

## **OFFICE POLICIES/ PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. To be able to accommodate sick patients on a work-in basis, we have a **NO SHOW** policy as follows:

Appointments that are not cancelled 24 hours in advance will be charged a **\$35.00** fee; if you are unable to reach the office, you may leave a message with our answering service after hours or on weekends.

If you cannot make it here on time for your appointment, please call the office, you may be asked to reschedule your appointment. If you get here and are already late, you also may be asked to reschedule.

- 2. Many insurance companies require a referral to be either written or sent electronically if the patient sees another physician or the Emergency Room or other Emergency facility. If your insurance requires this referral, it is <u>your responsibility</u> to let us know this every time one is needed. We will be glad to do it for you, but you have to notify us that it is needed.
- 3. There will be a \$30.00 charge on all forms completed including FMLA, Life Insurance, Disability, etc. This fee must be paid when the form is picked up or before it is mailed or faxed. There is also a fee for copies of any test results. We will be glad to send a copy of your lab or x-ray results to your patient portal at no charge.
- 4. There is a **\$15.00 fee** for all returned checks.
- 5. All Labs are drawn between 8:00 9:00 each morning Monday thru Friday. If you cannot come to the office during this time, you may ask for a lab form to take to LabCorp or DCH or Quest during their business hours. If your insurance requires you to use a particular lab other than LabCorp, please do not have it drawn here, you may request a lab order to take to the other lab.
- 6. All **co-pays must be paid** at the time of your office visit. Some insurances also have a deductible that will need to be paid. If you are **unable** to pay, we will be glad to reschedule you for another day.
- 7. If you have a **new insurance card**, please give to the receptionist when you check in.
- 8. If you have had any **changes** to any of your information such as Insurance, Name, Address, Phone, please give these changes to the receptionist when you check- in, please make sure that we have your **correct** contact information!



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- 9. Bring all of your current medications with you in the bottle to every visit.
- 10. Please turn **off** your cell phones when speaking to **Dr. Tactuk** or any member of the staff.
- 11. If you need refills on your medication, please call your pharmacy they can send these to us electronically. Remember that if you are taking a controlled substance that has to be written, you will have to see your physician every 3 months. For all other controlled substances every 6 months. Please make sure that you call about these by Thursday evening to be able to pick-up before the weekend. Controlled substances will not be refilled on weekends or on Fridays.
- 12. We are now sending **appointment reminders by text or email**, if you would like to receive either or both please give your information to the receptionist. There is a form available for you to complete. If you have **already** given us the information but are not receiving reminders, please check with the receptionist to be sure we have your **information correct**.
- 13. We have a **website**, **Crimsoninternalmed.com**. Please look at the website for upcoming dates that we will be closed, forms, and other information. We are also on **Facebook**.
- 14. As your physician, I want to provide you with the best care possible. There are services that I feel are **necessary** for the treatment of your condition and maintenance of good health that **may or may not** be covered by your insurance. You are expected to **pay** for those services in **full**, if not covered. Let me reassure you that I will order **only** the tests and treatments that I feel are **necessary** for your treatment and care. Some of these tests are as follows: Ear irrigation, Hemoccult, Glucose, Urinalysis, TB skin test, EKG, Tetanus, Pneumovax.
- 15. If you have any questions regarding these policies', please feel free to ask. If you have any complaints about these or anything else related to our office, please ask to speak to the Office Manager, Sharon Gilliland.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and agree to the policies above

Date: \_

Patient Signature

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