**CUPPING THERAPY CONSENT FORM**

*About Cupping:*

Cupping is a therapy that applies negative pressure on the skin using glass, plastic, or silicone cups. The suction created by these cups stimulates and increases blood flow, which can help relieve joint and muscle pain, reduce inflammation, accelerate recovery, increase the function of the lymphatic and circulatory system and increase overall relaxation and wellbeing.

There are cases where we **do not** do cupping, such as:

* Skin Lesions or Inflammation (already present)
* Organ Failure (Renal, Hepatic, and/or Cardiac)
* Pacemakers
* Hemophilia or similar bleeding disorders
* Cancer
* Varicose Veins, Spider Veins

**Caution** should be taken with any the following conditions, please talk with your practitioner of you are experiencing any of these:

* Diabetes with complications
* Pregnancy, the first 6 weeks after giving birth or menstruation
* Lymphedema
* New Tattoos (localized)
* Heart Disease
* Recently given blood or undergone a medical procedure

❒ I understand that Cupping may result in marks being left on my body and these marks can take anywhere from a few hours to up to two weeks to dissipate.

❒ I understand that cupping marks are/can be considered bruises.

❒ I understand the cupping marks may or may not be tender to the touch and that I will inform my practitioner of if I am uncomfortable at any time during my treatment.

❒ I understand that if I am receiving facial cupping (for cosmetic, TMJ issues, headaches, sinusitis, Bells Palsy, Trigeminal Neuralgia, etc) that in order to treat these conditions most effectively, cups may be left in one place for up to 2 minutes. Depending on my skin type I understand this type of treatment may leave cupping marks on my face.

❒ I understand and am aware that there can be side effects to cupping such as nausea/vomiting, fainting, blisters/infections, bleeding, bruising, headaches, dizziness, fatigue, and others.

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (print full name) consent to allowing the Cupping Practitioner Helga Feichtinger to perform Cupping Therapy. I understand the benefits, side effects, contraindications, and the possibility of cupping marks as part of the massage and will not hold Helga Feichtinger responsible. I have asked all necessary questions and have had any concerns addressed.

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 Signature of Client Date of treatment