

## Patient Consent Form for Medical Acupuncture

*Please read this information carefully and ask your practitioner if there is anything that you do not understand*

### What is Acupuncture?

Acupuncture is a form of therapy in which fine needles are inserted into specific points on the body. *Please Note: Acupuncture needles are passed directly through the skin and appropriate clothing needs to be discretely removed.*

### Is Acupuncture safe?

Acupuncture is generally very safe. Serious side effects are very rare – less than one per ten thousand treatments.

### Does Acupuncture have side effects?

You need to be aware that:

- Drowsiness occurs after treatment in a small number of patients. If affected you are advised not to drive.
- Minor bleeding or bruising occurs after Acupuncture in about 3% of patients.
- Pain during treatment occurs in about 1% of treatments.
- Symptoms can get worse after treatment (less than 3% of patients). You should tell your practitioner about this; but it is usually a good sign.
- Fainting can occur in certain patients, particularly at the first treatment.

### Is there anything your practitioner needs to know?

Apart from the usual medical details, it is important that you let your practitioner know:

1. If you have ever experienced a fit, fainting or have had a funny turn.
2. If you have a pacemaker or any other electrical implants.
3. If you have a bleeding disorder.
4. If you are taking anticoagulants or any other medication.
5. If you have damaged heart valves or have any other particular risk of infection.

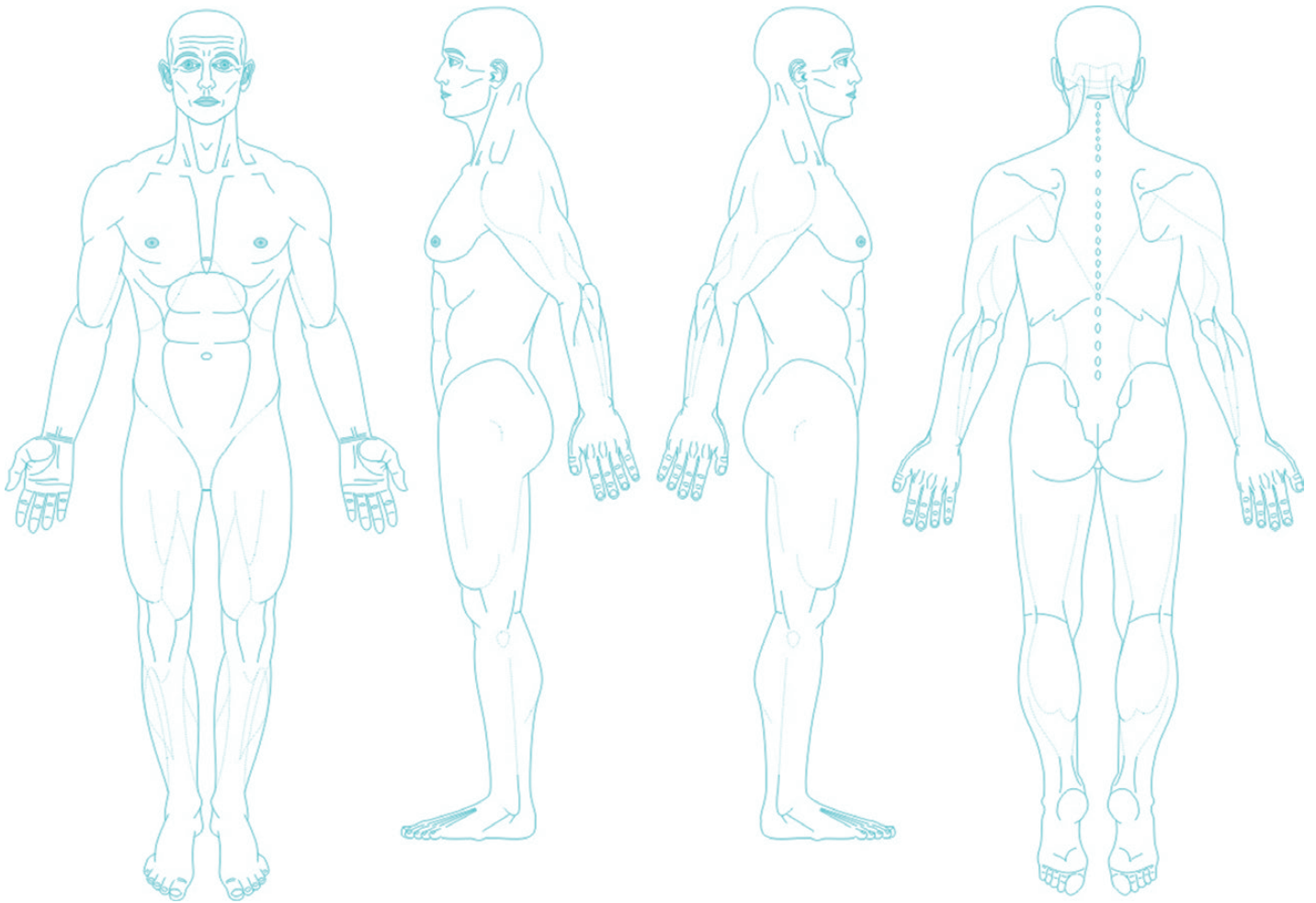
PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE: **BODY DIAGRAMS** BEFORE SIGNING THIS CONSENT

I have read and understood all of the above information and I have consented to allow Kevin Anthony Walsh to undertake treatment of my condition with Acupuncture.

Patient Signature..... Date.....

## Body Diagrams

Please circle the areas where you feel your pain.  
You may have needles inserted directly in these areas and surrounding areas.



**IMPORTANT:** Once you have circled the areas where you feel pain, please remember to sign the consent on the first page. Treatment cannot be administered without your consent.