

Texas Cardiac Arrhythmia Heart Hospital Of Austin / Austin Heart Locations Informed Consent for Remote Monitoring

Patient Name: _____ **Dob:** _____ **Date:** _____

You have signed up for Remote Monitoring, or a “home monitoring” device. This home monitor will be assigned to your specific device, and will either be shipped to your home address on behalf of Texas Cardiac Arrhythmia or given to you at your wound check after device implant.

When the monitor comes to you, there will be a **toll free number** to call for technical set- up support. The device company tech support will walk you through setting up your monitor. You will be asked to send in an initial transmission of device data to establish your account. Our TCA Device nurses can access your transmission through a secure, password protected web server.

_____ Annual Office Visit is required if TCA is following your monitor in remote clinic. **If you have an ICD you are required to see a TCA physician in the office at least once a year. If you have a Pacemaker, you may either see your cardiologist or your TCA physician at least once a year.** If you see your Cardiologist annually, please make sure they send us a copy of your office visit.

___ If you are experiencing any problems that feel related to your heart, an arrhythmia, or your device, we encourage you to send a transmission and call your nurse. If data is sent via remote monitoring and there are clinical issues that need to be addressed, we will call you to review and will schedule an appointment immediately if appropriate.

Reviewing your Device Data

- Your device data will be sent to a secure central server where our clinic staff can view it, using a password protected website on the internet.
- Our office reviews device data every business day.
- Our office will not see data sent on Saturday or Sunday until Monday morning.
- You should not use the monitor to send device data to us unless you are scheduled to do so, experiencing a problem, or if you have been instructed to do so by your TCA nurse.
- Please do not send transmissions daily or weekly unless instructed to do so by your TCA physician or nurse.

_____ After we review your data, you will receive a letter stating we received the transmission. **If there is anything abnormal on your remote transmission, we will call you to review the findings and how you are feeling.**

Insurance and Co-Pays

Our Clinic will bill your insurance company for each Remote Monitoring visit. If you currently have a Co-Pay when you have a clinic visit, we anticipate that you might be billed the same Co-Pay for your remote transmission. Please note that in office billing and remote monitor billing are independent of each other. If you have questions regarding how your insurance will pay for the remote monitoring visit, please contact your Insurance Company. Your insurance company will ask for CPT codes in order to quote the charges:

Codes for a Pacemaker Remote Transmission – CPT Code 93294 & 93296

Codes for a Defibrillator Remote Transmission – CPT Code 93295 & 93296

Codes for a LINQ / Confirm / ILR remote transmission – CPT Code 93299 & 93298

** Legal Disclaimer - These codes are subject to change based on CMS guidelines **

I have read and understand the TCA Remote Monitoring Department Office Policies:

Patient Signature

Date

Emergencies

If you have an emergency, call 911 or follow your Doctor's instructions. If you receive a shock from your defibrillator, please call your nurse ASAP.

Traveling and the monitor

If you will be away from home for a long period of time, you can take your monitor with you. Please note that the monitor works within the continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii. Please provide an alternate contact number for the clinic to contact you if necessary.

Questions

Device Clinic Phone Number: 512-206-3692

If you have any questions about your monitor or these guidelines, please contact your nurse.

Business hours are Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm.

Main office Phone Number: 512-421-3869

Device Remote Monitoring Nursing Staff

Nirali Karsaliya, RN – 512-662-3194

Clinic Nurse phone numbers:

Dr. Tschopp and Dr. Coffeen – Allison Maddoux, RN – 512-421-3819

Dr. Kessler – Missy Thole, RN – 512-421-3667

Dr. Whitehill – Mimi Dove, RN – 512-827-0929