

CONSENT FOR TREATMENT WITH ACCELERATED RESOLUTION THERAPY

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES THE AGREEMENT YOU ARE ENTERING WITH YOUR CLINICIAN

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Accelerated Resolution Therapy®, or **ART**, is a form of psychotherapy treatment which involves the skilled use of eye movements to process negative memories, images, and sensations. **ART** is NOT hypnosis. Clients are fully awake throughout the **ART** process and can chose to stop at any time.

Upon beginning Accelerated Resolution Therapy®, I have been informed of the risks and benefits which include:

Benefits May Include:

- Relaxed, calming effect
- Reduction in negative emotions and sensations
- Inability to recall distressing images
- Ability to remember an event or memory without seeing visual images of the event
- Other benefits that vary by person

Risks May Include:

- Difficulty recalling events from the past
- Inability to see images associated with memories
- Lightheaded feeling
- If in litigation, the possibility that details may be hard to recall or emotions may no longer match the story of the event.
- Others risks that vary by person

Accelerated Resolution Therapy, otherwise known as ART®, is currently an evidence-based psychotherapy treatment approved by the SAMHSA (Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration) registry of evidence-based techniques and is listed as approved for trauma, depression, anxiety, and resilience. It is also listed as a promising psychotherapy for Obsessive Compulsive and other mental health disorders.

Distressing, unresolved memories may surface through the use of the **ART** procedure. Some clients have experienced reactions during the treatment session that neither they nor the administering clinician may have anticipated, including a high level of emotion or physical sensations.

Distressing memories may seem to disappear while more pleasant memories may take their place during **ART**. You should therefore check with an attorney **prior** to consenting to **ART** treatment if you need to recall events for a legal proceeding.

After **ART**, these negative memories have been more normally processed and are stored in a location that no longer bothers you, as the client. Subsequent to treatment session, the processing of incidents/material may continue, and other dreams, memories, flashbacks, feelings, etc. may emerge.

I have been advised to check with my medical physician before beginning **ART** treatment concerning any medical conditions which might put me at risk due to the possibility of a heightened emotional reaction or neurological conditions (like epilepsy) from **ART** treatment. It is recommended to refrain from as needed medication that causes sleepiness prior to an **ART** session.

Before commencing **ART** treatment, I have thoroughly considered all of the above. I have obtained whatever additional input and/or professional advice deemed necessary or appropriate to have **ART** treatment, and by my signature below I hereby consent to receive **ART** treatment. My signature on the acknowledgement and consent is free from pressure or influence from any person or entity.

I have read and understand the information presented in this form. I consent to receive treatment **ART** Treatment. If you are signing on behalf of your dependent, please print his/her name, and your relationship to the client. I understand that I have the right to terminate treatment or refuse treatment at any time; I will give notice of my intent to terminate.

Client Signature

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

Date: _____

Witness

Date: _____

