



Confidentiality and Consent to Treat

I hereby grant permission to be examined and treated according to a reasonable standard of care by the health care provider and their authorized representatives at Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) Health Services. I have the right to refuse any diagnostic tests, medication, referrals or treatments that are recommended.

I understand that to provide the best possible care for students, the clinician may share information, when appropriate, with professionals within RISD Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) for the purposes of diagnosis and treatment planning. I also acknowledge that RISD Health Services must abide by all applicable state and federal laws, as well as the individual policies of area hospitals with regard to consent to medical treatment of a minor.

I hereby give permission for my lab results to be sent to me electronically. I understand that the Medica Online Student Health System used to transmit lab results and correspond with my health care provider is secure and meets HIPAA confidentiality guidelines.

Confidentiality

All information shared with the RISD Health Services staff is kept strictly confidential and your privacy is protected by state and federal laws as well as all applicable professional ethics. In general, no information is released to individuals outside of RISD Integrated Health and Wellness (IHW) without your consent. Within RISD IHW, confidential information may be shared among licensed health providers, clinicians, and staff for purposes of scheduling, clinical consultation, supervision, and training. Any sharing of health information or consultations are conducted in a confidential manner and are used to support appropriate treatment and clinical decision making.

Please review the following exceptions where confidentiality may not be maintained to the extent required for safety or for compliance with state or federal law:

- When RISD determines there is a strong indication that you imminently intend to inflict serious harm or death to yourself or others, or RISD is unable to develop a plan with you to ensure health or safety.
- When you give your counselor or health care provider information relating to probable child abuse, elder abuse, or abuse of a vulnerable

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adult (for example, someone who is developmentally disabled or mentally ill, or who has a disabling illness), or the abuse or torture of an animal, RISD may be required to notify state authorities. If you are over the age of 18 and disclose that you are engaging in sexual activities with someone under the age of 18, RISD may be required to report this to state authorities.

- If you are involved in legal proceedings, the court might subpoena your records and/or testimony could be required.
- If you are under the age of 18, parental disclosure may be made by a director or professional staff involved in the student's care.
- If you have signed a release of information that allows your counselor or health care provider to communicate with RISD faculty or staff, to a medical provider, family member, or others.

In these situations, RISD Health Services will make reasonable efforts to share only the information necessary to address the concern or comply with legal requirements.

Disclosures Related to Title IX or Disability

Because information disclosed to RISD Health Services is held in confidence (unless an exception applies), disclosure of information to RISD Health Services about sexual assault or gender-based violence does not constitute informing RISD. Similarly, disclosing a disability to RISD Health Services does not constitute informing the institution of a disability. Your health care provider will provide you with information about how to inform RISD of these concerns and about what additional support service options are available to you.

Records and Privacy

Records of Health Services appointments become part of a confidential health record. RISD Health Services maintains personal health information in a secure electronic health record system which is shared with CAPS as a part of an integrated health center record. RISD Health Services does not employ student workers in roles that provide access to confidential clinical records.

Records are held in accordance with legal and ethical standards set by state and federal law, professional ethical guidelines, and applicable FERPA guidance. These records are separate from all other college records. Records are considered secure and confidential and will be released only with your prior written consent unless an exception applies. In compliance with state and federal law, records will be retained

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for a period not less than seven years from the last clinical contact. Records will then be destroyed.

Students may request access to their records in accordance with applicable laws and RISD Health Services policies.

Social Media

RISD Health Services providers and staff do not follow or accept friend or contact requests from current or former clients on any social networking site, as this can compromise confidentiality and professional boundaries. RISD Health Services providers and staff also do not accept text messages, SMS, or other messages. Such platforms are not secure, and RISD is not set up to interact on them in a timely way.

I certify that I have read, understand, and voluntarily agree to abide by the information outlined above regarding my eligibility and use of RISD's Health Services. I hereby give my consent to authorize RISD Health Services to evaluate, treat, and/or refer me to others as needed. My signature below indicates that I have read the information in this informed consent form, and that I voluntarily agree to abide by its terms during our professional relationship.