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**Patient Information and Consent for Dry Needling as a Procedure
For the Assessment and Treatment of Myofascial Trigger Points and Tender Points**

Dry Needling is not acupuncture but uses acupuncture needles to effect a change in myofascial restrictions. Myofascial trigger points and tender points which appear in soft tissue, and are painful sites, reflect abnormal nervous system activity associated with many neuro-musculo-skeletal conditions that are treated in our office. The procedure known as Dry Needling is an important tool for diagnosing, treating, and monitoring changes in myofascial trigger/tender points. During the procedure, a sterile, very thin, solid filament needle is inserted into tissue that may be associated with one or a number of your complaints. One or a number of needles maybe used, and the procedure may be performed during more than one office visit. The number of needles and the frequency of the procedure will depend entirely on your condition at each office visit. There may be some discomfort and little to no bleeding with this procedure. While an infection is an unlikely event with this procedure, whenever there is penetration of the skin, there is risk of infection. Other unlikely but possible events include fainting, soreness, pneumothorax (lung puncture). If you have a fear of needles, a genetic bleeding disorder, a history of a blood disorder that can be transmitted to another person, are regularly taking any blood thinning medication (for example, Coumadin or Warfarin), or are regularly taking any pain relievers containing ibuprofen, NSAIDS, aspirin or acetaminophen (for example, Tylenol, Advil, Aleve, or Bufferin), please inform your physical therapist.

___ I have a fear of needles.

___ I have a genetic bleeding disorder, or history of a blood disorder that can be transmitted to another person. Please specify:

___ I am regularly taking pain relievers and/or blood thinners. Please specify:

I have read this Patient Information and Consent carefully. ***I understand this procedure is not acupuncture*** and I have had an opportunity to ask questions and obtain any desired clarification, and I consent to having the procedure of Dry Needling performed on me.

Patient Name (Please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If patient is less than 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must sign.

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian (Please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____