

**PATIENT EXPLANATION SHEET**  
**IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT ARBITRATION**

- (1) The California Legislature specifically authorized the use of arbitration in the medical field in 1976. That legislation has been upheld by the California Supreme Court.
- (2) The Arbitration Agreement provides that all disputes arising from the medical treatment you receive will be submitted to arbitration rather than trial by jury.
- (3) The arbitration process is similar to the court process except that proceedings are more informal, and you and your lawyer participate in the selection of the panel of arbitrators who will decide the case.
- (4) Arbitration is generally a faster process than a court suit.
- (5) The arbitration panel has the same power to award monetary damages as a judge or jury. The decision of the arbitrators is final and binding on all parties.

Please read the Arbitration Agreement completely before signing. If you have any questions about the arbitration process, please ask your doctor.