



TERMS OF ACCEPTANCE

When a patient seeks chiropractic health care and we accept a patient for such care, it is essential for both to be working for the same objective. Chiropractic has only one goal. It is important that each patient understands both the objective and the method that will be used to attain it. This will prevent any confusion or disappointment.

- **Adjustment:** The adjustment is the specific application of forces to facilitate the body's correction of vertebral subluxation. Our chiropractic method of correction is by specific adjustments of the spine.
- **Health:** The state of optimal physical, mental and social wellbeing, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.
- **Vertebral Subluxation:** A misalignment of one or more of the 24 vertebrae in the spinal column which causes alteration of nerve function and interference to the transmission of mental impulses, resulting in a lessening of the body's innate ability to express its maximum health potential.

We do not offer to diagnose or treat any disease. We only offer to diagnose either vertebral subluxations or neuro-musculoskeletal conditions. However, if during the course of chiropractic spinal examination we encounter non-chiropractic or unusual findings, we will advise you. If you desire advice, diagnosis or treatment for those findings, we will recommend that you seek the services of another health care provider.

Regardless of what the disease is called, we do not offer to treat it. Nor do we offer advice regarding treatment prescribed by other. OUR ONLY PRACTIC OBJECTIVE is to eliminate major interference to the expression of the body's innate wisdom. Our only method is specific adjusting to correct vertebral subluxations. However, we may use other procedures to help your body hold the adjustments.

I, _____ have read and fully understand the above statements.
(Print name)

All questions regarding the doctor's objective pertaining to my care in this office have been answered to my complete satisfaction. Therefore, I accept chiropractic care on this basis.

(Signature)

(Date)

Consent to evaluate and adjust a minor child

I, _____ being the parent or legal guardian of
_____ have read and fully understand the above terms of acceptance and hereby grant permission for my child to receive chiropractic care.

INFORMED CONSENT TO CARE

You are the decision maker for your health care. Part of our role is to provide you with information to assist you in making informed choices. This process is often referred to as "informed consent" and involves your understanding and agreement regarding the care we recommend, the benefits and risks associated with the care, alternatives, and the potential effect on your health if you choose not to receive the care.

We may conduct some diagnostic or examination procedures if indicated. Any examinations or tests conducted will be carefully performed but may be uncomfortable.

Chiropractic care centrally involves what is known as a chiropractic adjustment. There may be additional supportive procedures or recommendations as well. When providing an adjustment, we use our hands or an instrument to reposition anatomical structures, such as vertebrae. Potential benefits of an adjustment include restoring normal joint motion, reducing swelling and inflammation in a joint, reducing pain in the joint, and improving neurological functioning and overall well-being.

It is important that you understand, as with all health care approaches, results are not guaranteed, and there is no promise to cure. As with all types of health care interventions, there are some risks to care, including, but not limited to: muscle spasms, aggravating and/or temporary increase in symptoms, lack of improvement of symptoms, burns and/or scarring from electrical stimulation and from hot or cold therapies, including but not limited to hot packs and ice, fractures (broken bones), disc injuries, strokes, dislocations, strains, and sprains. With respect to strokes, there is a rare but serious condition known as a cervical arterial dissection that involves an abnormal change in the wall of an artery that may cause the development of a thrombus (clot) with the potential to lead to a stroke. This occurs in 3-4 of every 100,000 people whether they are receiving health care or not. Patients who experience this condition often, but not always, present to their medical doctor or chiropractor with neck pain and headache. Unfortunately a percentage of these patients will experience a stroke. As chiropractic can involve manually and/or mechanically adjusting the cervical spine, it has been reported that chiropractic care may be a risk for developing this type of stroke. The association with stroke is exceedingly rare and is estimated to be related in one in one million to one in two million cervical adjustments.

It is also important that you understand there are treatment options available for your condition other than chiropractic procedures. Likely, you have tried many of these approaches already. These options may include, but are not limited to: self-administered care, over-the-counter pain relievers, physical measures and rest, medical care with prescription drugs, physical therapy, bracing, injections, and surgery. Lastly, you have the right to a second opinion and to secure other opinions about your circumstances and health care as you see fit.

I have read, or have had read to me, the above consent. I appreciate that it is not possible to consider every possible complication to care. I have also had an opportunity to ask questions about its content, and by signing below, I agree with the current or future recommendation to receive chiropractic care as is deemed appropriate for my circumstance. I intend this consent to cover the entire course of care from all providers in this office for my present condition and for any future condition(s) for which I seek chiropractic care from this office.

Patient Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____