



PATIENT RELEASE FORM

I understand that as part of this program I will be taking Phentermine, a drug that causes stimulation to the central nervous system and that this drug should only be used in the dosage prescribed and should not be shared with anyone. Additionally, I understand that I must not take any herbal supplements, or other drugs (prescription or over-the-counter) that I have not specified in the list provided to my doctor at The Woman's Group as part of my initial consultation for the Weight Loss Program.

The prolonged use of Phentermine may cause pulmonary hypertension, a rare but fatal disorder - Symptoms include chest pains, shortness of breath, or swelling of the lower extremities. If I experience any of these symptoms, I understand that I must discontinue use of this medication immediately and notify my Weight Loss Program physician.

Hypertensive crisis may result if I have been treated with a monoamine oxidase inhibitor (typically used in the treatment of mental illnesses) within 14 days. I understand that I must disclose any prior treatment of this type to my Weight Loss Program physician to prevent this adverse result.

I understand that if I take an overdose of Phentermine or if I take recreational drugs or excessive amounts of alcohol concurrently with this medication, I will experience unusual restlessness, confusion, belligerence, hallucinations, and panic states followed by fatigue and depression. I will also experience cardiovascular effects including arrhythmia, hypertension, or hypotension and circulatory collapse. I will experience gastrointestinal symptoms including nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Poisoning may result in convulsions, coma, and even death.

POTENTIAL ADVERSE REACTIONS: The following are potential adverse reactions to Phentermine.

I agree to report any of these reactions to my Weight Loss Program doctor if they occur:

Cardiovascular: Palpitation, tachycardia, elevated blood pressure.

Central Nervous System: Over-stimulation, restlessness, insomnia, agitation, flushing, tremor, sweating, dizziness, headache, psychotic state, blurring of vision.

Gastrointestinal: Dryness of the mouth, nausea, diarrhea, constipation, stomach pain.

Genitourinary: High frequency of urination, changes in libido.

Dependence: Phentermine is related chemically and pharmacologically to the amphetamines. Amphetamines and related stimulant drugs have been extensively abused. Abuse of amphetamines and related drugs may be associated with intense psychological dependence and severe social dysfunction. Abrupt cessation following prolonged high dosage administration results in extreme fatigue and mental depression and changes to sleep EEG. Manifestations of chronic intoxication with anorectic drugs include severe dermatoses, marked insomnia, irritability, hyperactivity and personality changes. The most severe manifestation of chronic intoxications is psychosis, often clinically indistinguishable from schizophrenia.

Other: There may be potential negative interactions between Phentermine and other prescription drugs, therefore it is important that you disclose ALL prescription or over-the-counter drugs or supplements that you take to your Weight Loss Program physician at the start of the program and that you consult with her prior to taking any new over-the-counter drugs.

I have read this document, understand its contents and understand my responsibilities with respect to the use of Phentermine.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

