



NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

Atlanta Perinatal Associates is required, by law, to maintain the privacy and confidentiality of your protected health information and to provide our patients with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to your protected health information.

Disclosure of Your Health Care Information: For Treatment

We may use or disclose your health care information to other healthcare professionals within our practice for the purpose of treatment, payment or healthcare operations

For Payment

We may use or disclose your health information so that the treatment and services you receive at Atlanta Perinatal Associates may be billed to and payment may be collected from you, an insurance company or a third party

For Healthcare Operations

We may use or disclose your health information for healthcare operations. These uses and disclosures are necessary to run Atlanta Perinatal Associates and make sure that all our patients receive quality care.

Workers' Compensation

We may disclose your health information.

Emergencies

We may disclose your health information to notify or assist in notifying a family member, or another person responsible for your care about your medical condition or in the event of an emergency or of your death.

Public Health

As required by law, we may disclose your health information to public health authorities for purposes related to: preventing or controlling disease, injury or disability, reporting child abuse or neglect, reporting domestic violence, reporting to the Food and Drug Administration problems with products and reactions to medications, and reporting disease or infection exposure.

Business Associates

During the course of providing treatment to you, obtaining payment for your care and conducting normal healthcare operations, Atlanta Perinatal Associates works with business partners. Though every reasonable attempt will be made by Atlanta Perinatal Associates to limit access by business partners to patient information, it is impossible to prevent all such access. Therefore, Atlanta Perinatal Associates require all business partners' contractual agreements that require these business partners to limit their access to patient information to that which is necessary and unavoidable. Furthermore, our contracts with business partners require that all access to patient information that does not occur will be managed according to strict principles of confidentiality and privacy.

Judicial and Administrative Proceedings

We may disclose your health information in the course of any administrative or judicial proceeding.

Law Enforcement

We may disclose your health information to a law enforcement official for purposes such as identifying or locating a suspect, fugitive, material witness or missing person, complying with a court order or subpoena, and other law enforcement purposes.

Deceased Persons

We may disclose your health information to coroners or medical examiners.

Research

We may disclose your health information to researchers conducting research that has been approved by an Institutional Review Board.

Public Safety

It may be necessary to disclose your health information to appropriate persons in order to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a particular person or to the general public.

Specialized Government Agencies

We may disclose your health information for military, national security, prisoner and government benefits purposes.

Your Health Information Rights:

You have the right to request restrictions on certain uses and disclosures of your health information. Please be advised, however, that Atlanta Perinatal Associates is not required to agree to the restriction that you requested.

You have the right to have your health information received or communicated through an alternative method or sent to an alternative location other than the usual method of communication or delivery, upon your request.

You have the right to inspect and copy your health information.

You have a right to request that Atlanta Perinatal Associates amend your protected health information. Please be advised, however, that Atlanta Perinatal Associates is not required to agree to amend your protected health information. If your request to amend your health information has been denied, you will be provided with an explanation of our denial reason(s) and information about how you can disagree with the denial.

You have a right to receive an accounting of disclosures of your protected health information made by Atlanta Perinatal Associates.

You have a right to a paper copy of this Notice of Privacy Practices at any time upon request.

Changes to this Notice of Privacy Practices

Atlanta Perinatal Associates reserves the right to amend this Notice of Privacy Practices at any time in the future, and will make the new provisions effective for all information that it maintains. Until such amendment is made, [Practice Name] is required by law to comply with this Notice.

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Complaints

Complaints about your Privacy rights, or how Atlanta Perinatal Associates has handled your health information should be directed to Carrie Culver by calling this office at 404-872-3121. You may also file a complaint with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.