## ATLANTA RHEUMATOLOGY CONSULTANTS Patient's Bill of Rights

Atlanta Rheumatology Consultants is committed to providing Comprehensive health care in a manner which acknowledges the Uniqueness and Dignity of each patient.

- A. Patients are treated with respect, consideration and dignity.
- B. Every patient's right to privacy is ensured through secluded exam rooms, and a private surgery entrance. Also, medical clearance by a family physician is obtained with the patient's permission and without disclosure of information concerning a particular surgery unless necessary for the patient's safety.
- C. Every patient shall have the right to confidentiality of all records and communications to the extent provided by law, and patients are given the opportunity to approve or refuse the release of their records.
- D. Every patient shall have the right to an informed consent for surgery as well as any written material available concerning a particular surgery.
- E. Every patient shall have the right to care discussed with, directed by, and agreed upon with the physician, as well as the right to refuse to be examined, observed, or treated by any facility and/or non-facility staff without jeopardizing access to appropriate medical care and attention.
- F. Every patient shall have the right, upon request to receive written information concerning Patient Conduct and responsibilities:
  - 1. Services available at Atlanta Rheumatology Consultants
  - 2. Provisions for after hours emergency care
  - 3. Fees for services and related payment policies
  - 4. Methods for expressing grievances and suggestions to the facility
- G. Every patient shall have the assurance that any marketing or advertising regarding the competence and capabilities of Atlanta Rheumatology Consultants is accurate and factual.

I acknowledge the receipt of and opportunity to review the Patient's Bill of Rights for calendar year 2013.

Patient (or legal guardian)