

## **Email Privacy Statement**

Most people who come to see me communicate via email. This is true for patients who need to schedule an appointment, change an appointment, provide an update following a session, or request a prescription. It is also true for people who are involved in court-related evaluations where it is common practice for attorneys and their clients to email professional reports, court pleadings, and other documents containing personal information.

Despite the fact that I have installed firewalls, and my use of a local server that provides excellent protection and oversight of my email account, it is nonetheless possible for a hacker to gain access to my computer, and probably yours. For this reason, it is my opinion that confidential information shared via email should no longer be considered absolutely confidential once you hit the “send” button on your computer, digital pad, or smart phone. You might be able to ensure a certain degree of privacy by sending emails to me from your home computer instead of one at your workplace, although even then there is risk.

Please note that I routinely print out emails and place them in a patient’s chart. I similarly print out emails from whom I am evaluating and place them in the file.

I typically check my email account on a daily basis, although may not respond immediately depending on the volume of emails I receive in any given day and my schedule. I typically respond to emails within 48 hours. I do not typically respond to emails during the weekend. If you have sent an email that you consider urgent, it would be prudent to leave a voicemail message for me at 303-221-2602.