Terms & Conditions

The Weill Cornell Medical College Brain and Spine Center offers a Medical Second Opinion Program (“Program”). Please read the following terms and conditions and sign your agreement to these terms and conditions below.

Consultative Service

The service provided through the Program is different from the diagnostic services typically provided by a physician who has examined you. Our written report will recommend a course of treatment that our experts believe is best for you.

Please remember that a second opinion based only on images and medical records is necessarily limited to what is contained in those files which you provide to us. It cannot replace an in-person medical evaluation from a qualified physician. As a result, the physician providing this service will not have the benefit of information obtained by examining you and your physical condition. Therefore, the physician may not be aware of facts or information which would affect the physician’s opinion of your diagnosis and treatment options. We strongly encourage you to discuss the second opinion with your primary care physician.

If you would prefer to make an appointment with one of our doctors in New York City for a second opinion, please see the faculty directory: http://weillcornellbrainandspine.org/ for a direct phone number.

State Jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without regard to its conflicts of laws rules. Any dispute shall be brought in the courts of New York.

Eligibility to Participate in Service

Patients who are located in North Dakota, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, New Mexico, Nevada and Wyoming are not eligible to participate in this Second Opinion Service through this website, but may make an appointment in our offices in New York City for an in person consultation.

Local Licensed Physician

To receive a remote Second Opinion, you must provide the name and contact information of your local physician who maintains an active medical license and practices in the state in which you are located. This can be the physician who gave you the initial opinion, or it could be your primary care physician or another physician involved in your care. We will provide the Second Opinion as a consultation to such physician with a copy to you. If you are located in New York state, you are not required to provide a local physician’s name and contact information (in which case, we will
case we will provide the opinion only to you) but you may include a physician’s contact information if you wish.

Not Emergency Service

IF THIS IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CALL YOUR LOCAL EMERGENCY SERVICE NUMBER (911 IN THE UNITED STATES) TO GET PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION. DO NOT RELY ON ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE IN REGARD TO YOUR IMMEDIATE, URGENT MEDICAL NEEDS. THIS WEB SITE IS NOT DESIGNED TO RESPOND TO MEDICAL EMERGENCIES.

Notice of Privacy Practices

A copy of the Weill Cornell Medical College Notice of Privacy Practices is at this link: http://weill.cornell.edu/legal/index.html . By your signature below, you acknowledge that you have received this Notice.

Payment

The cost of the Second Opinion service, included the written report, is $300.00, which may be paid by credit card when requesting the service. As second opinions are usually not covered by insurance, this amount is not reimbursable by Medicare or Medicaid or most insurance plans but is paid by the patient directly. Any additional or follow-up services, surgeries or in-person consultations requested by the patient will be provided only at our offices in New York City and will be billed separately.

By signing below the patient agrees to the above terms and conditions.

[Electronic Signature]