

Terms of Acceptance

Please read this entire document prior to signing it. It is important that you understand the information contained in this document. Please ask questions before you sign if there is anything that is unclear.

When a patient seeks chiropractic health care and we accept a patient for such care, it is essential for both to be working towards the same objective.

Chiropractic has only one goal. It is important that each patient understand both the objective and the method that will be used to attain it. This will prevent any confusion or disappointment.

Adjustment: An 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: A state of optimal physical, mental and social well being, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

Vertebral Subluxation: A misalignment of one or more of the 24 vertebra 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 maximum health potential.

Analysis/ Examination/ Treatment

As part of the analysis, examination, and treatment, you are consenting to the following procedures (initial each procedure you are consenting to):

<input type="checkbox"/> spinal adjustment therapy	<input type="checkbox"/> orthopedic testing	<input type="checkbox"/> muscle strength testing
<input type="checkbox"/> range of motion testing	<input type="checkbox"/> postural analysis	<input type="checkbox"/> vital signs
<input type="checkbox"/> radiographic studies	<input type="checkbox"/> cold therapy	<input type="checkbox"/> basic neurological testing
<input type="checkbox"/> palpation		

We do not offer to diagnose or treat any disease or condition other than vertebral subluxation. 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 that specializes in that area.

Regardless of what disease is called, we do not offer to treat it. Nor do we offer advice regarding treatment prescribed by others. **OUR ONLY PRACTICE OBJECTIVE** is to eliminate a major interference to the expression of the body's innate wisdom. Our only method is specific adjusting to vertebral subluxations.

The material risks inherent in chiropractic adjustment

As with any healthcare procedures, there are certain complications which may arise during chiropractic manipulation and therapy. These complications include but are not limited to: fractures, disc injuries, dislocations, muscle strain, cervical myelopathy, costovertebral strains and separations, and burns. Some types of manipulation of the neck have been associated with injuries to the arteries in the neck leading to or contributing to serious complications including stroke. Some patients will feel some stiffness and soreness following the first few days of treatment. I will make every reasonable effort during the

examination to screen for contraindications to care; however, if you have a condition that would otherwise not come to my attention, it is your responsibility to inform me.

The probability of those risks occurring

Fractures are rare occurrences and generally result from some underlying weakness of the bone which is checked for during the taking of your history and during examination and x-ray. Stroke has been the subject of tremendous disagreement. The incidences of stroke are exceedingly rare and are estimated to occur between one in one million and one in five million cervical adjustments. The other complications are also generally described as rare.

The availability and nature of other treatment options

Other treatment options for your condition may include:

- Self-administered, over-the-counter analgesics and rest
- Medical care and prescription drugs such as anti-inflammatory, muscle relaxants and pain-killers
- Hospitalization
- Surgery

If you choose to use one of the above noted “other treatment” options, you should be aware that there are risks and benefits of such options and you may wish to discuss these with your primary medical physician.

The risks and dangers attendant to remaining untreated

Remaining untreated may allow the formation of adhesions and reduce mobility which may set up a pain reaction further reducing mobility. Over time this process may complicate treatment making it more difficult and less effective the longer it is postponed.

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 complete satisfaction.

I therefore accept chiropractic care on this basis.

Patient’s Signature _____ Date _____

Doctor’s Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian’s Signature _____ Date _____