

## **INFORMED CONSENT**

### **CHIROPRACTIC**

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 prescriptions or surgery. This gives the body maximum opportunity to utilize its inherent recuperative powers. The success of the chiropractic procedures often depends on the environment, underlying causes, and physical and spinal conditions. It is important to understand what to expect from chiropractic health care services.

### **ANALYSIS**

A Doctor of Chiropractic conducts a clinical analysis for the express purpose of determining whether there is evidence of Vertebral Subluxation Complex (VSC). When such VSC are found, chiropractic adjustments and ancillary procedures 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 inherent recuperative powers. Due to the complexities of nature, no doctor can promise you specific results.

### **DIAGNOSIS**

Although doctors of chiropractic are experts in chiropractic diagnosis and the VSC, they are not experts of internal medical specialist or oncologists. Every chiropractic patient should be mindful of his/her symptoms and should secure other opinions if he/she has concern as to the nature of the overall condition. Your doctor of chiropractic may express an opinion as to whether or not you should take the step of a second opinion, but you are responsible for the final decision.

### **INFORMED CONSENT FOR CHIROPRACTIC CARE**

A patient, in coming to Newhall Family Chiropractic Clinic, P.C., gives the doctor permission and authority to care for the patient in accordance with the chiropractic tests, diagnosis, and analysis. The chiropractic adjustment or other clinical procedures are usually beneficial and seldom cause any problem. The doctor, of course, will not give a chiropractic adjustment or health care if he is aware that the care is contraindicated. Again, it is the responsibility of the patient to make it known or to lean through health care procedures whatever he/she is suffering from: latent pathological defects, illnesses or deformities which would otherwise not come to the attention of the doctor. The patient should look to the correct specialist for the proper diagnostic and clinical procedures. The doctor of chiropractic provides a specialized, non-duplicating health service. The doctor of chiropractic is licensed in a special practice and is available to work with other types of providers in your health regime.

### **RESULTS**

The purpose of chiropractic services is to promote natural health through the reduction of VSC. Since there are so many variables, it is difficult to predict the time schedule of efficiency of the chiropractic procedures. Sometimes the response is phenomenal.

In most cases there is more gradual but quiet satisfactory response. Occasionally, the results are less than expected. Two or more similar conditions may respond differently to the same chiropractic care. Many medical failures find quick relief through chiropractic care. In turn, we must admit that conditions that do not respond to chiropractic are come under control and may be helped through medical science. The fact is that the science of chiropractic and medicine may never be so exact as to provide definite answers to all problems. Both have made great strides in alleviating pain and controlling disease.

### **TO THE PATIENT**

Please discuss any questions or problems with the doctor BEFORE signing this statement of policy. I have read and understand the forgoing.

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Signature of Patient/Guardian