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A message to our patients about arbitration:

The contract you have read is an arbitration agreement. By signing this agreement we are agreeing that any dispute arising out of the medical services that you receive is to be resolved in binding arbitration rather than a suit in court. Lawsuits are something that no one anticipates and everyone hopes to avoid. We believe that the method of resolving disputes by arbitrations one of the fairest system for both patients and physicians. Arbitration agreements between health care providers and their patients have long been recognized and approved by the California courts.

By signing this agreement you are changing the place where your claims will be presented. You may still call witnesses and present evidence. Each party selects an arbitrator (party arbitrators), who then select a third, neutral arbitrator. These three arbitrators hear the case. This agreement generally helps to limit the legal cost for both patients and physicians. This is because the time it takes to conduct an arbitration hearing is far less than for a jury trial. Further, both parties are spared some of the rigors of trial and the publicity which may accompany judicial proceedings.

Our goal, of course, is to provide medical case in such a way as to avoid any such dispute. We know that most problems begin with communication. Therefore, if you have any questions about your care please ask us.

Sincerely,

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