

CHIROPRACTIC CARE

Chiropractic care is a system that, in theory, uses the recuperative powers of the body and the relationship between the musculoskeletal structure and functions of the body in the restoration and maintenance of health. The treatment involves "hands-on" joint manipulation.

Patient's
Initials

- _____ The details of the treatment including the anticipated benefits and material risks have been explained to me in terms I understand.
- _____ Alternative methods and therapies, their benefits, material risks and disadvantages have been explained to me.
- _____ I understand and accept that the most likely material risks and complications of chiropractic care have been discussed with me and may include but are not limited to:
- *fatigue following manipulation*
 - *headache*
 - *radiating discomfort*
 - *treatment unsuccessful in its intended purpose/no relief*
 - *worsening of condition being treated*
- _____ I understand and accept the less common complication of stroke following manipulation of the neck.
- _____ I have informed the doctor of all previous operations, including but not limited to, spinal fusion and acute fractures and dislocations.
- _____ I have informed the doctor of my past medical history, including but not limited to history of hypertension and/or cardiac conditions.
- _____ I have informed the doctor whether I have musculoskeletal problems, such as osteoporosis, bone or joint infections, bone cancer, acute rheumatoid arthritis, and/or disease of the spinal cord or bone marrow.
- _____ I am aware and accept that no guarantees about the results of the treatment have been made.
- _____ I have been informed of what to expect post treatment, including but not limited to: estimated recovery time, anticipated activity level, and the possibility of additional treatments.
- _____ The doctor has answered all of my questions regarding this treatment.

I certify that I have read and understand this treatment agreement and that all blanks were filled in prior to my signature.

I authorize and direct _____, D.C., with associates or assistants of his or her choice, to perform the following procedure of _____
(joint[s])
manipulation on _____ at _____.
(patient name) (Facility name)

It is anticipated that this treatment will need to be repeated _____ day(s) per week for _____ week(s).

Patient or Legal Representative Signature/Date/Time

Relationship to Patient

Print Patient or Legal Representative Name

Witness Signature/Date/Time

I certify that I have explained the nature, purpose, anticipated benefits, material risks, complications, and alternatives to the proposed procedure to the patient or the patient's legal representative. I have answered all questions fully, and I believe that the patient/legal representative (circle one) fully understands what I have explained.

Chiropractors Signature/Date/Time

initial copy given to patient

initial original placed in chart

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