



Start to Finish Spine Care
Waiver of Recovery
of more than \$250,000
in Non-Economic Damages

To Our Patients.

The professional liability insurance crisis in Florida affects you and every other patient. Because many physicians are being forced to stop performing certain procedures, to retire early, or leave to practice in other states where liability insurance premiums are lower, patients are losing access to their physician. At a time when Florida's population has grown faster than any other state, 63 hospitals have closed in the past 15 years. The Florida Supreme Court has allowed trial layers to implement similar waivers so the attorney can keep more of a monetary award when they represent you in a liability case (a higher contingency fee than the constitution allows). In order to ensure access to my medical services, I am asking you to sign the attached waiver form. If we agree to enter into a patient-physician relationship, this form explains what damages you may recover in the event that you make a liability claim against me.

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- This waives your constitutional right to collect damages beyond \$250,000 in non-economic damages (such as "pain and suffering").
- This does not limit the amount of economic damages you can collect (e.g. for medical cost or lost wages).
- You may revoke the agreement within three days of signing the waiver.
- You must renew this waiver every year to remain as my patient. If you contact my office after the waiver has lapsed, you will be asked to re-sign before I can provide further medical care.
- If you revoke your signature from the waiver or allow it to lapse, I will no longer be able to provide medical services to you and you will need to find a new physician effective immediately. If you have an emergency, you will need to go to an emergency room or call your primary care doctor or locate another neurosurgeon in the area (as listed in the local phone book).

If you do not understand this waiver, you have the right to take it to your attorney to have him or her explain the form to you. Please indicate your understating by writing and signing your name below.

I look forward to providing you the neurosurgical services you desire and thank you for your patience and your understanding.

Name

Date

Signature

Sincerely,

David M. McKalip, M.D.

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