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Patient Name: _____
 (first) (m. initial) (last)

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____
 (street address)

(city) (state) (zip code)

Phone: _____
 (area code) (home or mobile phone number)

For personal representatives, please provide the following:

I _____ represent that I am the health care agent/guardian/surrogate/parent of the patient above.
 (insert your name) (circle one of the above)

Personal Representative Signature: _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

***If you are the health care agent or guardian, please provide proof of your authority to act on behalf of the patient.**