AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE MEDICAL RECORDS
(Protected Health Information)

OFFICE USE ONLY

Release records from:

The Women’s Health Initiative (WHI) Extension Study is a national study sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) whose ongoing purpose is to learn about the health of post-menopausal women. By signing this form I give permission to these facilities to give information about my health care and health conditions to: The investigators at the WHI Clinical Coordinating Center (CCC) and the Regional Center affiliates.

The information released will only be used for research purposes by the WHI and will be held in strict confidence. Examples of medical information to be requested:

- Discharge summary
- History and physical
- Radiology/imaging
- Pathology reports/specimens
- ER records
- Operative reports
- Procedure reports
- Lab tests and results
- Diagnostic/procedure codes
- Other:
- Consultations
- Outpatient/short stay records
- MD notes/progress notes

By signing, I acknowledge that I have read and understood the following:

- Signing this authorization is voluntary.
- Although not being asked by WHI, information released may include all aspects of treatment, including testing and/or treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS or HIV infection, alcohol and/or drug abuse, and mental health conditions.

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I have the right to revoke (cancel) this authorization at any time by notifying WHI and the facility in writing. If I do this, it will be in effect immediately as soon as it is received and no further information about my health care and health conditions will be requested. If I revoke this authorization, it will not affect information already released and will not affect my enrollment or participation in WHI or my treatment, payment, enrollment, or eligibility for benefits at this facility.

The above medical records may be shared with researchers at the WHI CCC at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, WHI Regional Centers and their affiliates, the NIH (study sponsor), and regulatory agencies and review boards who watch over the safety, effectiveness and conduct of the research. Any disclosure of information carries with it the potential for an unauthorized re-disclosure and may not be protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule but WHI, as a nationally funded research study, has established continued protection for the disclosed information.

WHI cannot further use or disclose the information in my medical records without my consent unless required by law.

This authorization shall remain valid for the duration of the WHI Extension Study.

I have the right to receive a copy of this authorization.

A photocopy or facsimile of this document is as valid as the original.

I give permission for any and all facilities and providers to release my health information.

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Signature of WHI Participant
(or Authorized Representative)

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Participant’s Date of Birth:
Month Day Year

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Printed Name of WHI Participant
(or Authorized Representative and relationship to participant)

Phone number: (_____) _____ - _______