

We request permission to communicate with your other health care providers using expedited techniques including email and text messaging. We have investigated more secure systems but none of them have been efficient or effective, so until those systems are perfected, we will use standard available programs.

For example:

A patient undergoes hospital testing that indicates heart surgery is required:
By texting the surgeon in the operating room, we can facilitate consultation and prompt treatment. Sometimes photographs of the patient's coronary images will be sent to underscore if the patient's condition requires more rapid treatment. This can save hours and often prevent major delays in therapy.

We communicate by text after coronary angioplasty, including before and after images of the procedure, to the patient's primary physician so he or she know exactly what has been found and what has been corrected.

We can text a request for consultation rather than calling the physicians' office, leave a message and wait for the call back.

We text information to the primary caregiver or the admitting hospitalist, enabling for earlier discharge along with passing on written clarification of the medications and steps we are recommending.

We do long distance consultations with colleagues who are thought leaders/experts for a particular medical condition. We can do this by sharing images and data about a patient by text and email to obtain their opinions about the best treatment options of the patient. Sometimes this leads to referral to one of the leading centers in the country or an adjustment to our local treatment plan. Response times to email and text routinely are much faster than for a phone message left at an office.

Now that we use a cloud based electronics health records system, we can share the data in your chart with our local emergency room physicians. So if the patient has an abnormal EKG in the ER, it is a simple process to review the most recent prior EKG and compare and determine if there is a new acute serious heart condition ongoing or the EKG is stable. If the patient is unable to give a detailed medical history, the list of allergies and current medication list is available for the ER physician, reducing the risk of the patient accidentally receiving the wrong medication.

We take great effort to ensure your privacy. Using standard texting and email enables us to give you better care more promptly.

By providing the requested information below, you are authorizing Palm Beach Cardiology Center the authorization to text and or email other physicians on your behalf to assist in your healthcare.

Print patient name

Date

Patient signature

Patient cell phone number

Patient email address