

HAWTHORN ACUPUNCTURE PATIENT CONSENT FORM

All procedures will be clearly explained prior to treatment. You have the right to decline or withdraw consent to treatment at any time and to see any personal clinical records and information collected.

Are there any risks?

- Acupuncture has **very few risks** or harm associated with treatment. The acupuncturists are trained to a high standard.
- A **sterile swab** will be used prior to insertion, all needles are single use and sterile. You will be asked to sit or lay and remain still during treatment. Mild bruising or mild bleeding from a treatment can occasionally occur.
- Methods of treatment may include, but are not limited to moxibustion (a heated herb) and cupping (glass suction), electrical stimulation, ear acupuncture, Chinese medical massage and exercise therapy. There is minimal risk of a burn with moxibustion and you may notice a red or purple coloured area after cupping.

Due to the nature of the treatment the practitioner may need to feel different areas on your body to help with diagnosis or locating acupuncture points. You may be asked to remove items of clothing during treatment, you will be covered and your privacy will be respected.

Your signature below indicates that you have read, understand the information and give consent to treatment

(Written consent from a guardian or parent needs to be obtained before treating minors aged 16 years and under)

Patient signature

Date