

INFORMED CONSENT TO CARE

1. The process of delivering a “Chiropractic Adjustment (manipulation)” may be performed manually or with an instrument to the vertebra(e) of the spine and/or associated structures (ribs, legs, arms etc.), often, but not necessarily resulting, in an audible pop or clicking sound. Certain techniques may require close proximity between clinician and patient.
2. I have been informed that in addition to the Chiropractic Adjustment, one or more “Supportive Therapies” may be applied by the chiropractor or by staff under their direction and supervision incorporating the use of light, sound, vibration, electricity, traction, motion, bracing, heat, cold, and/or nutritional/lifestyle recommendations.
3. I have been informed that coinciding with the process of a Chiropractic Adjustment and/or Supportive Therapies there may be, at times, some temporary soreness and/or stiffness; less frequently aggravation of presenting symptoms or initiation of new symptoms; rarely tissue bruising and/or swelling, more rare joint/bone separation/fracture; and extremely rare, disc, nerve or vascular injury. The possible consequences and possible complications have been explained to me by the chiropractor.
4. I acknowledge that the chiropractor has made no guarantee of a positive outcome from treatment.
5. I have been afforded ample opportunity for questions and answers.
6. I have been informed of my condition, possible benefits, risks of treatment if any, options, and financial obligations.

TREATMENT OPTIONS:

It is also important that you understand there are treatment options available for your condition other than chiropractic procedures. Likely, you have tried many of these approaches already. These options may include, but are not limited to: self-administered care, over-the-counter pain relievers, physical measures and rest, medical care with prescription drugs, physical therapy, bracing, injections, and surgery. Lastly, you have the right to a second opinion and to secure other opinions about your circumstances and health care as you see fit.

I consent to the performance of the diagnostic and therapeutic procedures performed by the doctor and or staff under the direction and supervision of the office chiropractor(s) involved in my case. It is common for examination and treatment procedures to involve contact with the pelvic area, e.g. sacrum, coccyx (tailbone), sacrotuberous and inguinal ligaments, superior aspect of the pubic tubercle and symphysis, and surrounding musculature. I have been informed that at times treatment techniques may include skin to skin contact, tissue mobilization and/or stretching of involved or related areas and digital pressure/light touch/brushing over regions both on and/or away from your primary complaint location. Exposure to these same areas may be necessary for better results, but not without your verbal agreement at the time. Please be aware that a third party staff observer will not be present during these procedures.

I consent to the performance of other diagnostic and therapeutic procedures in the future that may be deemed reasonable and necessary by the doctor and or staff under the direction and supervision of the office chiropractor(s) involved in my case.

YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT:

I have read, or have had read to me, the above consent. I appreciate that it is not possible to consider every possible complication to care. I have also had an opportunity to ask questions about its content, and by signing below, I agree with the current or future recommendation to receive chiropractic as is deemed appropriate for my circumstance. I intend this consent to cover the entire course of care from all providers in this office for my present condition and for any future condition for which I seek care from this office.

Patient Name

Patient Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date