



Consent for Email Communication

Please read carefully – this form discusses the risks of using email to share personal health information.

To protect our patients' privacy, we encrypt or otherwise secure your personal health information when it is stored in our offices and on our computers. Unencrypted email is not a secure form of communication. There is some risk that any individually identifiable health information and other sensitive or confidential information that may be contained in such email may be misdirected, disclosed to, or intercepted by, unauthorized third parties. Please consider the following risks before requesting information by unsecure email:

- Email messages sent or received by South Lake Family Practice are not encrypted and may not be secure.
- Third parties may be able to intercept, read, alter, forward or use personal health information transmitted by email, without authorisation or detection by you or South Lake Family Practice.
- An unsecure email message may be accidentally forwarded to unintended recipients
- Employers and internet service providers generally have the right to inspect and review any email message transmitted or received using their systems.
- Information shared by email may be printed, copied, and stored by any recipient in multiple locations.
- South Lake Family Practice is not responsible for any unauthorised access to or use of your personal health information that results from any unencrypted transmission that you authorise.

PERMISSION TO ALLOW COMMUNICATIONS BY UNENCRYPTED EMAIL

I understand the risks involved when personal health information is transmitted via unencrypted email, and hereby give South Lake Family Practice permission to use unsecured email to communicate with me regarding my personal health information.

Name		Date of Birth	
Email		Phone	
Signature		Date	