

## Terms of Acceptance and Informed Consent

In order to provide for the most effective healing environment, most effective application of chiropractic procedures and the strongest possible doctor-patient relationship, it is our wish to provide each patient with a set of parameters and declarations that will facilitate the goal of optimum health through chiropractic.

To that end, we ask that you acknowledge the following points regarding chiropractic care and the services that are offered through this clinic:

- A. Chiropractic is a very specific science, authorized by law to address spinal health concerns and needs. Chiropractic is a separate and distinct science, art and practice. It is not the practice of medicine.
- B. Chiropractic seeks to maximize the inherent healing power of the human body by restoring normal nerve functions through the adjustment of spinal subluxation(s). Subluxations are deviations from the normal spinal structures and configurations that interfere with normal nerve processes.
- C. The chiropractic adjustment process, as defined in the "law of this jurisdiction" involves the application of a specific directional thrust to a region or regions of the spine with the specific intent of re-positioning misaligned spinal segments. This is a safe, effective procedure applied more than one-million times each day by doctors of chiropractic in the United States alone.
- D. Chiropractic does not seek to replace or compete with other health professionals. They retain responsibility for the care and management of medical conditions. We do not offer advice regarding treatment prescribed by others.
- E. Your compliance with care plans, home and self-care, etc., is essential to maximum healing and optimal health through chiropractic.
- F. We invite you to speak frankly to the doctor on any matter related to your care at this facility, its nature, duration or cost, in what we work to maintain as a supporting, open environment.
- G. Chiropractic care, like all forms of health care, while offering considerable benefit may also provide some level of risk. This level of risk is most often very minimal, yet in rare cases injury has been associated with chiropractic care. The types of complications that have been reported secondary to chiropractic care include sprain/strain injuries, irritation of a disc condition, and rarely, fractures. One of the rarest complications associated with chiropractic care, occurring at a rate between one instance per one to two million cervical spine (neck) adjustments may be a vertebral artery injury that could lead to stroke.
- H. Prior to receiving chiropractic care in this Chiropractic office, a health history and physical examination will be completed to assess your specific condition, your overall health and, in particular, your spine health. These procedures will assist us in determining if chiropractic care is needed, if any further examinations or studies are needed or a referral to another health care provider is needed. All relevant findings will be reported to you along with a care plan prior to beginning care.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and fully understand the above statements.  
(print name)

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

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Patient or legal Guardian Signature (Date)

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