

**Designation for Release of Medical Information
To a Family Member, Friend or Legal Representative**

Introduction:

The physician is responsible for ensuring the physician-patient relationship is confidential. The Privacy Statement of Commonwealth Surgical Associates is the basis for how we treat your Protected Health Information. HIPAA allows physicians to use their professional judgment in disclosing certain Protected Health Information to family, friends and legal guardians without an authorization. This form provides clear direction to the physician for the release of such information. Your surgeon wants you to be able to name a person with whom you want the surgeon or office staff to speak regarding your condition. Therefore, we ask that you complete the following form which will become a part of your medical record.

Please consider the following when making your decision regarding a designated person:

- Generally it is best to designate one person
- The designation is valid until rescinded in writing by you
- If no one is designated, your physician and staff may not be able to release information to any family member or other person
- You are authorizing verbal communications only

Designation Statement

I, _____, designate the following person to speak with a physician or staff member, if necessary, on my behalf. The release includes discussions regarding my medical condition, medical needs, and or my account status. I hereby release the physicians and staff of Commonwealth Surgical Associates from any claim of breach of confidentiality in connection with the release of such information.

Designated Person's Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Designated Person's Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Patient's Name: _____ Patient's Date of Birth: _____

Patient's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Commonwealth Surgical Associates Witness: _____

I decline to designate someone to speak with my physician or the office staff.

Patient's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Commonwealth Surgical Associates Witness: _____