

PATIENT INFORMED CONSENT

All health care professionals are regulated by laws and boards. These health care professionals are required to give you, the patient, advance notice of any care risks, because health care is not an exact science. It is not reasonable to expect any doctor to foresee all risks and/or complications. Informed consent information regarding any risks such as: paraplegia, quadriplegia, brain damage, stroke, disc injury, breaks, fractures, dislocations, drug reactions, death or loss of function of any organ or limb or disfiguring scars associated with physical care, drugs, surgery and/or treatment is an undesirable result but it does not necessarily indicate an error in clinical judgment. No guarantee of cure or results has been made to you, the patient in this clinic. Your care may involve the making or recommendations based upon facts known to the doctor at this time. Chiropractic care does not use drugs or surgery, and it does not diagnose internal and/or medical conditions.

Chiropractic is the science that concerns itself with the relationship between the brain, central nervous system, spine, and the function of the body. Any alteration of this relationship can cause the biochemical and neuropsychological dynamics of the contiguous spinal and paraspinal structures to be disrupted. This can cause neuronal disturbances in the form of the vertebral subluxation complex (VSC) with its physical and chemical components, which can then interrupt the body's inherent recuperative powers. The practice of chiropractic can include exams and diagnostic testing. In some cases, this includes the utilization of specialized instrumentation, lab tests, radiological exams, nutritional and/or exercise rehabilitation procedures, etc. There is a special procedure unique to chiropractic: the chiropractic adjustment (chiropractic manipulative therapy or CMT). Adjustments are made by chiropractors to correct and/or reduce and/or stabilize vertebral or extremity subluxation complexes. The goal of chiropractic health care is to reduce or stabilize the nerve interferences caused by the VSC and its component parts. There are over 200 different adjusting techniques, some using specialized equipment. Adjustments are usually performed by hand, but may be performed by hand-guided instruments. A CMT is the application of a specific force, applied to a segmental contact point, usually on a vertebra, to reduce or stabilize the VSC and its component parts. You should understand the benefits of chiropractic health care, but you also need to be aware of some of the limited inherent risks. These occur seldom enough to contraindicate care, but should be considered in our informed decision to receive chiropractic care.

All health care procedures have some risks. With CMT's, the risks may include disc injuries, fractures, neurological deficits, vertebral artery syndrome (VAS), stroke, etc. The chances of this occurring have been estimated by experts to be approximately only 1 per 400,000 treatments, to 1 per 1,000,000 treatments. Appropriate tests will be performed to identify if you may be susceptible to these risks, and you will be notified, in that case. If you have any questions about these issues, please do not hesitate to speak with your doctor of chiropractic about them. I have read (or have had read to me) the above information. I wish to rely on the doctor's judgment during my course of care, based on the facts then known. I have also had the opportunity to ask questions regarding the above information and possible consequences and risks. By signing below, I now agree to have the chiropractic care procedures recommended and performed. I have no questions, and I acknowledge no guarantee of cure has been made to me concerning results, care and treatment.

Patient Name Printed

Patient Signature

Date

Patient Guardian Signature

Date