

INFORMED CONSENT ADDENDUM FOR ONLINE THERAPY



This form is designed to allow you to give informed consent for the use of video technology for online therapy. Read it thoroughly for understanding and ensure all of your questions are answered before signing to give consent. This is to be used in conjunction with, but does not replace, the Informed Consent document signed prior to starting therapy services.

Online therapy or teletherapy is defined as the use of technology to have a therapy session. I use Theranest, a HIPAA compliant platform that uses video and audio technology through a webcam on your device and my device to connect us securely. Theranest uses encrypted data streams for our video sessions.

With all technology, there are also some limitations. Technology may occasionally fail before or during our session. The problems may be related to internet connectivity, difficulties with hardware, software, equipment, and/or services supplied by a 3rd party. Any problems with internet availability or connectivity are outside the control of the therapist and the therapist makes no guarantee that such services will be available or work as expected. If something occurs to prevent or disrupt any scheduled appointment due to technical complications and the session cannot be completed via online video, the therapist will either use the in-session video chat to trouble shoot or will call you back to complete the session.

If, for any reason, I am unable to connect and you are in an immediate crisis or a potentially life-threatening situation, get immediate emergency assistance by calling 911.

I AGREE TO TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SECURITY OF ANY COMMUNICATIONS OR TREATMENT ON MY OWN COMPUTER AND IN MY OWN PHYSICAL LOCATION. I understand I am solely responsible for maintaining the strict confidentiality of my user ID and password and not allow another person to use my user ID to access the Services. I also understand that I am responsible for using this technology in a secure and private location so that others cannot hear my conversation.

I understand that there will be no recording of any of the online session and that all information disclosed within sessions and the written records pertaining to those sessions are confidential and may not be revealed to anyone without my written permission, except where disclosure is required by law.

I understand that I am not allowed to do any recording, screenshots, etc. of any kind, of any session, and are grounds for termination of the client-therapist relationship.

Consent to Treatment

I voluntarily agree to receive online therapy services for an assessment, continued care, treatment, or other services and authorize Wendy Woolf, LMHC to provide such care, treatment, or services as are considered necessary and advisable. I understand and agree that I will participate in the planning of my care, treatment, or services and that I may withdraw consent for such care, treatment, or services that I receive from Wendy Woolf, LMHC at any time. I understand Wendy Woolf will determine on an on-going basis whether the condition being assessed and/or treated is appropriate for online therapy.

By signing this Informed Consent, I, the undersigned client, acknowledge that I have both read and understood all the terms and information contained herein.

Patient/Client Signature

Date

Parent, Guardian or Legal Representative Signature (if minor or needed otherwise)