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Young Adult Mood Disorders Consultation Clinic

Thank you for your interest in our consultation service. We offer a **one-time consultation** for patients age 18-35 years suffering from depression, anxiety, or bipolar illness. The consultation consists of a clinical interview lasting from two to three hours with a psychiatric nurse practitioner and a psychiatrist. We strongly encourage you to bring a family member or a close friend who can offer his or her perspective on your condition. The clinicians will clarify your diagnosis and make recommendations regarding treatment. This information will be included in a detailed report sent to your treating provider.

The psychiatry professional fee for your one-time consultation visit will be **\$1200.00** payable at the time of consultation. Our billing office will process insurance claim forms for you. Most insurance carriers will reimburse you for part of the fee for this consultation. You are responsible for contacting your insurance company prior to the appointment in order to obtain any necessary authorization for the appointment. Johns Hopkins contracts with different insurance companies, therefore you should personally verify your mental health benefits as they relate to Johns Hopkins' programs, in particular outpatient psychiatry visits. For persons with types of insurance different from those with which we are contracted, we require payment in full at the time of your visit.

Before we can set up the appointment we will need typed records summarizing your current and past psychiatric treatment. This can be a time consuming and frustrating task. If you are feeling overwhelmed, ask a friend or family member to help you. **The quality of the consultation will be greatly enhanced by having a complete set of your psychiatric records.** You may want to copy this letter and send it to your psychiatrist or hospital to clarify the type of records needed.

1. Have your treating psychiatrist and/or nurse practitioner send a **typed summary (NO handwritten progress notes)** of your treatment, which should include diagnoses, a detailed account of medications used and responses to these medications, as well as a synopsis of psychotherapy and behavioral treatments. We mainly need an outline of the medication trials, including doses and duration, and any complications. And please ask to specify if any medications were used in combinations.

Please stress to your doctor that we need more than notes from individual sessions. We ask for a summary to give our doctors insight about your care which may not be communicated in progress notes. Your doctors and therapists will need your written permission in order to release a summary to us.

2. Have summaries sent from previous treating psychiatrists, psychotherapists, and other mental health care providers. The more information we have about your care, the more helpful we can

be. We generally request records for the past 10 years. Our clinicians have found this history to greatly improve the quality of the consult. It also allows our doctors to focus on the important issues at hand.

3. If you have ever been a patient in a psychiatric hospital, have copies of the physician **admission summary** and **discharge summary** faxed to us. **Please ask that the Medical Records Department NOT send daily progress notes.** Hospitals need your written consent to release records. Contact the records department of the hospital to find out if you need to sign one of their release forms or if a written note from you will suffice.
4. Please do not send us your original copies of records as we will not be able to duplicate or return them. If you would like your own copy of your records, you will need to request these from the treatment facility directly. If we receive duplicate records, these records will be shredded.
5. For insurance purposes, it is important that we know who is referring you to this office (your mental health provider, internist, therapist, yourself, etc.). If a clinician is referring you, we must send a copy of your evaluation back to that individual and you will be asked to sign a release of information form to accomplish this task. **Please bring the clinician's mailing address and fax number with you.**
6. Because we are such a large institution, our mail may be slower. Please have your records faxed if at all possible to our FAX number 443-769-1217, or attached to an e-mail and sent to youngadultconsult@jhmi.edu.

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Within ten days of making a request for your records, **call your doctor's office to see if your records have been faxed or mailed to us.** When you have confirmed that all your records have been sent, **then e-mail us to confirm that we have received them.** Once all the most pertinent records are received, a clinician will review those records to determine if this is the most appropriate clinic to meet your needs. Once final approval has been given, we can schedule an appointment. Depending on the waiting list, your appointment will occur about two to four weeks from the time that your pertinent records arrive. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail us at youngadultconsult@jhmi.edu.

What will a consultation look like?

Ana Soule evaluates each patient in the Young Adult Mood Disorders Consultation Clinic. You and your family member will first meet with Ms. Soule to identify everyone's goals for the consultation and your family member will be given the opportunity to provide their input. The bulk of our time is spent talking with you, typically alone, but a family member can remain present for the duration of the consultation if you prefer. We review psychiatric history, previous treatment, current symptoms, and

other pertinent information. Once all information is gathered, you will take a break while Ms. Soule discusses the information with Dr. Jennifer Coughlin. Together they will formulate diagnoses and a list of recommendations. Dr. Coughlin, Ms. Soule, you, and your family member (if desired) will then all reconvene to review the recommendations. Finally, you and your family member will have time to ask any questions you have relating to the diagnosis or recommendations. Following the consultation, a detailed report will be provided to you and the treating provider within 2-10 business days. If needed, Ms. Soule or Dr. Coughlin will contact the treating provider by phone to discuss findings prior to the release of the written report.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have, and look forward to meeting you soon!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Coughlin, MD and Ana Soule, CRNP