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Welcome to the private Chinese medical practice of John Aguilar Jr., L.Ac. The following information will cover basic practice policies. Please read carefully and sign at the end.

To begin with, please understand that my training is in traditional Chinese medicine. Chinese medicine is a complete, holistic system of physiology, pathology, diagnostics, and treatment modalities. It is founded upon philosophy and knowledge both of which share little in common with Western medicine. Therefore, while you are fully entitled to knowledge of your Chinese medical diagnosis and treatment plan, please understand a **Western medical diagnosis cannot and will not be made.**

The above applies to medications, as well. Any questions concerning Western medical pharmaceuticals need to be addressed by a trained Western medical practitioner.

Unwanted **side effects** of Chinese medical treatment are generally short in duration, of minimal severity, and easily manageable. Every treatment and every patient is unique. Therefore, a complete list of potential side effects is impossible. For acupuncture treatment, potential side effects may include the following: bruising or pain at the site of needle insertion, minor headache, and, in rare cases, fainting upon needle insertion.

For Chinese medical herbalism, common side effects include: minor digestive discomfort and temporary changes in bowel movements. Please inquire into the potential for side effects for your individual treatment.

This office will charge a **cancellation fee** equal to the Standard Fee, as listed in the signed Mandatory Disclosure, in the event of a scheduled appointment either being missed or cancelled within twenty-four hours of the appointment time. (*Please note, arriving later than fifteen minutes of the scheduled time constitutes a 'missed' appointment, as there is not adequate time to deliver a full intake and treatment.*)

Please sign below to acknowledge that you have read and fully understand all the above.

Patient Printed Name

Patient Signature

Date