



Consent to Treatment Form

By signing below, I do hereby voluntarily consent to be treated with acupuncture, and Chinese medicine by Annie Vedeler, a Licensed Acupuncturist at Tao of Women Acupuncture Clinic. I understand that acupuncturists practicing in the state of Arizona are not primary care providers and that regular primary care by a licensed physician is an important choice that is strongly recommended.

Initial here _____ Acupuncture / Moxibustion: I understand that acupuncture is performed by the insertion of single use sterile needles through the skin, or by the application of heat to the skin at certain points near the surface of the body in an attempt to treat bodily dysfunction or diseases, to modify or prevent pain perception, and to normalize the body's physiological functions. Acupuncture and Moxibustion are typically safe methods of treatment, however certain adverse side effects may result. These could include, but are not limited to: local bruising, minor bleeding, dizziness, fainting, pain or discomfort, and the possible aggravation of symptoms existing prior to acupuncture treatment. I understand that no guarantees concerning its use and effects are given to me and that I am free to stop the treatments at any time.

Initial here _____ Pregnancy: I will notify the acupuncturist should I become pregnant or if I am in the process of trying to become pregnant so that my practitioner can avoid the points and herbs that could induce miscarriage. Otherwise, acupuncture and Chinese medicine treatment are very beneficial with infertility and IVF, pregnancy, breech presentations and labor induction.

Initial here _____ Moxibustion: I understand that moxibustion is a warming therapy administered by the burning of the herb mugwort over specific acupuncture points to facilitate healing. The possible risks include reddening of the skin, burning and scarring. I understand that I may refuse this therapy or stop the treatment at anytime for any reason.

Initial here _____ Medicinal herbs: I understand that medicinal herbs may be recommended to me to treat bodily dysfunction or diseases, to modify or prevent pain perception, and to normalize the body's physiological functions. I understand that I am not required to take these substances but must follow the directions for administration and dosage if I do decide to take them. I am aware that certain adverse side effects may result from taking these substances. These could include, but are not limited to: changes in bowel movements, abdominal pain or discomfort, nausea & vomiting, and the possible aggravation of symptoms existing prior to herbal treatment. Should I experience any problems, which I associate with these substances, I should suspend taking them and call Annie at Tao of Women Acupuncture Clinic as soon as possible.

Initial here _____ Acupressure: I understand that I may also be given acupressure as part of my treatment to modify or prevent pain perception and to normalize the body's physiological functions. I am aware that certain adverse side effects may result from this treatment. These could include, but are not limited to: bruising, sore muscles or aches, and the possible aggravation of symptoms existing prior to treatment. I understand that I may refuse the treatment or stop the treatment at anytime for any reason.

Initial here _____ Cupping / Gua Sha: I understand that I may also be given cupping (the application of glass, silicone, or plastic cups with vacuum to the skin) and Gua Sha (rubbing of the skin with a smooth object such as a porcelain spoon) as part of my treatment to modify or prevent pain perception and to normalize the body's physiological functions. ***I am aware that these treatments are intended to cause minor bruising and though unsightly are not normally painful.*** However certain adverse side effects may result from this treatment. These could include, but are not limited to: bruising, sore muscles or aches, and the possible aggravation of symptoms existing prior to treatment. I understand that I may refuse the treatment or stop the treatment at anytime for any reason.

Initial here _____ Electro-Acupuncture: I understand that I may be asked to have electro-acupuncture administered with the acupuncture. I am aware that certain adverse side effects may result. These may include, but are not limited to: electrical shock, pain or discomfort, and the possible aggravation of symptoms existing prior to treatment. I understand that I may refuse this treatment or stop the treatment at anytime for any reason.

I do not expect the practitioner to be able to anticipate and explain all possible risks and complications of treatment. I have carefully read and understand all the above information and am fully aware of what I am signing. I understand that I may ask my practitioner for a more detailed explanation of anything regarding my treatment. I understand that my records will be kept confidential and will not be released without my written consent (unless in an emergency or by legal demand). I give my permission and consent to treatment.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____