

Healing the Whole Child

Agreement

Welcome to Healing the Whole Child. I look forward to our relationship. Before the consultation begins, please read this agreement carefully and sign below.

Office Visits:

The initial new patient visit will last about 1 hour and will include:

A complete medical and social history, review of pre-consultative questionnaire, physical exam, discussion of concerns, and development of an action plan. If there is sufficient time, this first visit will also include review of past medical records. When necessary, blood work or other studies may be ordered at this initial visit. While many laboratory studies are covered by insurance, some are not. Fees for such testing are not included in the office visit and are the responsibility of the parent to pay.

Subsequent visits usually require 30 minutes. These shorter visits may consist of laboratory review and treatment plan, follow up to evaluate progress and make changes in treatment plan, or attention to a new problem or issue that has developed in the interim. Dr. Erlich will do her best to respect your time and money. Consequently, she will always attempt to run on time and meet the goals in the time allotted. However, if the matter is more complicated, additional time may be needed – either that day if possible or an additional visit may be required.

A general wellness visit is available for families of established patients. This is to provide general health guidance, with the focus on maximizing the health and nutrition of all children within the family. This visit is offered at a discounted rate, as the ultimate goal is to keep all children well, and prevent them from needing more individualized attention. If, however, other children have significant health issues, this visit may not be sufficient and a complete evaluation may be needed to provide the best individualized care.

Fees:

Initial new patient visit: \$250

Subsequent appointments: \$100

(If more than 30 minutes is required, a \$50 charge will be applied for each additional 15 mins.)

Wellness Visit (sibling or family visit of established patient): \$150

Parents must realize that integrative medicine takes time and effort. It does not provide the quick symptomatic “fix” that conventional medicine offers. Rather, integrative medicine strives to determine and alleviate the root cause of the illness. The body must heal and such healing takes time. **The parents and the child must do most of the work.** Dr. Erlich will provide guidance, but the parents and caregivers must take the steps to change the diet, the environment, give supplements, etc... The best long-term results come when the child is a willing partner in the plan.

While Dr. Erlich has researched the supplements being sold and taste-tested many, she cannot guarantee that your child will like the taste of a supplement, nor be willing to take it. She will however offer her best suggestions and advise ways to hide or mask flavors. Supplements and remedies can be returned for a full refund if unopened and if returned within 30 days. This excludes supplements that require refrigeration, such as probiotics and Vibe Jr.

Dr. Erlich does not provide hospital care, weekend, or after hours coverage. Consequently, she requires that each patient continue a relationship with a primary care physician to ensure complete care and coverage. Please provide the name of your child's physician and office phone and address, so that Dr. Erlich may communicate with them if deemed necessary. If consultation with your pediatrician or with specialists is requested, it may result in additional fees.

Child's physician: _____ Office phone #: _____
Physician's address: _____

Be aware that not all physicians will be accepting of integrative medicine. It is still strongly recommended that you notify your physician of all supplements being given in order to prevent any confusion or potential complications.

Disclaimer:

By signing this agreement you understand that many of tests used by Dr. Erlich are not FDA tested or FDA approved. Additionally, many of the recommendations made by Dr. Erlich are not standard conventional pediatric care, are not endorsed by the AAP, and have not been FDA tested nor FDA approved, including, but not limited to, dietary changes, supplements, vitamins, and homeopathic remedies, and are not intended to diagnose, treat, cure or prevent any disease. Rather they are intended to benefit normal structure and function.

Dr. Erlich does not represent herself as, nor consider herself to be, a specialist, a nutritionist, nor a naturopath. Rather she is a pediatrician who has a special interest in Functional and alternative medicine and a holistic approach to healing. She does use some homeopathic remedies, but she is not a homeopath.

Upon signing, you understand that no promise or guarantee has been made as to the effects of any guidance, supplements, or therapies. You further understand that while risks or dangers are often less than with conventional medicines, there are possible side effects and risks with any supplement, therapy, or remedy.

"I hereby certify that I have completely and carefully read the above release form. I fully understand and accept the conditions put forth. I assume financial responsibility for all charges incurred during the visit and understand that the fee for such service is to be paid in full at the end of each visit."

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____

* If appropriate, Healing the Whole Child will send a claim to your insurance for reimbursement to you, but we do not guarantee any reimbursement will be provided.

To be signed by the patient if old enough to understand:

I agree to talk to Dr. Erlich, answer her questions, and help her to understand how I feel. I agree to listen to Dr. Erlich as best I can and ask questions when I do not understand something. I agree to work with my parents to make the changes and take the supplements that Dr. Erlich suggests.

Signature of child: _____