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EMAIL/TEXT CONSENT

Patient name: _____

Patient email address: _____

Patient cell phone number: _____

While email and text are convenient methods of communication, they are associated with an element of risk. Risks include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Email/texts can be circulated, forwarded, stored electronically and on paper, and broadcast to unintended recipients.
- b) Email/text senders can easily misaddress an email.
- c) Backup copies of email/texts may exist even after the sender or the recipient has deleted his or her copy.
- d) Employers and on-line services have a right to inspect email/texts transmitted through their systems.
- e) Email/texts can be intercepted, altered, forwarded, or used without authorization or detection.
- f) Email can be used to introduce viruses into computer systems.
- g) Email/texts can be used as evidence in court.
- h) Email/texts may not be secure, and it is possible that a third party may breach the confidentiality of such communications.

Conditions for the use of email/text: Patients must acknowledge and consent to the following conditions:

- a) Email/text is not appropriate for urgent or emergency situations. We cannot guarantee that any given email/text will be read and responded to within any particular time frame.
- b) Email/text communication with a patient of record will usually be documented in the patient's medical record.

I understand the above risks, and consent to communication by email and/or text.

I understand that email and text are not appropriate avenues of communication for urgent matters, and they are not a reliable way to communicate when the office is closed.

For urgent matters please call the general office number for instructions on how to reach Dr. Bird or the psychiatrist on call.

Patient signature _____ Date _____