

## **INFORMED CONSENT**

**POLICY:** General consent to treatment will be obtained before patient is seen. Informed consent for specific invasive procedures will be obtained prior to the procedure.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. The patient will be asked to sign a general statement of consent to treat with the routine paperwork on the first visit. This will cover all procedures not requiring a discussion of risks and benefits.
2. For specific invasive procedures, the physician will discuss risks and benefits of the procedure with the patient.
3. On all procedures where physician discussed risks and benefits, the patient will then sign an informed consent statement with acknowledgment of risks and benefits.
4. There will be no discussion of guarantees of outcomes made.
5. Provide patients with any educational material specific to the procedure.