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INFORMED CONSENT FORM

I, Elysia Benedict, PhD, licensed clinical psychologist, conform to the standards of care for professional psychologists as detailed in the Code of Ethics of the American Psychological Association, and the Psychology Licensing statutes and regulation of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Nature and Purpose of Assessment: You have been referred for a neuropsychological assessment by your physician. The goal of a neuropsychological assessment is to determine if any changes have occurred in your attention, memory, language, problem solving, or other cognitive functions. A neuropsychological assessment may point to changes in brain function and suggest possible methods and treatments for rehabilitation. Aspects of the evaluation are also designed to assist in clarifying psychiatric conditions as well as the possible impact on cognition.

A neuropsychological examination will include an interview, where questions will be asked about your background and current medical symptoms. Additionally, standardized tests and other techniques may be used, including, but not limited to, asking questions about your knowledge of certain topics, reading, drawing figures and shapes, learning word lists or stories, viewing printed material, and manipulating objects. These tasks may be administered by myself or an experienced doctoral trainee. Your task is to answer questions as accurately as you can; for example, when discussing your problems, do not minimize significant problems, but also do not exaggerate lesser concerns. You are to give your best effort during the testing. This does not mean that you have to get every answer or problem correct, as no one ever does. However, you do have to give your best effort in order to generate valid test results. Part of the examination will address the accuracy of your responses, as well as the degree of effort that you exert on the tests.

Foreseeable Risks, Discomforts, and Benefits: For some individuals, assessments can cause fatigue, frustration, and anxiousness. An attempt will be made to help you minimize these factors. If anything interferes with your ability to participate fully in the examination process, please tell us so that we can correct or control for the situation. There is no guarantee of results or outcome from this evaluation.

Fees and Time Commitment: Though fees are generally covered by insurance, patients are responsible for any and all fees for the assessment, including deductibles and copays. The intake interview is \$300, and there is an hourly fee of \$250 for each additional hour. Assessments typically include multiple hours of face-to-face testing, as well as a number of hours for scoring, interpretation, and report preparation; the professional work completed after in-person testing generally extends to a second day, and will be billed accordingly. If you need to cancel an appointment, 24-hour notice is appreciated. Otherwise, cancellation charges will apply. Missed appointment fees are \$250, and these are not covered by insurance.

Limits of Confidentiality: Information obtained during assessments is confidential and can ordinarily be released only with your written permission. There are some special circumstances that can limit confidentiality including: a) a statement of intent to harm self or others, b) statements indicating harm or abuse of children or vulnerable adults; and c) issuance of a subpoena from a court of law.

I have read and agree with the nature and purpose of this assessment and to each of the points listed above. I have had an opportunity to clarify any questions and discuss any points of concern before signing.

Patient Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian or Authorized Surrogate (if applicable)

Date