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AGREEMENT CONCERNING CHELATION THERAPY

I have described to you in detail the method of administration of chelation therapy using sodium-magnesium Ethylenediamine Tetraacetic Acid (EDTA); the purpose for its administration in your case; its potential for good and potential harmful side effects. You have indicated a desire to undertake this therapy.

I have advised you that EDTA has been cleared by the Food and Drug Administration for mobilization and reduction of heavy metals (such as lead) from the body where undesirable quantities are present; that, in addition, EDTA is being used increasingly by a minority of physicians for treatment of arteriosclerosis and related conditions; and that this latter usage has been disapproved by medical associations and/or other groups on the grounds that such usage of this substance has not as yet been shown to be usual, customary and reasonable. Because of such disapproval, and because a majority of doctors do not use it, insurance companies ordinarily refuse to pay for EDTA therapy. There is no concern that if given according to protocol, EDTA is safe. It is often used at medical school hospitals in treating children with lead toxicity.

Among the principal side effects which may accompany administration of EDTA therapy are: potential kidney damage (almost never seen with modern dosage and speed of infusion), nausea or vomiting (very rare), burning or stinging at site of infusion (correctable), hypotension (very rare), hypoglycemia (common if food is not eaten before and during the I.V.), dermatitis (responding to vitamin B-6), muscular tetany (responding to magnesium), and local thrombophlebitis (very rare).

Whether chelation therapy is "effective" for a specific condition depends upon the degree of likelihood of injury from the use of the procedure when properly administered, upon the prognosis for the condition if left untreated, and upon cooperation in following the dietary and exercise regime which accompanies the procedure. I believe that in your case chelation therapy is proper under these criteria, and that its use will probably improve the condition for which you are under treatment and your overall health. However, you must understand that I cannot and I do not guarantee or warrant the results in any manner. Furthermore, despite the use of sodium-magnesium Ethylenediamine Tetraacetic Acid (EDTA) for over 30 years in clinical practice, the term experimental has been used by opponents to the therapy. This term is not justified. However, since it is not standard therapy yet in the United States, I cannot and do not offer this procedure to you except upon the condition that you release me from any legal responsibility for harm resulting from its use in your case. Your signature on this agreement will constitute a full and final release of any legal responsibility resulting from the administration of chelation therapy in your case and/or any other medical treatment that may be necessary as a result.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE. Under the conditions indicated, I hereby place myself under your care for chelation therapy, and agree to the above release.

WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PATIENT \_\_\_\_\_