

JAMES DETTLING, M.D.
ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

AGREEMENT AS TO RESOLUTION OF CONCERNS
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

“I”, “Patient/Guardian” shall be understood to mean, _____
(insert name of patient or guardian)

“Physician Shall be understood to mean James R. Dettling, M.D. I understood that I am entering into a contractual relationship with the physician for professional care. I further understand that meritless and frivolous claims for medical malpractice have an adverse effect upon the cost and availability of medical care to patients and may result in irreparable harm to a medical provider. As additional consideration for professional care provided to me by the physician, I, the Patient/Guardian, agree not to initiate or advance, directly or indirectly, any meritless or frivolous claims of medical malpractice against the Physician.

Should I, initiate or pursue a meritorious medical malpractice claim against the Physician, I agree to use as expert witnesses (with respect to issues concerning the standard of care), only physicians who are board certified and in good standing by the American Board of Medical Specialties in the same specialty as the Physician.

I agree the expert will be obligated to adhere to the guidelines or code of conduct defined by the American Board of Medical Specialties in the same specialty as the Physician.

I agree to require any attorney I hire, and any physician hired by me or on my behalf as an expert witness to agree to these provisions.

In further consideration, physician also agree to the same above referenced stipulations.

Each party agrees that a conclusion by a specialty society affording due process to an expert will be treated as supporting or refuting evidence of a frivolous or meritless claim.

Patient/Guardian and physician agree that this agreement is binding upon them individually and their respective successors, assigns, representatives, personal representatives, spouses, and other dependents.

Physician and patient/guardian agree that these provisions apply to any claim for medical malpractice whether based on a theory of contract, negligence, battery, or any other theory of recovery.

Patient/guardian acknowledges that he/she has been given ample opportunity to read this agreement and ask questions about it.

Physician Signature

Patient/Guardian Signature

Date