



POLICY STATEMENT – INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

The information below provides details regarding policies and procedures related to Independent Medical Examinations and Psychological Assessments. Please read this information and sign at the bottom as an acknowledgement that you are providing informed consent for your participation in this Psychological Assessment.

Service

I tend to limit my direct service contact to: (a) the assessment and treatment of adults with behavioural, and emotional difficulties; (b) General psychotherapy with adults, couples, or groups; (c) Individuals or groups experiencing work related struggles with Compassion Fatigue or Burnout; (d) Trauma therapy with survivors of critical incidents; (e) Clients with physical health-related difficulties where psychotherapy or assessment may be useful (i.e., Oncology support groups, chronic pain management, recovery or coping with debilitating disease or injury); and (f) Stress or Anxiety Management. When it is important to understanding a situation and thus to the client's progress, additional family members or significant others may join one or more sessions.

Clients attending psychological assessments requested by Third Party Payers (i.e., Insurance Companies, Workman's Compensation Board) will not be offered Psychotherapeutic treatment through Dr. Baranowsky.

Assessments will be tailored to fit the needs of the client, and therefore lead to reports identifying what, if any, treatment or further assessments would be of benefit. The assessment will be conducted through direct interview; completion of pencil paper self-assessment tests; and computerized assessment tests.

Following the assessment, a report and/or treatment summary will be provided to the requesting third party. This material will be the property of the purchaser of these services.

In many cases, the assessment will be conducted with the goal of identifying whether psychological treatment is reasonable or necessary; whether the client is assessed as disabled or able to return to regular daily activities; and clarification of psychological diagnosis. In addition, when deemed necessary, clients will be referred for further assessment.

Consent to participate in this assessment process may be withdrawn at any time.

The assessment may or may NOT result in a referral for services or disabled status.

Confidentiality

Everything we discuss may be revealed to the third party requesting the assessment. It is your responsibility to determine whether you will accept these terms in order to commence with the assessment. In addition, there are further conditions which would require a Psychologist to report upon material revealed through the assessment. The latter circumstances refer to situations where: (a) a client presents with sufficient concern for intent to harm self or others; (b) there exists significant risk for or knowledge of child abuse or neglect; (c) a client reports sexual abuse on the part of a regulated health care professional; or (d) the court provides a subpoena. You will almost certainly know when



the possibility of legal or civil action exists, or if court procedures are pending or ongoing, and should inform me in these situations.

Fees and Payment

Assessment fees are covered by the third party requesting the service.

Typically, an all-inclusive fee is charged for Psychological Assessment (independent medical examination, intellectual, psycho-educational, achievement, trauma assessment, emotional-functioning, and personality assessments), with the exception of the initial consultation. Following this, all remaining work, (i.e., assessment session, scoring and interpretation, as well as report preparation, and a feedback meeting) will be included in the comprehensive fee. Since the fees vary according to the requirements of the individual situation, they will be discussed with you prior to the commencement of the assessment. Exceptions to service provided under the comprehensive fee are: additional feedback meetings, information sharing or representation meetings with third parties (such as insurance committees); related contact with other health-care professionals; and additional investigations or assessment procedures suggested by the results and findings of the methods used initially.

Consumer Protection

The practice of Psychology is regulated by the College of Psychologists of Ontario, responsible for ensuring standards of ethical and professional practice. Inquiries or complaints regarding a Psychologist’s practice should be directed to: The Registrar, The College of Psychologists of Ontario, 1246 Yonge Street, Suite 201, Toronto, Ontario M4T 1W5; tel (416) 961-8817; fax (416) 961-2635.

What to do in a Psychological Emergency

Sometimes clients experience an emotional crisis which requires immediate attention. If you feel you require immediate attention, you should contact your family physician or go to an **open** admitting Emergency Department of the nearest hospital.

My (our) signature(s) indicates that I have read the Policy Statement, that my questions have been answered, and that I understand and accept the terms of involvement described therein.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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