



CHIROPRACTIC INFORMED CONSENT

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It is important to acknowledge the difference between the health care specialties of Chiropractic, Osteopathy, and Medicine. Chiropractic health care seeks to restore health through natural means without the use of drugs or surgery. This gives the body maximum opportunity to utilize its inherent healing powers. The success of the Chiropractic Doctor's procedures often depends on environment, underlying causes, physical and spinal conditions. It is important to understand what to expect from Chiropractic.

ANALYSIS

A Doctor of Chiropractic conducts a clinical analysis of the express purpose of determining whether there is evidence of Vertebral Subluxation (VS). When such VS complexes are found, Chiropractic adjustments may be given in an attempt to restore spinal integrity. It is the Chiropractic premise that spinal alignment allows nerve transmission throughout the body and gives the body an opportunity to use its inborn healing powers. Due to the complexities of nature, no doctor can promise you specific results. This depends upon your body's healing mechanism.

DIAGNOSIS

Doctors of Chiropractic do not offer to diagnose or treat any disease or conditions other than VS. However, if during the course of a chiropractic 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 a health care provider who specializes in the area.

INFORMED CONSENT FOR CHIROPRACTIC CARE

A patient, in coming to the Doctor of Chiropractic, gives us the permission and authority to care for you in accordance with the chiropractic analysis. The chiropractic adjustment is usually beneficial and seldom causes any problem. In rare cases, underlying physical defects, deformities or pathologies may render the patient susceptible to injury. The doctor, of course, will not give a chiropractic adjustment if we are aware that such care may be contraindicated. Again, it is the responsibility of the patient to make it known or to learn through health care procedures whatever he/she is suffering from what would otherwise not come to the attention of the Doctor of Chiropractic. We provide a specialized, non-duplicating health care service. We are licensed in a special practice and we are available to work with other types of providers in your health care regime.

RESULTS

The purpose of Chiropractic services is to promote natural health through the reduction of the VS. Since there are so many variables, it is difficult to predict the time schedule or efficacy of the chiropractic procedures. Sometimes the response is phenomenal. In most cases there is a more gradual, but quite satisfactory response.

TO THE PATIENT

Please discuss any questions or problems with the Doctor before signing this statement of policy.

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

Patient's Signature

Date