

Consent for Telehealth Visit

Date: _____

I, _____ understand that (Dr. Richie Lin/ Dr. Rachel Farley-Loftus / Dr. Charlotte Vuong / Dr. Amanda Dunec / Dr. Vitaly Terushkin) will be performing an assessment via technology and will be involved in the care/ treatment of my skin needs during this telehealth visit for the purpose of
_____.

This service is only available for established patients of Dermatology Consultants of Short Hills.

1. Purpose.

The purpose of this form is to receive your consent for a telehealth visit with one of the dermatologists (expert skin doctors) at Dermatology Consultants of Short Hills. The purpose of this visit is to help in the care of any skin problem you may be experiencing through the means of technology without the potential need to visit the facility.

2. How Telehealth Works.

In a telehealth visit, you will interact in real time with your dermatologist via secure, online videoconferencing technology. Alternatively, the dermatologist may give you the option of submitting a photo and chief complaint via secured electronic messaging. Your dermatologist has the right to discontinue or not provide a consult via videoconference or secure electronic messaging should the videoconference connection or the forwarded image be of poor quality. You may be required to make an in-person appointment for further evaluation should this occur. The dermatologist will look at the patient's skin during a videoconference or review the photos you submitted. The dermatologist will then give you advice about your dermatologic condition and how to treat and take care of your condition. The information from the dermatologist will not be the same as a face-to-face visit being that the dermatologist will not be in the same room. **There will be a service charge of \$75.00 per telehealth visit payable via credit/ debit card prior to the visit. Medicare and many commercial insurance plans have verbally agreed to cover your services as if this were an in person office visit. In the event that this does not occur, you will be responsible for the \$75.00. We have tried to provide a reasonable service in line with the cost of many copays. We hope this allows you to obtain your dermatology care as usual.**

3. Pros, Cons, & your Options.

With telehealth, a dermatologist will advise you based on viewing your condition during videoconference or based on the photos that were submitted electronically. Sometimes a face-to-face follow visit with a dermatologist may still be needed. If you do not come into the office for an in-person visit, with the dermatologist's advice will be solely based on the viewing of your skin condition during a videoconference or on the information and images provided by you electronically. In the absence of an in-person physical evaluation, the dermatologist may not be aware of certain facts that may limit or affect his or her assessment or diagnosis of your condition and recommend treatment. It is possible that there will be errors or deficiencies in the transmission of images of your skin condition during the videoconference or in the photos submitted electronically that may impede the dermatologist's ability to advise you about your condition. Also, very rarely, security measures can fail to protect your personal information, but the company that is providing the technology for your telehealth visit has extensive security measure in place to prevent such failures from occurring.

4. Presence of Other During Telehealth Visit

The Physician providing your treatment maybe be accompanied by another staff member. People other than your doctor may be a part of your care and present during your Telehealth visit. The individuals include other doctors, nurses, or medical assistants. Anyone that is part of the Telehealth team will be supervised by the Dermatologists and the final recommendations regarding your treatment will only come from the Dermatologist. Also, non-medical individuals may help set up the Telehealth equipment and may assist with any technology means.

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5. Medical Information and Records.

All federal and state laws covering access to your medical records (and copies of your medical records) apply to telehealth. No one other than the health care team described above can view your photos or information unless you agree to give them access.

6. Privacy.

All information given at your telehealth visit will be maintained by the doctors, other health care providers, and health care facilities involved in your care and will be protected by federal and state laws.

7. Your Rights.

You may opt out of the telehealth visit at any time. This will not change your right to future care or health benefits.

My doctor has talked with me about the telehealth visit. I have had the chance to ask questions and all of my questions have been answered. I have read this form, understand the risks and benefits of the telehealth visit, and agree to a telehealth visit under the terms explained above.

Signature of Patient _____

Date: _____

Legal representative _____

Date: _____

Witness _____

Date: _____