



# FOOT MECHANICS OF LAKE COUNTY, P.C.

Specializing in all Foot and Ankle Disorders

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Patient Name _____ Last First	Social Sec# _____ MI	Birthdate _____	Age _____
Address _____ Street City State Zip		Sex <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Marital Status _____
Race _____	Ethnicity _____	Preferred Language _____	How were you referred? _____
Phone # (Home) _____	(Cell) _____	Email _____	
Emergency Contact _____	Relationship _____	Phone# _____	
Primary Insurance _____	Group/ID# _____	Subscriber's Name _____	
Secondary Insurance _____	Group/ID# _____	Subscriber's Name _____	

## MEDICAL HISTORY

Chief Foot Complaint \_\_\_\_\_ Any personal or family history of diabetes  Yes  No

Have you been to a podiatrist before  Yes  No Date of last visit \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Athletic activities you participate in \_\_\_\_\_

Have you every smoked  Yes  No Packs/Day \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_

Do you smoke now  Yes  No Packs/Day \_\_\_\_\_ Years \_\_\_\_\_

Alcoholic Beverages? None Rarely Moderately Daily Quit

Please put a check by any of the foot problems listed below that you now have or have had in the past.

<input type="checkbox"/> Ankle Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Athlete's Foot	<input type="checkbox"/> Bunions	<input type="checkbox"/> Corns/Calluses	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat Feet	<input type="checkbox"/> Foot/Leg Cramps
<input type="checkbox"/> Heel Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Ingrown Toenails	<input type="checkbox"/> Numbness	<input type="checkbox"/> Plantar Warts	<input type="checkbox"/> Swelling	<input type="checkbox"/> Tired Feet

Please put a check by any of the conditions listed below that you have or have had in the past.

<input type="checkbox"/> Anemia	<input type="checkbox"/> Artificial HeartValve/Joints	<input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy	<input type="checkbox"/> Liver Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Rheumatic Fever	<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of Breath
<input type="checkbox"/> HIV	<input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding Disorders	<input type="checkbox"/> Eye Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Neuropathy	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis	<input type="checkbox"/> Low Blood Pressure
<input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis	<input type="checkbox"/> Back Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Fainting	<input type="checkbox"/> Phlebitis	<input type="checkbox"/> Varicose Veins	<input type="checkbox"/> Radiation Treatment
<input type="checkbox"/> Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/> Circulatory Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Gout	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Rash	<input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory Disease
<input type="checkbox"/> Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis or Jaundice	<input type="checkbox"/> Headaches	<input type="checkbox"/> Heart Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Kidney Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Meningitis
<input type="checkbox"/> Chest Pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Weight Loss	<input type="checkbox"/> High Blood Pressure	<input type="checkbox"/> Stroke	<input type="checkbox"/> Ulcers

**MEDICAL HISTORY**

Please list any surgeries and any other hospitalizations you have had. _____		
Family Physician	Name _____	Phone _____
Last Visit _____		
Please check off any allergies you have.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Adhesive Tape	<input type="checkbox"/> Anticoagulant Therapy	<input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Anesthetics	<input type="checkbox"/> Novocaine	<input type="checkbox"/> Penicillin
		<input type="checkbox"/> Codeine
		<input type="checkbox"/> Seafoods
		<input type="checkbox"/> Demerol
		<input type="checkbox"/> Iodine
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sulfa
Other _____		

**MEDICATIONS**

Please list all prescriptions, over the counter medications and vitamins.		
<b>Name of Medicine</b>	<b>Dose</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Pharmacy _____		
Name	Phone#	

**TREATMENT CONSENT**

I hereby consent and give my permission to the doctor (and the doctor's assistants or designated replacement) to administer and perform such procedures upon me as the doctor deems necessary. I authorize the release of medical or other information necessary to process this claim. I authorize payment of medical benefits to the physician for all services.	
_____ Signature of Patient, Parent, Guardian or Personal Representative	_____ Date
_____ Please print name of Patient, Parent, Guardian or Personal Representative	_____ Relationship to Patient



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## **NOTICE OF PRIVACY POLICIES**

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

### **INTRODUCTION**

Foot Mechanics of Lake County, P.C. are committed to treating and using protected health information about you responsibly. This Notice of Health Information Practices describes the personal information we collect, and how we use or disclose the personal information. It also describes your rights as they relate to your protected health information. This notice is effective April 14, 2003 and applies to all protected health information as defined by federal regulations.

### **Understanding Your Health Record/Information**

Each time you visit Foot Mechanics of Lake County, a record of your visit is made. Typically, this record contains your symptoms, examination, test results, diagnosis, treatment, and a plan for future care or treatment. This information, often referred to as your health or medical record, serves as a:

- Basis for planning your care and treatment,
- Means of communication among the many health professionals who contribute to your care,
- Legal documentation describing the care you received,
- Means by which you or a third-party payer can verify that services billed were actually provided,
- A tool in educating health professionals,
- A source of data for medical research,
- A source of information for public health officials charged with improving the health of this state and nation,
- A source of data for our planning and marketing,
- A tool with which we can assess and continually work to improve the care we render and the outcomes we achieve,

Understanding what is in your record and how your health information is used helps you to: ensure its accuracy, better understand who, what when, where, and why others may access your health information, and make more informed decisions when authorizing disclosure to others.

### **Your Health Information Rights**

- Although your health record is the physical property of Foot Mechanics of Lake County, P.C., the information belongs to you. You have a right to:
- Obtain a paper copy of this notice of information practices upon request,
- Inspect and copy your health record as provided for in 45 CFR 164.524,
- Amend your health record as provided in 45 CFR 164.528,
- Obtain an accounting of disclosures of your health information by alternative means or at alternative locations,
- Request a restriction on certain uses and disclosures of your information as provided by 45 CFR 164.522, and
- Revoke your authorization to use or disclose health information except to the extent that action has already been taken.

## Our Responsibilities

Foot Mechanics of Lake County, P.C. is required to:

- Maintain the privacy of your health information,
- Provide you with this notice as our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to information we collect about you,
- Abide by all terms of this notice,
- Notify you if we are unable to agree to a requested restriction, and
- Accommodate reasonable requests you may have to communicate health information by alternative locations.

We reserve the right to change our practices and make new provisions effective for all protected health information we maintain. Should our information practices change, we will mail a revised notices to the address you've supplied us, or if you agree, we will mail the revised notice to you.

We will not use or disclose your health information without your authorization, except as described in this notice. We will also discontinue to use or disclose your health information after we have received a written revocation of the authorization according to the procedures included in the authorization.

### For More Information or to Report a Problem

If you have questions and would like additional information, you may contact Foot Mechanics of Lake County, P.C. at 847-239-4756.

If you believe your privacy has been violated, you can file a complaint with Foot Mechanics of Lake County, P.C., or with the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. There will be no retaliation for filing a complaint with either Foot Mechanics of Lake County, P.C. or the Office for Civil Rights. The address for the OCR is listed below:

*Office for Civil Rights*  
U.S Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W  
Room 509F, HHH Building  
Washington, D.C. 20201

### Examples of Disclosures for Treatment, Payment and Health Operations

*We will use your health information for treatment.*

**For example:** Information obtained by a nurse, physician, or other member of your health care team will be recorded in your record and used

to determine the course of treatment that work best for you. Your physician will document in your record his or her expectations of the members of your health care team. Members of your health care team will then record the actions they took and their observations. In that way, the physician will know how you are responding to treatment.

We will also provide your physician or subsequent health care provider with copies of various reports that should assist him or her in treating you once you're this hospital.

*We will use your health information for payment.*

**For example:** A bill may be sent to you or a third party payer. The information on or accompanying the bill may include information that identifies you, as well as your diagnosis, procedure, and supplies used.

*We will use your health information for regular health operations.*

**For example:** Members of the medical staff, the risk or quality improvement team may use information in your health record to assess the care and outcomes in your case and others like it. This information will then be used in an effort to continually improve the quality and effectiveness of the healthcare and service we provide.

*Business associates:* There are some services provided in our organization through contacts with business associates. Examples include physician services in the emergency department, and radiology, certain lab tests, and a copy service we use when making copies of you health record. When these services are contracted, we may disclose your health information to our business associates that they can perform the job we've asked them to do and bill you our your third-party payer for services rendered. To protect your health information, however, we require the business associate to appropriately safeguard your information.

*Directory:* Unless you notify us that you object, we will use your name, location in the facility, general condition, and religious affiliation for directory purposes. This information may be provided to members of the clergy and, except for religious affiliation, to other people who ask for you by name.

*Notification:* We may use or disclose information to notify or assist in notifying a family member, personal representative, or another person responsible for your care, your location, and general condition.

*Communication with family:* Health professionals, using their best judgment, may disclose to a family member, other relative, close personal friend. Or any other person you identify, health information relevant to that person's involvement in you care or payment related to your care.

*Research:* We may disclose information to researchers when their research has been approved by an institutional review board, which has reviewed the research proposal, and established protocols to ensure the privacy of your health information.

*Funeral Directors:* We may disclose health information to funeral directors consistent with applicable law to carry out their duties.

*Organ procurement organizations:* Consistent with applicable law, we may disclose health information to organ procurement organizations or other entities engaged in the procurement, banking, or transplantation of organs for the purpose of tissue donation and transplant.

*Marketing:* We may contact you to provide appointment reminders of information about treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you.

*Fund raising:* We may contact you as part of a fund-raising effort.

*Food and Drug Administration (FDA):* We may disclose to the FDA health information relative to adverse events with respect to food, supplements, product and product defects, or post marketing surveillance to enable product recalls, repairs, or replacement.

*Workers compensation:* We may disclose health information for law enforcement purposes as required by law or in response to a valid subpoena.

Federal law makes provision for your health information to be released to an appropriate health oversight agency, public health authority or attorney, provided that a work force member or business associate believes in good faith that we have engaged in unlawful conduct or have violated professional or clinical standards and are potentially endangering one or more patients, workers or the public.



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**FOOT MECHANICS OF LAKE COUNTY  
FINANCIAL POLICY**

Thank you for choosing Dr Rick Ginsberg as your podiatric physician. We are committed to providing the best podiatry care possible. Please understand that payment of your bill is, considered a part of your treatment. The following statement explains our financial policy in which we ask that you read, sign and return to us prior to your treatment.

***Regarding Insurance***

We participate in all major medical insurance plans. It is the responsibility of the patient/guardian to provide accurate and complete personal and insurance information. We accept assignment of benefits from most insurance companies but in some cases the person who is financially responsible will be held liable for all balances not covered by insurance. It is ***your responsibility*** to understand and comply with any predetermination of benefits. For HMO's, EPO's and POS's policies, it is the patients' responsibility to obtain a referral and all necessary requirements needed for insurance purposes. Please be aware that some and perhaps all of the services provided may be non-covered services or may not, be considered medically necessary under the Medicare Program or by any other medical insurance companies.

***Usual and Customary Rates***

We are committed to providing the best treatment for our patients and we charge what we believe to be reasonable and customary fees for our region of specialty. Based on the contracted fee schedule between our practice and your insurance company you will be responsible for what insurance notifies us as your responsibility. As a courtesy, we verify insurance benefits for certain medical procedures and devices. However, **benefits quoted to us is not a guarantee of coverage until your claim is submitted and processed by your insurance company.**

***Past Due Accounts***

Accounts with outstanding balances will be, considered past due after **30 days, 5%** interest will be charged for all balances **30 days or older**. If the balance has not been resolved or payment arrangements have not been made for **90 days** your account will be considered delinquent and referred to a collection agency. **All legal fees and collection fees to secure past due balances will be added to your account.**

***Co-Pays***

**Co-pays are due at the time services are rendered.**

***Copy of Health Records***

We will copy your health records for \$2.00 per page. Copies of X-rays are \$15.00 per film. All outstanding balances are due prior to the release of records. Please allow two weeks for copies to be processed before picking them up. Once copies of medical records/X-rays have been made per the patients request and you do not pick them up; the charge for the copies will still be your responsibility. Payment for copies will be required before mailed or at the time of pick up.

***Missed Appointments and Late Cancellations***

If you are unable to keep an appointment with our office kindly, give a **24 hr notice**. Failure to give **24 hrs** notice; will result in a \$50.00 fee. **This fee is due upon receipt at your next scheduled appointment otherwise we reserve the right to reschedule your appointment until payment is made.** Appointment reminder phone calls are done when possible as a courtesy and will not be **used as** an excuse for missed appointments.

**If you are more than 15 minutes late for your appointment we cannot guarantee you can be seen by the doctor on that day; your appointment may have to be rescheduled depending on time availability.**

**Methods of Payment**

For your convenience, we accept cash, checks, Visa and Master Card. There is a **\$10.00** Minimum for credit transactions.

**Returned Checks**

Your check is welcome in our office. Should your check be returned for insufficient funds, it will be forwarded to **checXchange** and I will expressly authorize your account to be electronically debited or bank drafted for the amount of the check plus any applicable fees. The use of a check is your acknowledgement and acceptance of this policy and its terms and conditions. After (3) three returned checks we will no longer accept your personal check.

If you should have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact our Billing Department at (866) 505-6724.

**By signing below I have read, understood and agree to the Privacy Practices and Financial Policy of  
Foot Mechanics of Lake County, P.C.**

\_\_\_\_\_ *PRINT PATIENT NAME*      \_\_\_\_\_ *SIGNATURE OF PATIENT/GUARDIAN*      \_\_\_\_\_ *DATE*      *Check if you want a copy  
of this policy \_\_\_\_\_.*

**01.03.2012**