



Informed Consent Agreement for Database Inclusion

Introduction:

This informed consent agreement is being provided to you as an author who wishes to contribute a case report to the database set up and maintained in [REDCap](#) by [Convergent Points, an East-West Case Report Journal](#). The purpose of the database is to provide a practice-based pool of evidence for acupuncture students and researchers to access and review case reports, inform research questions, and perform qualitative analyses. By signing this agreement, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Purpose:

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure that you, as the author of a case report, understand and agree to the terms and conditions under which your work will be included in the database.

Conditions:

1. You retain the full copyright to your work and may submit it for publication elsewhere.
2. By signing this agreement, you grant permission for your work to be included in the database and acknowledge that it may be accessed and used by healthcare professionals for educational and research purposes.
3. Inclusion in the database is not guaranteed. The editorial research team will evaluate for inclusion. If your case is selected, you will be notified.
4. You acknowledge that your work will be stored in a secure, password-protected database, and reasonable steps will be taken to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of your work.
5. You understand that your work may be subject to review by the database administrators for quality control purposes. The administrators may contact you for clarification or additional information if necessary.
6. You agree to indemnify and hold harmless the database administrators and any affiliated institutions from any claims, damages, or expenses arising from the use or publication of your work.
7. You have the right to withdraw your work from the database at any time by providing written notice to the database administrators at editor@convergentpoints.com.

Conclusion:

By signing below or sending a message to the editor stating, "This is my electronic signature of informed consent for database inclusion," you acknowledge that you have read and understood the terms and conditions of this informed consent agreement and voluntarily agree to participate in the database by submitting your case report.

_____ I consent to inclusion in the database. _____ I decline inclusion in the database.

Author name

Date