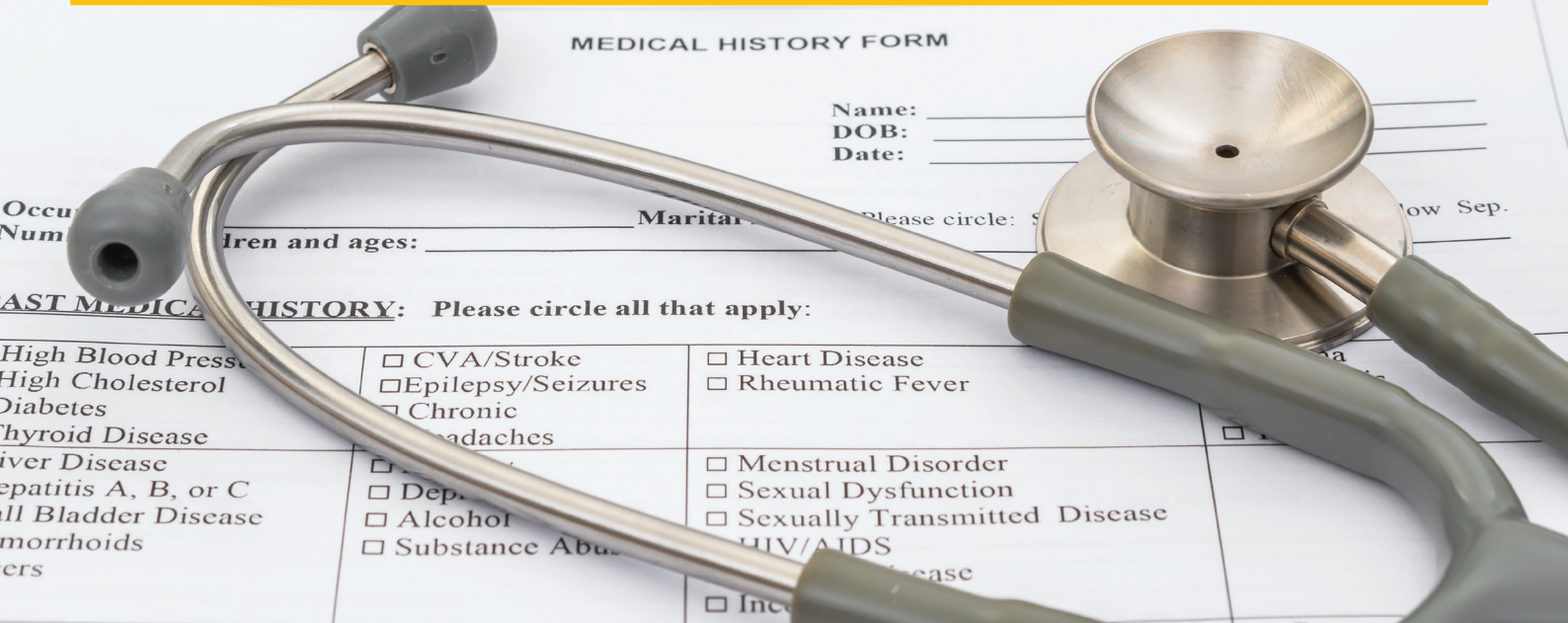




# THE IMPORTANCE OF HONEST AND ACCURATE HISTORY TAKING

**History Taking is when the health care worker asks you, the patient, questions about yourself and your illness. It is vital that you communicate all relevant information about your illness or injury in order for the health care worker to make accurate diagnoses and provide optimal treatment.**



**PLEASE DON'T LEAVE OUT DETAILS OF YOUR MEDICAL HISTORY WHICH YOU THINK ARE UNIMPORTANT; DON'T FEEL EMBARRASSED OR SHY TO MENTION ANYTHING THAT AFFECTS YOUR HEALTH. YOU ARE WELCOME TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE MEDICAL WORDS USED.**

**HEALTH CARE WORKERS ARE OBLIGED TO KEEP ALL YOUR INFORMATION PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CORRECT PHYSICAL ADDRESS.**

**THIS IS NEEDED TO HELP HEALTH CARE WORKERS FIND YOU, IF YOU MISS IMPORTANT HEALTH VISITS OR THEY NEED TO GIVE YOU IMPORTANT HEALTH TEST RESULTS.**

**PLEASE PROVIDE AT LEAST 2 CORRECT TELEPHONE/CELLPHONE NUMBERS SO THAT THE HEALTH CARE WORKER CAN CONTACT YOU ABOUT TEST RESULTS AND FOLLOW UP APPOINTMENTS.**

**IF YOU NEED TO MOVE TO A DIFFERENT TOWN OR PROVINCE, PLEASE INFORM THE HEALTH CARE WORKER, SO THAT THEY CAN ENSURE THAT WHEREVER YOU ARE GOING TO, YOU CAN CONTINUE WITH YOUR TREATMENT AND YOUR DETAILS CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEAREST FACILITY.**

**HONEST, ACCURATE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PATIENT AND HEALTH CARE WORKER, CAN SAVE LIVES.**