



INFORMED CONSENT

CHIROPRACTIC

It is to acknowledge the difference between the healthcare specialist of chiropractic, osteopathy and medicine. Chiropractic healthcare seeks to restore health through natural means without the use of medicine and surgery. This gives the body maximum opportunity to utilize its inherent recuperative powers. The success of the chiropractic doctor's procedure often depends on environment, underlying causes, physical and spinal conditions.

ANALYSIS

A doctor of chiropractic conducts a clinical analysis for the express purpose of determining whether there is evidence of Vertebral Subluxation Syndrome (VSS) or Vertebral Subluxation Complexes (VSC). When such VSS or VSC complexes are found, chiropractic adjustments and ancillary procedures may be given in an attempt to restore spinal integrity. It is the chiropractic premise that a spinal alignment allows nerve transmission throughout the body and gives the body an opportunity to use its inherent reparative powers. Due to the complexities of nature, no doctor can promise you specific results. This depends upon the inherent recuperative powers of the body.

DIAGNOSIS

Although doctors of chiropractic are experts in chiropractic diagnosis, the VSS or VSC, they are not internal medicine specialists. Every chiropractic patient should be mindful of his/her own symptoms and should secure other opinions if he/she has any concerns as to the nature of his/her total condition. Your doctor of chiropractic may express an opinion as to whether or not you should take this step but you are responsible for the final decision.

INFORMED CONSENT FOR CHIROPRACTIC CONCERN

A patient, in coming to the doctor of chiropractic, gives the doctor permission and authority to for the patient in accordance with the chiropractic test, diagnosis and analysis. The chiropractic adjustment or other clinical procedures are usually beneficial and seldom cause 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 or treatment if he/she is aware that such care may be contraindicated. Again, it is the responsibility of the patient to make it known or to learn through healthcare procedures whatever he/she is suffering from: latent pathological defects, illness or deformities which would otherwise not come to the attention of the doctor of chiropractic. The patient should look to the correct specialist for the proper diagnostic and clinical procedures. A chiropractor provides a specialized and non-duplicating health service. The chiropractor is licensed in a special practice and is available to work with other types of providers in the healthcare regime.

RESULTS

The purpose of chiropractic services is to promote natural health through the reduction of the VSS or VSC. Since there are so many variable, it is difficult to predict the time schedule of the chiropractic procedures. Sometimes, the response is phenomenal. In most cases there is more gradual but quite 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. In turn, we must admit that conditions which do not respond to chiropractic care may come under the control or 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 diseases.

TO THE PATIENT

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

I have read and understand the foregoing.

PRINT NAME: _____

DOB: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____