

Informed Consent for a Ministerial Psychological Evaluation (Addendum to Psychologist-Patient Services Agreement)

You should have read, understood, and signed the *Psychologist-Patient Services Agreement* form, which explains your rights as a client. If you have not done this, please read that form now and sign it, or ask me for clarifications before proceeding.

A psychological evaluation can add much to your self understanding and can offer you direction in your vocational choices and decisions. A psychological evaluation can also involve some risks. The risks of a psychological evaluation may include remembering uncomfortable events, feeling intense emotions, and/or discovering some unpleasant aspects of your personality that you may not have considered prior to the evaluation.

As part of this evaluation, you will be given a clinical interview, where I will ask you about many different aspects of your personal history, including your family of origin and sexual history. If you are married/partnered, I will also ask your partner some questions during the clinical interview. I will also give you a brief mental status exam, where I will ask you questions to assess the functioning of your mental abilities, such as concentration, memory and reasoning ability. I will also give you the Rorschach Inkblot Test, which is known as a projective personality test. This test measures different aspects of your personality by comparing the answers you give to a series of non-descript inkblots to a normative sample. You will also be asked to complete four self-administered psychological inventories. The Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, or MMPI-2, is an objective personality measure intended to measure different personality styles and potential problem areas. The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, or MBTI, is intended to measure your personality temperament. The Strong's Interest Inventory, or SII, is a vocational interest inventory designed to measure how interested, and therefore how potentially satisfying, different aspects of a particular job might be for you. Finally, you will be asked to complete the California Personality Inventory, or CPI. This test is designed to measure healthy aspects of your personality. These are descriptions of the tests you will likely be asked to take during the evaluation process. I will administer the clinical history, mental status exam, and Rorschach, which could take up to three hours. I will ask you to complete the MMPI-2 in my office, which should take you about ninety minutes. The CPI, MBTI, and SII can be completed in my office or at your home. These tests usually take a total of three hours. Please feel free to ask for a break at any time during the evaluation.

I typically need about 30 days to score, analyze, and interpret the test results and to write a professional report. I will then contact you to set up an appointment so that we can go over the results together. You can ask me any questions at that time about the results. Nothing will be sent out to any person or agency prior to the interpretive session. At the interpretive session, you may ask me to send out the report to any person or agency. You should understand that the report I write is a professional report only. It is written in a particular style, for a particular purpose. A personal report is not part of this evaluation. If you desire a report for your own purposes, please feel free to request one from me (which would be an additional charge -- see Fee Agreement).

By signing below, you state your understanding of the above paragraphs and agree to have me, Dana A. Max, Psy.D., perform a psychological evaluation. Remember, you are not giving up any right to confidentiality by signing this form. If you have any questions or would like additional information before signing this form, please feel free to ask.

Signature of Client

Date

Dana A. Max, Psy.D.

Date