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Social Media and E-mail Communications Policy

It is our practice's policy that the psychiatrist and office staff do not connect nor communicate with current or former patients on any form of social media (e.g. Facebook, Linked In, Twitter, Snapchat, or other social media). This policy keeps boundaries clear between the professional relationship at the office and the personal lives outside of the work setting. This also maintains appropriate boundaries within the therapeutic relationship during therapy and afterwards, particularly should the patient decide to return for treatment at some point in the future.

In general, the best way to contact your psychiatrist is by calling the office. Confidential voicemail is available in the event that the office is either closed or phone lines are busy. On occasion, patients request to e-mail the office. The confidentiality of e-mail cannot be guaranteed, and the patient acknowledges the lack of confidentiality when choosing to e-mail their psychiatrist. We DO send reminder notices, with your permission, via text message and e-mail. However, as noted above, e-mail is not a secure nor always confidential method of communicating, and thus we need you to initial below if you wish to utilize this as a means of communication. Please check below the way in which our office can reach you, with your permission, and with your understanding and acceptance that it may not be totally secure, and sign below.

The office may reach me by e-mail to remind me of appointments, and I may choose to contact my psychiatrist via e-mail on occasion. ___Yes ___No

Signature

Date