ray or medical information for you.

Disaster Relief:

We may share medical information with a public or private organization or person who can legally assist in disaster relief efforts.

Fundraising:

We may provide medical information to one of our affiliated fundraising foundations to contact you for fundraising purposes. We will limit our use and sharing to information that describes you in general, not personal, terms and the dates of your health care. In any fundraising materials, we will provide you a description of how you may choose not to receive future fundraising communications.

Research in Limited Circumstances:

We may use medical information for research purposes in limited circumstances where the research has been approved by a review board that has reviewed the research proposal and established protocols to ensure the privacy of medical information.

Funeral Director, Coroner, Medical Examiner:

To help them carry out their duties, we may share the med-

ical information of a person who has died with a coroner, medical examiner, funeral director, or an organ procurement organization.

Specialized Government Functions:

Subject to certain requirements, we may disclose or use health information for military personnel and veterans, for national security and intelligence activities, for protective services for the President and others, for medical suitability determinations for the Department of State, for correctional institutions and other law enforcement custodial situations, and for government programs providing public benefits.

Court Orders and Judicial and Administrative Proceedings:

We may disclose medical information in response to a court or administrative order, subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process, under certain circumstances. Under limited circumstances, such as a court order, warrant, or grand jury subpoena, we may share your medical information with law enforcement officials. We may share limited information with a law enforcement official concerning the medical information of a suspect, fugitive, material witness, crime victim or missing person. We may share the medical information of an inmate or other person in lawful custody with a law enforcement official or correctional institution under certain circumstances.

Public Health Activities:

As required by law, we may disclose your medical information to public health or legal authorities charged with preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability, including child abuse or neglect. We may also disclose your medical information to persons subject to jurisdiction of the Food and Drug Administration for purposes of reporting adverse events associated with product defects or problems, to enable product recalls, repairs or replacements, to track products, or to conduct activities required by the Food and Drug Administration. We may also, when we are authorized by law to do so, notify a person who may have been exposed to a communicable disease or otherwise be at risk of contracting or spreading a disease or condition.

Victims of Abuse, Neglect, or Domestic Violence:

We may use and disclose medical information to appropriate authorities if we reasonably believe that you are a possible victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence or the possible victim of other crimes. We may share your medical information if it is necessary to prevent a serious threat to your health or safety or the health or safety of others. We may share medical information when necessary to help law enforcement officials capture a person who has admitted to being part of a crime or has escaped from legal custody.

Workers Compensation:

We may disclose health information when authorized or necessary to comply with laws relating to workers compensation or other similar programs.

Health Oversight Activities:

We may disclose medical information to an agency providing health oversight for oversight activities authorized by law, including audits, civil, administrative, or criminal investigations or proceedings, inspections, licensure or disciplinary actions, or other authorized activities.

Law Enforcement:

Under certain circumstances, we may disclose health information to law enforcement officials. These circumstances include reporting required by certain laws (such as the reporting of certain types of wounds), pursuant to certain subpoenas or court orders, reporting limited information concerning identification and location at the request of a law

enforcement official, reports regarding suspected victims of crimes at the request of a law enforcement official, reporting death, crimes on our premises, and crimes in emergencies.

Appointment Reminders:

We may use and disclose medical information for purposes of sending you appointment postcards or otherwise reminding you of your appointments.

Alternative and Additional Medical Services:

We may use and disclose medical information to furnish you with information about health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you, and to describe or recommend treatment alternatives.

4. Your Individual Rights

You Have the Right to:

1. Look at or get copies of certain parts of your medical information. You may request that we provide copies in a format other than photo copies. We will use the format you request unless it is not practical for us to do so. You must make your request in writing. You may ask the receptionist for the form needed to request access. There may be charges for copying and for postage if you want the copies mailed to you. Ask the receptionist about our fee structure.
2. Receive a list of all the times we or our business associates shared your medical information for purposes other than treatment, payment, and health care operations and other specified exceptions.
3. Request that we place additional restrictions on our use or disclosure of your medical information. We are not required to agree to these additional restrictions, but if we do, we will abide by our agreement (except in the case of an emergency).
4. Request that we communicate with you about your medical information by different means or to different locations. Your request that we communicate your medical information to you by different means or at different locations must be made in writing to our Privacy Officer.
5. Request that we change certain parts of your medical information. We may deny your request if we did not create the information you want changed or for certain other reasons. If we deny your request, we will provide you with a written explanation. You may respond with a statement of disagreement that will be added to the information you wanted changed. If we accept your request to change the information, we will make reasonable efforts to tell others, including people you name, of the change and to include the changes in any future sharing of that information.
6. If you wish to receive a paper copy of this privacy notice, then you have the right to obtain a paper copy by making a request in writing to our Privacy Officer.

Questions and Complaints

If you have any questions about this notice, please ask the receptionist to speak to our Privacy Officer.

If you think that we may have violated your privacy rights, you may speak to our Privacy Officer and submit a written complaint. To take either action, please inform the receptionist that you wish to contact the Privacy Officer or request a complaint form. You may submit a written complaint to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; we will provide you with the address to file your complaint. We will not retaliate in any way if you choose to file a complaint.

*These privacy practices are currently in effect and will remain in effect until further notice.

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