



## DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND INFORMED CONSENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*Patient Name*) understand that as a valued patient of Cutler Integrative Medicine, and/or Doug Cutler, ND have the right to be informed about my health condition(s) and options for Naturopathic services. This disclosure is to help me become better informed so that I may make the decision to give, or withhold, my consent as to whether or not to undergo Naturopathic care with Cutler Integrative Medicine, and/or Doug Cutler, ND, having had the opportunity to discuss the potential benefits and risks involved.

Naturopathic Medicine is the care and prevention of diseases by natural means. Naturopathic doctors assess the whole person, taking into consideration physical, mental, emotional, environmental and spiritual aspects of the individual. With the principles and practices of Naturopathic Medicine, gentle, non-invasive techniques are generally used in order to encourage the body's inherent healing capacity.

Although generally safe and gentle, there may be health risks associated with some Naturopathic therapies, including but not limited to:

- Aggravation of pre-existing symptoms
- Unforeseen or allergic reactions or otherwise

It is important that you are fully aware of the laws regarding Naturopathic Medicine in the state of Michigan. Doug Cutler, ND is a licensed physician in the state of Washington, but is not a licensed physician in the state of Michigan, as the state of Michigan does not presently recognize qualified Naturopathic physicians. Due to this, Cutler Integrative Medicine and/or Doug Cutler, ND is not legally able to prescribe pharmaceutical medications, perform minor surgeries, administer injections, use IV therapies, and diagnose or treat any disease and/or condition.

Dr. Cutler is able to support the whole person using natural methods leading to an increase in overall health and a lessening of symptoms, but this should be understood that services provided by Cutler Integrative Medicine and/or Doug Cutler, ND are not to act as a replacement or substitute for proper medical care by licensed medical providers.

Because NDs are not yet licensed as primary care physicians in the State of Michigan, should you elect to utilize the services of Cutler Integrative Medicine and/or Doug Cutler, ND, it is recommended that you continue services from your primary care physician and inform them (and keep them regularly informed) of the Naturopathic program and therapies provided by Cutler Integrative Medicine and/or Doug Cutler, ND.



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It is also very important, that you inform Cutler Integrative Medicine and/or Doug Cutler, ND of any disease process or symptoms that you are suffering from as well as any medications (prescription or over-the counter), nutritional supplements, botanicals (herbs), or health food products that you are taking. If you are pregnant, suspect you are pregnant, or you are breast-feeding; advise Cutler Integrative Medicine and/or Doug Cutler, ND immediately.

It should be understood that the ultimate responsibility for your health is your own and that a Naturopathic program is not an exact science and therefore there is no guarantees about the benefits or results of the services provided by Cutler Integrative Medicine and/or Doug Cutler, ND.

By voluntarily signing below, patient acknowledges that he/she has read this entire document, understands it and has been given the opportunity to ask questions and those questions have been answered to patient's satisfaction. Patient agrees that he/she will hold harmless Cutler Integrative Medicine and/or Doug Cutler, ND, its Medical Director, and other affiliated parties for any and all outcomes of services. Patient also acknowledges that this consent form will cover the entire course of present condition(s), any future condition(s) and is free to withdraw consent and to discontinue services at any time.

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***Printed Name of Patient/Guardian***

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***Date***

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***Signature of Patient/Guardian***