

**Columbia Internal Medicine**  
**Text Messaging (SMS) Consent Form**

**Patient Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

Columbia Internal Medicine offers text messaging (SMS) as a convenient and efficient way to communicate with our patients regarding important office-related matters.

By signing this form, you consent to receive text messages from Columbia Internal Medicine for **office use only**, including but not limited to:

- Appointment scheduling and reminders
- Medication refill requests and updates
- Confirmation that referrals have been sent
- Follow-up messages regarding ongoing care or treatment
- General office notifications related to your care

**We will never use text messaging to transmit personal health information (PHI)** such as diagnoses, test results, or sensitive medical details. **We will never share or sell your phone number or any personal information to third parties.**

All messages will be used **exclusively for communication between you and Columbia Internal Medicine** and are meant to improve the efficiency and quality of care you receive.

**Implied Consent by Initiating Texts:**

If you initiate a text message to Columbia Internal Medicine, this will be considered **implied consent** to communicate with you via text regarding your care and office-related matters.

**Opt-Out Option:**

You may opt out of receiving text messages at any time by texting the word **STOP** to our office number. If you choose to opt out, you may still receive communication via phone calls or secure patient portal messaging.

**Consent Acknowledgment**

- ☐ **Yes, I consent** to receive text messages from Columbia Internal Medicine.
- ☐ **No, I do not consent** to receive text messages and understand I may miss timely reminders or communication.

☐ I understand that if I initiate a text to the office, it is considered implied consent for text communication.

I understand that standard text messaging rates may apply based on my mobile phone carrier. I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time by texting STOP.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_