

*I see adults for individual counseling via telehealth video calls only. I participate with Highmark/BCBS of WNY, Independent Health, Univera, Medicare & Medicaid health insurances.*

Please complete this form and send it to Dr. Koenigsberg prior to your first visit by fax 716.932.7465, by mail to Marlon Koenigsberg, PhD, 850 Hopkins Road, Williamsville, NY 14221, or by dropping it off at the office. Thank you.

Your Name: _____	Today's Date: _____
Cell Phone Number: _____	Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____	
Email: _____	Referred By: _____
Check Health Insurance: <input type="checkbox"/> Highmark/BCBS of WNY) <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Health <input type="checkbox"/> Univera	<input type="checkbox"/> Medicare <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid

**CURRENT PROBLEMS** (Use your own words to describe the problems you are seeking help for.)

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**PRIOR PROBLEMS** (List any previous periods in your life when you had this problem or another problem related to stress, mental health, addictions, alcohol or family difficulties.)

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**TREATMENT GOALS** (What are you hoping to achieve from psychological treatment?)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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*If you have ever received mental health or addictions services before, please complete table below:*

Professional's Name/Agency	Start/Stop Dates	Describe problem, treatment and effectiveness
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*Please list any psychiatric medications you have tried, and describe your response:*

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*Please list any current health problems and/or physical limitations:*

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?**

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
a. Little interest or pleasure in doing things	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Feeling tired or having little energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Poor appetite or overeating	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Feeling bad about yourself, or that you are a failure, or have let yourself or your family down	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite—being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or of hurting yourself in some way	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**2. Questions about anxiety.**

	NO	YES
a. In the <u>last 4 weeks</u> , have you had an anxiety attack—suddenly feeling fear or panic?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If you checked "NO," go to question 3.</b>		
b. Has this ever happened before?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Do some of these attacks come <u>suddenly out of the blue</u> —that is, in situations where you don't expect to be nervous or uncomfortable?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Do these attacks bother you a lot or are you worried about having another attack?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Check all items you experienced during your last bad anxiety attack:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Short of breath	<input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or upset stomach, or feeling you were about to get diarrhea	<input type="checkbox"/> Shaking or trembling
<input type="checkbox"/> Heart racing or pounding	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling dizzy, unsteady or faint	<input type="checkbox"/> Fear of dying
<input type="checkbox"/> Chest pain or pressure	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling numbness or tingling in parts of body	<input type="checkbox"/> Fear of losing control or going crazy
<input type="checkbox"/> Sweating		<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling things were not real, or you were distant from yourself
<input type="checkbox"/> Choking or trouble swallowing		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hot flash or chills		

**3 Over the last 4 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?**

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
a. Feeling nervous, anxious, on edge, or worrying a lot about different things.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If you checked "Not at all", go to question 4.</b>				
b. Feeling restless so that it is hard to sit still.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Getting tired very easily.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Muscle tension, aches, or soreness.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Trouble falling asleep or staying asleep.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading a book or watching TV.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Becoming easily annoyed or irritable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**4 Questions about eating.**

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| a. Do you often feel that you can't control <u>what</u> or <u>how much</u> you eat?   | <b>NO</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> | <b>YES</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Do you often eat, <u>within any 2-hour period</u> , what most people would regard as an unusually <u>large</u> amount of food? | <input type="checkbox"/>              | <input type="checkbox"/>               |
| c. If you checked "YES" to either #a or #b, has this been as often, on average, as twice a week for the last 3 months?            | <input type="checkbox"/>              | <input type="checkbox"/>               |

**5 In the last 3 months have you often done any of the following in order to avoid gaining weight?**

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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | <b>NO</b>                | <b>YES</b>               |
| a. Made yourself vomit?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Took more than twice the recommended dose of laxatives?                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. Fasted — not eaten anything at all for at least 24 hours?                                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. Near-Fasted --- eaten minimally (<500 cal) in 24 hours?                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. Exercised for more than an hour specifically to avoid gaining weight after binge eating? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**6 If you checked "YES" to any of these ways of avoiding gaining weight, were any as often, on average, as twice a week?**

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|  | <b>NO</b>                | <b>YES</b>               |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**7. In the past year, how often have you used the following?**

- |   | Never                    | Once or Twice            | Monthly                  | Weekly                   | Daily or Almost Daily    |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) Alcohol - For men, 5 or more drinks a day<br>- For women, 4 or more drinks a day | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Tobacco Products   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Prescription Drugs for Non-Medical Reasons                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Illegal Drugs  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**8. If you checked off any problems on this questionnaire so far, how difficult have these problems made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people?**

- Not difficult at all     
  Somewhat difficult     
  Very difficult     
  Extremely difficult

**9. In the last year . . .**

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|  | <b>No</b>                | <b>Yes</b>               |
| a) Have you been hit, slapped, kicked, or otherwise physically hurt by someone, or has anyone forced you to have an unwanted sexual act? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Have you ever been afraid to go home?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**10. What is the most stressful thing in your life right now?** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **INFORMED CONSENT FOR TELEPSYCHOLOGY**

As my practice is now completely telehealth, I have taken steps to create a safe system we can use for “virtual visits”. While this allows us to have psychotherapy sessions, telehealth requires some technical competence on both our parts, and not being in the same room has some inherent limitations and benefits.

Some practical issues:

- **Confidentiality.** On my end I have taken steps to ensure your privacy (I selected Doxy HIPAA-compliant encrypted video software, I am using a secure UBMD computer, I maintain up-to-date antivirus software, I am using an office with physical privacy). But it is important for you to (1) find a private place for our session where you can minimize interruptions, and (2) protect the privacy of our session on your device. While I have taken these steps, I cannot guarantee that our internet communication is secure and private. That is, there may be security and privacy risks associated with any Internet-based communications. All confidentiality protections granted by various state and federal laws also apply to my care during this appointment.
- **Reliability.** Technology may stop working during a session. If that happens, please disconnect from the session, close your browser, and try clicking the link again. Moving closer to your router or switching devices may help in certain circumstances. I may also be restarting the software, so it may be a moment before the “waiting room” is available again.
- **Emergency situations.** In an emergency, please call 911, or the local 24-Hour Crisis Hotline (Erie County: 716.834.3131; Niagara County: 716.285.3515; U.S. Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800.273.8255) or go to your nearest emergency room.
- **Urgent situations.** If an urgent issue arises, you should feel free to attempt to reach me by phone at my office number (716.688.9641). I will return your call ASAP. If I am not available, the provider on call for my office may return your call.
- **Administrative communication between sessions.** You can call our office (716.688.9641) for most administrative issues such scheduling/rescheduling/cancelling appointments, changes in insurance, changes in contact info. If you choose to email or text me, be aware that such communication is not secure, and I cannot guarantee the confidentiality of such communication. If you choose to use such communication anyway, I recommend that it be limited to administrative matters (i.e. rescheduling appointments). Also, I do not continuously monitor my email or texts, nor can I always respond immediately, so these methods should not be used for emergent or urgent matters.
- **No Recording of Sessions.** Our communication is privileged and confidential, and we will not record the audio or video without first explicitly seeking the permission of the other. I will create a written progress note summary of the Tele-health appointment in the electronic health record.

**Electronic Communications.** Your communication device (computer, tablet, smartphone) will need to meet some basic requirements (i.e. compatible hardware and software, webcam, and microphone) to use telehealth services. You will need a good data connection to run the video effectively. You are solely responsible for any cost to you to obtain any necessary equipment, accessories, or software to take part in telehealth, and for your data costs, if applicable.

**Fees.** For most insurances, the same fee rates, copays, and deductibles will apply for telehealth psychotherapy as apply for in-person psychotherapy. As usual, you will be responsible for any portion not covered by your insurance. Please contact your insurance company prior to our engaging in telehealth sessions in order to determine their coverage for these sessions. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions about this.

**THEREFORE, BY CONSENTING TO TELEHEALTH APPOINTMENTS WITH  
DR. KOENIGSBERG:**

1. I desire to engage in remote audio-visual communication with my Healthcare Provider.
2. I understand the risks and benefits of using Internet-based communications and that no results can be guaranteed.
3. I acknowledge that if the Healthcare Provider believes that remote communication is insufficient for treatment, consultation, or evaluation, then I will be referred to alternate services or options.
4. I understand that I may be responsible for co-payments, deductibles, or other charges from my Healthcare Provider for services related to this appointment.
5. I have the ability to ask direct questions to my Healthcare Provider about this appointment, including details about the Healthcare Provider's privacy policy. If my questions are not answered to my satisfaction, I have the right to terminate the appointment.
6. I am at least 18 years of age.

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Signature

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Date