



Radiating Beauty, Health, and Happiness from the Inside Out!

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## **Informed Consent**

I hereby authorize the private practitioner(s) of **Vibrant Pearl Acupuncture & Herbs** to perform acupuncture and traditional oriental adjunctive therapeutic methods necessary to facilitate my diagnosis and treatment. According to The Colorado Acupuncture Act, "practice of acupuncture means the insertion and removal of acupuncture needles, the application of heat therapies to specific areas of the human body, and traditional adjunctive therapies. Traditional oriental adjunctive therapies within the scope of acupuncture may include manual, mechanical, thermal, electrical, and electromagnetic treatment..."

The following is a description of commonly used adjunctive therapeutic methods:

**Cupping:** a technique in which cups made of glass or other materials are placed on the skin with a vacuum created by heat or other device.

**Gua Sha:** pressure and scraping of the skin with a Chinese message tool.

**Heating Lamp or Pad:** a product that produces heat on the acupuncture points and meridians.

**Electrical Acupuncture:** use of an electrical device to produce electrical stimulation on the acupuncture needles.

**Bleeding:** a small puncture made in skin allowing for the bleeding of a few drops of blood.

**Herbs:** traditional Chinese herbs in pills, powders, tinctures, liniments, pastes, or plasters. Herbal formulas may include shell, mineral, and animal materials.

**Moxa:** indirect burning on an acupuncture point using stick, rice grain, or needle moxa to relieve symptoms.

**Tui Na:** therapeutic traditional Chinese message.

**Dietary & Lifestyle Advice:** dietary and lifestyle recommendations based on traditional Chinese Medical Theory.

Acupuncture is generally a very safe method of treatment, with few, but some possible side effects. These side effects include bruising, achiness, numbness, and acute bleeding at the needle site, dizziness, or fainting. Rarely there is also the possibility of a hematoma, infection, pneumothorax, and aggravation of present symptoms. Bruising is a common side effect of cupping and Gua Sha. Moxibustion and the use of heat therapies may in rare instances cause burning or scarring.



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I, also, will notify my practitioner at **Vibrant Pearl Acupuncture & Herbs** if I become or suspect that I am pregnant, report all drugs (medicinal or recreational) and supplements I take and if there is any change in them, and report all medical devices I currently use. I understand that it is important to provide accurate medical information as risks may increase if I am taking drugs, pregnant, or with certain medical conditions. Appropriate changes to treatments cannot be made by the practitioner if accurate medical information is not provided. These increased risks cannot be explained here but can be provided by the best ability of the practitioner(s).

I have the right to withdraw my consent to any of the therapeutic methods discussed at any time in my treatment. I understand that **Vibrant Pearl Acupuncture & Herbs** does not guarantee any treatment results but can indicate possible results with the recommended course of treatment.

By signing below I consent to treatment and understand the risks involved as explained above (both pages). If I have any questions regarding my consent to treatment or the risks involved, I understand that I can bring these concerns to my practitioner(s) of **Vibrant Pearl Acupuncture & Herbs** where they will be answered to the practitioner best ability. I intend this consent form to cover the entire course of treatment for my present condition and for any future condition(s) for which I seek treatment.

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Name of Patient

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Name of Patient's  
Legal Guardian/ Representative

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Signature of Patient/Legal Guardian or Representative

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Date