

Public Statement on Privacy of Personal Information

Our Privacy Commitment to You

We are committed to protecting your privacy and ensuring the confidentiality of your personal health information. The types of personal health information we collect may include your name, date of birth, health history, OHIP number and records of the care provided to you. We collect, use and disclose personal health information for the following purposes:

- to provide Healthcare to our clients;
- to obtain payment for services provided (from you, OHIP, WSIB, your private insurer or others);
- to teach students and to provide continuing education to our staff;
- research into the health of our patients only with approval from the appropriate ethics board;
- quality improvement, program evaluation and risk management;
- to comply with our regulatory obligations to College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario;
- to advise clients about special events or opportunities (but we will always obtain express consent to do so); and
- for other purposes permitted or required by law.

We will collect, use and disclose only as much personal health information as is needed to achieve these purposes. You can withhold or withdraw your consent to the collection, use or disclosure of your personal health information by contacting us (details below).

Access to Health Records

You have the right to seek access to your health records that we keep and to ask us to correct a record if you believe it is inaccurate or incomplete. Please contact us for more information.

Questions or Concerns?

If you have questions or want to make a complaint about our privacy practices, please contact: **Nala Ismacil**, **822-426-7678 x1 or <u>clinics@hamsmart.ca</u>**.

You also have the right to complain to the Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC) of Ontario at the address below if you have concerns about our privacy practices or how your personal health information has been handled:

Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario 2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto, Ontario M4W 1A8

Telephone: Toronto Area (416) 326-3333

Long Distance: 1 (800) 387-0073 (within Ontario)

TDD/TTY: (416) 325-7539 FAX: (416) 325-9195

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