

Disclosures and Informed Consent

We welcome you to our office, and look forward to working with you to improve your health and vitality. Whether this is your first visit with a naturopathic doctor, or whether you have been seeing one for many years, there is some information which we feel is important to disclose to you before commencing our relationship. If, after reading this document, you have any questions or concerns about the information presented here, please discuss them with our staff before signing this form. A copy of this form has been made available to you on our website at www.drmattd.com.

Licensure of Naturopathic Doctors

Michigan State Law does not provide for licensure of naturopathic doctors (NDs). As a result, NDs are disallowed to engage in the "practice of medicine" as defined in MCL 333.17001(1)(d) as the "diagnosis, treatment, prevention, cure, or relieving of a human disease, ailment, defect, complaint, or other physical or mental condition, by attendance, advice, device, diagnostic tests, or other means, or offering, undertaking, attempting to do, or holding oneself out as able to do, any of these acts." In the interest of professionalism, we do maintain a naturopathic physician license with the State of Washington which is displayed for your review in this office. By accepting our services, you acknowledge and affirm that office visits are for consultative purposes only, and are expressly limited to the ends of promotion of health and wellness, and supporting the inherent self-healing mechanisms of the body.

Functional Laboratory Testing

The purpose of functional laboratory testing in our office is to evaluate nutritional, biochemical, or physiological imbalance and to determine any need for medical referral. These lab tests are not intended to diagnose disease. Your medical physician and/or insurance carrier may or may not agree that these assessments are medically necessary.

Insurance Assignment

This office does not accept insurance assignment for consultation fees, however certain lab tests may be covered by your insurance carrier. Certain fees may also be eligible for payment from a Health Savings Account (HSA), or similar financial products. You are advised to contact your insurance carrier and/or tax advisor for details. The reasons why we do not bill insurance for consultation fees are varied and complex, however we will be more than happy to discuss these reasons with you in more detail upon request.

Dietary Supplements

We take a minimalist approach to dietary supplements, and strive to limit our recommendations to the fewest agents necessary to meet a desired purpose. Notwithstanding, we have arrangements with certain manufacturers and distributors whereby we may receive a commission of 15 – 50% of the retail price should you choose to order dietary supplements through one of our affiliate accounts. You are under no obligation to use these vendors. However, be aware that certain products may not be available to you without the recommendation of an approved health care professional.

In rare cases, dietary supplements can contribute to adverse health events and interact with certain medications. We highly recommend that you consult with an adequately trained professional before taking any dietary supplement, and to notify all of your health care providers about any dietary supplements you are taking.

Be advised when purchasing dietary supplements (as with most things) you typically get what you pay for. The products we recommend are often more expensive than similar formulas you may find elsewhere. The reason for this is that we use manufacturers who are committed to the highest levels of quality, research, and education, and who offer products that we feel are both safe and effective.

I, _____ (print name) have read and understand the above statements and disclosures. I further attest that no offer or representation has been made to me for Dr. Matthew Marturano to engage in the practice of medicine, as defined by Michigan Law.

_____ (Signature) _____ (Date)