

The ENT Center of Central GA -- Telemedicine Informed Consent Form

Telemedicine services involve the use of interactive videoconferencing equipment and devices that enable health care providers to deliver health care services to patients when located at different sites.

1. I understand that the same standard of care applies to a telemedicine visit as applies to an in-person visit.
2. I understand that I will not be physically in the same room as my health care provider. I will be notified of and my consent obtained for anyone other than my healthcare provider present in the room.
3. I understand that there are potential risks to using technology, including service interruptions, interception, and technical difficulties.
 - a. If it is determined that the videoconferencing equipment and/or connection is not adequate, I understand that my health care provider or I may discontinue the telemedicine visit and make other arrangements to continue the visit.
4. I understand that I have the right to refuse to participate or decide to stop participating in a telemedicine visit, and that my refusal will be documented in my medical record. I also understand that my refusal will not affect my right to future care or treatment.
 - a. I may revoke my refusal at any time by contacting **The ENT Center of Central GA 478-743-8953.**
5. I understand that the laws that protect privacy and the confidentiality of health care information apply to telemedicine services.
6. I understand that my health care information may be shared with other individuals for scheduling and billing purposes.
 - a. I understand that my insurance carrier will have access to my medical records for quality review/audit.
 - b. I understand that I will be responsible for any out-of-pocket costs such as copayments or coinsurances that apply to my telemedicine visit.
 - c. I understand that health plan payment policies for telemedicine visits may be different from policies for in- person visits.
7. I understand that this document will become a part of my medical record.

By signing this form, I attest that I (1) have personally read this form (or had it explained to me) and fully understand and agree to its contents; (2) have had my questions answered to my satisfaction, and the risks, benefits, and alternatives to telemedicine visits shared with me in a language I understand; and (3) am located in the state of Georgia and will be in Georgia during my telemedicine visit(s).

The ENT Center of Central GA is offering virtual telemedicine visits when clinically appropriate to our patients. We are offering this service in order to further reduce your risks of COVID-19 infection and in keeping with public health agencies official recommendations regarding social distancing. Insurance companies pay only for services that they determine to be "reasonable and customary". There is a chance that this service is not allowed as a covered service by your insurance carrier, although most are allowing and encouraging these visits.

In addition to consenting to using telehealth for this visit, you are also acknowledging that the cost of this encounter will be your responsibility in the event it is denied by your insurance company. The cost range of these virtual visits will be \$50-\$100 if not covered by insurance carriers.

(Please note that if at the conclusion of your telemedicine visit it is deemed necessary for you to be seen in person instead, the visit will be converted to a traditional office visit.)

Verbal consent in lieu of signature will be accepted and is allowed at this time.

Patient/Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Patient/Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Date