

Informed Consent Form

Welcome to our office. As therapists, we are governed by various laws and regulations and by the code of ethics of our profession. The Ethics Code requires that we make you aware of specific office policies and how these procedures may affect you. However, many of these policies will be unrelated to the work we do together.

Patient Rights: Our relationship is strictly voluntary and you may leave the psychotherapy relationship any time you wish. Please keep in mind that ending relationships can be difficult and closure is very important when moving on. Given this, we request that you give at minimum two weeks notice so we can conclude with a healthy and positive note.

Limits of Confidentiality: Sessions between psychotherapist, immediate supervisor, and patient are strictly confidential, except under certain legally defined situations involving threats of harm to self or others, and situations of child abuse, elder abuse, or abuse of otherwise dependent individuals. In the case of danger to others, we are required by law to notify the police and to inform any intended victim(s). In the case of harm to self, we are ethically bound to inform the nearest relative, significant other, or to otherwise enlist methods to prevent harm to self or suicide. In instances of child abuse, elder abuse, or dependent abuse, we must notify the proper authorities.

Payment & Fees: It is customary to pay for sessions at the time of the session, unless otherwise arranged. Payments must be in full. Acceptable forms of payment are cash, check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to Cori Rosenthal.

Insurance: We will be pleased to sign any insurance forms and/or provide a monthly superbill upon request. Please understand that insurance is an arrangement made between your carrier and yourself with reimbursement coming to you whenever provided by your insurer.

Telephone Accessibility & Emergency Procedures: Calls will be returned during your therapist's business hours should you need to contact him/her between sessions. We cannot guarantee an immediate return call, although every effort will be made to return calls within 24 hours. Calls received over the weekend will be returned on the following business day. In the event of a lengthy phone session, you will be charged for that session at your standard hourly fee. If you have a true, life-threatening emergency, call 911 for help or go to your local emergency room.

Appointments & Cancellation Policy: Sessions are 50 minutes long. Should you need to cancel or reschedule an appointment, 24 hours notice is required in order to avoid being charged the full fee for the session. This is necessary because a professional time commitment is set aside and held exclusively for you.

I have read, understood, and agreed to the conditions stated above:

Signature

Date

Signature of parent/guardian if patient is minor

Date