



Thank you for inquiring about bio-identical hormone therapy and the office of Christine Farrell MSN, FNP-C. Whether you are male or female, young or old, bio-identical hormone therapy can offer you greater health and well-being. There is a tremendous amount of research now available telling us that hormones are not only safe, but essential to remaining healthy and preventing diseases such as that Alzheimer's, heart disease, osteoporosis, and even certain cancers.

In my practice, each patient is treated as an individual. There is no "one size fits all" and all treatment regimens are prescribed and followed by me. Being healthy requires treating the whole person-not just the hormones and that is how I run my program. I include recommendations for exercise, diet, supplements, alternative therapies and routine medical care within my normal hormone consultations and follow-ups. Hormones alone will not keep you healthy or feeling good, but they are the key to most of the body's functions and a necessity for good health and wellness.

I offer several types of bio-identical hormone therapy: the traditional creams, sublingual (under the tongue) drops, capsules (certain hormones only) and the Vitapelle hormone implant. Vitapelle delivers a slow continuous amount of hormone into the bloodstream like the ovaries or testicles would. It fluctuates with the needs of the body throughout the day and is completely bio-identical also. Each person is different in their needs and your treatment will be developed to ensure that it is the right one for your health and lifestyle.

We will start by having you do a 45 minute initial consultation with me. During our consultation we will discuss your symptoms, medical history, family history, diet, exercise, medications/supplements, sleep patterns, stress levels, etc. to form a whole picture. Please bring with you any recent labs, diagnostic tests, lists of medications/supplements- and your questions! We will then order laboratory testing at this time based on your specific needs.

After the consult, we will schedule you a follow-up visit for 2 weeks where I will go over your laboratory results and you will either be prescribed the creams, drops, etc. and start your regimen, or schedule an appointment for the Vitapelle. Follow-up appointments are typically every 3-6 months based on the patient's needs. I am also available for general medical appointments, PAP smears, and women's health needs. I look forward to meeting with you and partnering with you on your journey to greater health and well being!

Christine Farrell MSN, FNP-C  
Associate Clinical Professor, UCLA





## PATIENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MI LAST

Preferred Name (If different from above) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Please put a check next the preferred contact number for appointment confirmation

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: Minor Single Married Widowed Divorced Separated

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient's Medical Doctor (Internist/Family/Practitioner/Pediatrician): \_\_\_\_\_

Pharmacy Name, Location & Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? Referred by? \_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY CONTACT/ SPOUSE OR PARENTS/ GUARDIAN INFORMATION

#### PRIMARY INSURANCE:

Name of Insurance Co: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Holder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Policy: Payment is due at the time of your visit. We will provide you with a superbill to send to your insurance carrier for reimbursement to you.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Signature (Parent/guardian if patient is a minor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Medical History

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medications including supplements (use back if needed) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies to Medications \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Surgery (please use back side if needed) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Conditions

_____ High Blood Pressure	_____ Thyroid problems	_____ Heart Disease/High Cholesterol
_____ Diabetes	_____ Asthma/Bronchitis	_____ Ulcers/Abdominal Pain
_____ Difficulty Urinating	_____ Prostate Problems	_____ Nervous Disorders
_____ Stroke	_____ Breast Problems	_____ Cancer
_____ Bleeding Disorders	_____ Liver Disorders	_____ Hepatitis
_____ Blood Clots	_____ Blood In Urine	_____ Urinary Tract Infection
_____ Depression	Other _____	
_____ <b>Family History</b> of cancer. _____		

Other pertinent family history: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Last PSA (MEN) date \_\_\_\_\_ NORMAL \_\_\_\_\_ ABNORMAL \_\_\_\_\_

Last Prostate exam date \_\_\_\_\_ NORMAL \_\_\_\_\_ ABNORMAL \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any history of hormone use. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your health care must be continued with your Family Practice / Internal Medicine doctor.  
Please share your results with your physician.

A PSA and rectal exam by a physician are required for men prior to starting testosterone therapy. A urological consultation is required for symptoms of urinary frequency, hesitancy, decreasing stream, or blood in the urine. A follow up PSA at 3, 6, and 12 months is required for all men started on testosterone replacement. Testosterone may stimulate an undiagnosed prostate cancer.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Payment is due at the time of service.



## Male Symptom List

**Check any symptom which apply to you:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low libido                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Joint stiffness      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased erections          | <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased urine flow         | <input type="checkbox"/> Headaches            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increased urinary urge       | <input type="checkbox"/> Mood swings          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foggy thinking/memory loss   | <input type="checkbox"/> Swollen fingers      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Low body temperature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aches/pains                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sugar cravings       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bone loss                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Allergies            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased muscle mass        | <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue/decreased stamina    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sinusitis            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep disturbances           | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical sensitivity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depressed/burned out feeling | <input type="checkbox"/> Neck/back pain       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heart palpitations           | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle stiffness     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thinning skin/hair loss      | <input type="checkbox"/> Hives/itching        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Irritable                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fibromyalgia         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weight gain                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Low blood pressure   |

Please list your three main complaints

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## OFFICE POLICIES & FEES

Please note our office policies and protocols. All patients are required to follow these policies for their own health and safety as well as complying with FDA regulated guidelines. Please be aware that these are mandatory policies that apply to all patients. Thank you for your cooperation!

1. All new patients are required to have a consultation prior to starting on hormonal treatment/therapy.
2. All patients are required to return for follow-ups at the prescribed intervals. Typical follow-ups range from 3-6 months, but all patients must be seen at a minimum of every 6 months.
3. Laboratory testing is necessary prior to appointment and will be discussed at patient's appointment.
4. Phone messages/questions will be taken by office staff & discussed with Christine Farrell. Office staff will make call-backs unless otherwise directed. Please schedule an appointment to discuss laboratory tests and/or hormone issues.
5. Patients are required to maintain their general health care as directed: yearly PAP, Mammogram, Prostate exam and PSA testing.
6. Payment is due at time of service. We do not bill insurance, but for the patient's convenience, a super bill will be prepared for the patient to send to the patient's insurance to be reimbursed directly.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

### MISSED APPOINTMENTS

We recognize that emergencies and schedule changes occur from time to time, but we ask that you please be considerate and call as soon as possible if you are unable to keep a scheduled appointment. This allows us to fill that time with other patients who are on our waiting list.

A second missed appointment without advance notice will be billed a \$50 fee. This charge is directly payable by you and is not billable to insurance. Please note that phone consultations may be scheduled if coming to the office is difficult. Phone consultations will be billed at the time of the appointment.

Follow-up visits for bio-identical hormone patients (other than pellet implants and HCG patients) are mandatory at 3 months, and then every 6 months thereafter. Patients will be asked to come into the office for a visit if they need to discuss their treatment or make changes.

A credit card number is required to hold your initial visit. A missed initial consultation appointment without 24 hour prior notice will be billed at half of the amount of the visit.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

### FEE SCHEDULE

**Consultation (initial visit) \$495.00**

Consultation must be done at least one week prior to procedure

**PAP \$175.00**

**Vitapelle Procedure** Price is based on dosage

**Office Visit \$175.00**

This includes all type of follow-up appointments

**HCG Diet \$800.00**

Includes initial visit, 6 follow-up visits and 1 vial of HCG. Extra HCG priced separately

**Phone Appointments \$175.00**

These are phone calls with Christine Farrell that are in-depth usually lasting more than 10 minutes

**Medical Visit \$125.00**

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Please sign and date below acknowledging that you have read and agree to all of the policies above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## FACILITY & PHYSICIAN ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

**Article 1: Agreement to Arbitrate:** It is understood that any dispute as to medical malpractice, that is as to whether any medical services rendered under this contract were unnecessary or unauthorized or were improperly negligently or incompetently rendered, will be determined by submission to arbitration as provided by California law proceedings. Both parties to this contract, by entering into it, are giving up their constitutional rights to have any such dispute decided in a court of law before a jury, and instead are accepting the use of arbitration.

**Article 2: All Claims Must be Arbitrated:** It is the intention of the parties that this agreement bind all parties whose claims may arise out of or relate to treatment or service provided by the physician including any spouse or heirs of the patient and any children, whether born or unborn, at the time of the occurrence giving rise to any claim. In the case of any pregnant mother, the term "patient" herein shall mean both the mother and the mother's expected child or children.

All claims for monetary damages exceeding the jurisdictional limit of the small claims court against the physician and physician's partners, associates, association, corporation or partnership, and the employees, agents and estates of any of them, must be arbitrated including, without limitation, claims for loss of consortium, wrongful death, emotional distress or punitive damages. Filing of any action in any court by the physician to collect any fee from the patient shall not waive the right to compel arbitration of any malpractice claim.

**Article 3: Procedures and Applicable Law:** A demand for arbitration must be communicated in writing to all parties. Each party shall select an arbitrator (party arbitrator) within thirty days and a third arbitrator (neutral arbitrator) shall be selected by the arbitrators appointed by the parties within thirty days of a demand for a neutral arbitrator by either party. Each party to the arbitration shall pay such party's pro rata share of the expenses and fees of the neutral arbitrator, together with other expenses of the arbitration incurred or approved by the neutral arbitrator, not including counsel fees or witness fees, or other expenses incurred by a party for such party's own benefit.

The parties agree that the arbitrators have the immunity of a judicial officer from civil liability when acting in the capacity of arbitrator under this contract. This immunity shall supplement, not supplant, any other applicable statutory or common law.

Either party shall have the absolute right to arbitrate separately the issues of liability and damages upon written request to the neutral arbitrator. The parties consent to the intervention and joinder in this arbitration of any person or entity which would otherwise be a proper additional party in a court action, and upon such intervention and joinder any existing court action against such additional person or entity shall be stayed pending arbitration.

The parties agree that provisions of California law applicable to health care providers shall apply to disputes within this arbitration agreement including but not limited to, Code of Civil Procedure Sections 340.5 and 667.7 and Civil Code Sections 3333.1 and 3333.2. Any party may bring before the arbitrators a motion for summary judgment or summary adjudication in accordance with the Code of Civil Procedure. Discovery shall be conducted pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 1283.05, however, depositions may be taken without prior approval of the neutral arbitrator.

**Article 4: General Provisions:** All claims based upon the same incident, transaction or related circumstances shall be arbitrated in one proceeding. A claim shall be waived and forever barred if (1) on the date notice thereof is received, the claim, if asserted in a civil action, would be barred by the applicable California statute of limitations, or (2) the claimant fails to pursue the arbitration claim in accordance with the procedures prescribed herein with reasonable diligence. With respect to any matter not herein expressly provided for, the arbitrators shall be governed by the California Code of Civil Procedure provisions relating to arbitration.

**Article 5: Revocation:** This agreement may be revoked by written notice delivered to the physician within 30 days of signature. It is the intent of this agreement to apply to all medical services rendered any time for any condition.

**Article 6: Retroactive Effect:** If patient intends this agreement to cover services rendered before the date it is signed (including, but not limited to, emergency treatment) patient should initial below:

Effective as of the date of first medical services.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient's or Patient Representative's Initials

If any provision of this arbitration agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and shall not be affected by the invalidity of any other provision. I understand that I have the right to receive a copy of this arbitration agreement. By my signature below, I acknowledge that I've received a copy.

**NOTICE: BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT YOU ARE AGREEING TO HAVE ANY ISSUE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE DECIDED BY NEUTRAL ARBITRATION AND YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR RIGHT TO A JURY OR COURT TRIAL SEE ARTICLE 1 OF THIS CONTRACT.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Physician's or Authorized Representative's Signature

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patient or Patient Representative's Signature

Print or Stamp Name of Physician, Medical Group or Association Name

Christine Farrell MSN,FNP-C  
32144 Agoura Road, Ste. 102  
Westlake Village, CA 91361

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Patient Name or Name of Representative







## HORMONE CONSENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby authorize Christine Farrell FNP-C to evaluate and treat me with bio-identical hormone therapy. The nature and treatment of this therapy, as well as alternatives, have been explained to me. I am aware that this treatment is not FDA approved, but has undergone medical research. I understand that the Women's Health Initiative study showed synthetic hormone replacement therapy may increase the risks of heart attack, breast cancer and stroke in women. There is to date, no evidence that bio-identical hormone therapy increases these risks, but long term studies have not been published. While there are many benefits to hormone therapy, there are also risks that include:

- Increased risk of uterine cancer. This risk is minimized by using estrogen with progesterone therapy and may be prevented with annual check-ups and ultrasound of the pelvis.
- Increased risk of abnormal uterine bleeding. Usually related to hormone imbalance, but may be related to uterine fibroids or other abnormalities requiring further treatment.
- Increased menopausal symptoms if not in balance.
- Contraindicated in women with personal history or strong family history of breast cancer.
- Contraindicated in pregnancy and nursing mothers.
- Contraindicated in men with a personal history of prostate or testicular cancer.
- May accelerate the rate of growth of prostate cancer, though studies show it does not increase the risk. A yearly PSA and digital prostate exam are essential while on treatment.

The provider has the right to decline services, if deemed necessary, at any time and for any reason. I understand that it is a requirement of this contract/relationship that I have a yearly OBGYN check up with a minimum of yearly mammograms, pap smears, and pelvic ultrasounds (if indicated). PSA and prostate exam for men.

**I understand the above and have had the risks, benefits and alternatives explained to me to my satisfaction. I give my informed consent for bio-identical hormone treatment today as well as for future treatments as needed.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
print name

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature/date



## NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

This notice describes how your health information may be used and disclosed and how you can access this information. Please review it carefully. This notice goes into effect as of Dec. 1, 2010

We have always kept your health information secure and confidential. A new law requires us to continue maintaining your privacy, to give you this notice and to follow the terms of this notice.

- The law permits us to use or disclose your health information to those involved in your treatment. For example, a review of your file by a specialist doctor whom we may involve in your care.
- We may use or disclose your health information for payment of your services. For example, we may send a report of your progress to your insurance company.
- We may use or disclose your health information for our normal healthcare operations. For example, one of our staff will enter your information into our computer.
- We may share your medical information with our business associates, such as a billing service. We have a written contract with each business associate that requires them to protect your privacy.
- We may use your information to contact you. For example, we may send newsletters or other information. We may also want to call and remind you about your appointments. If you are not home, we may leave this information on your answering machine or with the person who answers the telephone.
- In an emergency, we may disclose your health information to a family member or another person responsible for your care.
- We may release some or all of your health information when required by law.
- If this practice is sold, your information will become the property of the new owner.
- Except as described above, this practice will not use or disclose your health information without your prior written authorization.
- You may request in writing that we not use or disclose your health information as described above. We will let you know if we can fulfill your request.
- You have the right to know of any uses or disclosures we make with your health information beyond the above normal uses.
- As we will need to contact you from time to time, we will use whatever address or telephone number you prefer.
- You have the right to transfer copies of your health information to another practice. We'll mail your files for you.
- You have the right to see and receive a copy of your health information, with a few exceptions. Give us a written request regarding the information you want to see. If you also want a copy of your records, we may charge you a reasonable fee for the copies.
- You have the right to request an amendment or change to your health information. Give us your request to make changes in writing. If you wish to include a statement in your file, please give it to us in writing.
- We may or may not make the changes your request, but will be happy to include your statement in your file. If we agree to an amendment or change, we will not remove nor alter earlier documents, but will add new information.
- You have the right to receive a copy of the notice
- If we change any of the details of this notice, we will notify you of the changes in writing.
- You may file a complaint with the Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 509F, Washington, DC 20201. You will not be retaliated against for filing a complaint. However, before filing a complaint, or for more information or assistance regarding your health information privacy, please contact our Privacy Office, Terri McCarey, at (818) 865-8500.

### Acknowledgment

I have received a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If signing as a parent or guardian, please write the name of the patient: \_\_\_\_\_

