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Notice of CRISP Participation

Our practice has chosen to participate in CRISP, the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients.

CRISP is a non-profit organization that has been designated as Maryland's statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE) by the Maryland Health Care Commission. CRISP is an internet-based HIE serving Maryland and D.C.

What are the benefits of an HIE?

Normally when healthcare providers share health information about a patient, they use methods such as faxing, mailings, and phone calls. An internet-based HIE allows providers to securely share and appropriately access to important health information. When providers have real-time access to your health information, they can make timelier and effective decisions which leads to more efficient, safe, and cost-effective patient centered care.

How is my information kept private?

CRISP follows all state and federal privacy and security laws to protect patient health information. The Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules are the main Federal laws that protect your health information. CRISP considers these laws to be the minimum standards they adhere to and enforce additional policies that go above and beyond what is required by law to ensure patient's health information remains private and secure.

Who will have access to my information?

Any healthcare provider or healthcare entity that has chosen to participate with CRISP can have access to your health information. For more information on who is participating with CRISP, please visit <https://www.crisphealth.org/connected-providers/>

Can I choose not to participate in CRISP?

Yes, patients can choose to opt out of CRISP in the following ways:

- Complete and submit a "Patient Opt-Out Form" to CRISP
 - Fax to (443) 817-9587
 - Mail to 7160 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 230, Columbia, MD 21046
- Visit the CRISP website at <https://www.crisphealth.org>
- Call 1-877-952-7477

Please note, if you choose to Opt Out of CRISP, the following information will still be exchanged in the HIE, in accordance with the law:

- Public health reporting, such as infectious diseases to public health officials
- Controlled Dangerous Substances (CDS) information, as part of the Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

By signing below, I certify that I have read Desai Medical Center's Notice of CRISP Participation and any questions regarding CRISP participation have been discussed. My signature also certifies my understanding of this notice and the options I have if I choose to Opt Out of participating in CRISP/.

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