

Informed Consent

CHIROPRACTIC:

Chiropractic health care seeks to restore health through natural means without the use of drugs or surgery. This gives the body maximum opportunity to utilize its inherent recuperative powers. Chiropractic has a major objective: To eliminate misalignments within the spinal column, which interfere with the expression of the body's innate wisdom.

HEALTH:

A state of optimal physical, mental, social, and spiritual well being, not merely the absence of disease.

VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION:

A misalignment of one or more of the 24 vertebrae in the spinal column which causes alterations of nerve function and interference to the transmission of mental impulses, resulting in a lessening of the body's innate ability to express its maximum health potential.

ANALYSIS:

A doctor of chiropractic conducts a clinical analysis for the express purpose of determining whether there is evidence of the Vertebral Subluxation Process (VSP). When such VSP are found, chiropractic adjustments 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. Results depend upon the inherent recuperative powers of the body.

DIAGNOSIS:

Doctors of chiropractic are experts in chiropractic diagnosis. They are highly trained in recognizing the presence of vertebral subluxation. They do not diagnose or treat any disease, nor do they participate in the prescription of drugs. However, if during the course of chiropractic spinal examination we encounter non-chiropractic or unusual findings, we will advise you. If you desire advise, diagnosis, or treatment for those findings, we will recommend that you seek the services of a health care provider who specializes in that area.

ADJUSTMENT:

The specific application of forces to facilitate the body’s correction of the vertebral subluxation. Our chiropractic method of correction is specific adjustments of the spine.

INFORMED CONSENT FOR CHIROPRACTIC CARE:

A patient, in coming to the doctor of chiropractic, 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. In rare cases, underlying physical defects, deformities or pathologies may render the practice member susceptible to injury. This doctor, of course, will not give a chiropractic adjustment, or health care, 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 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 of chiropractic.

RESULTS: Since there are so many variables, it is difficult to predict the time schedule or efficacy of the chiropractic adjustments. Sometimes the response is phenomenal. Sometimes the results are gradual, but quite satisfactory, which occasionally the results are less than expected. Two or more similar conditions may respond differently to the same chiropractic care.

I have read and fully understand the above statements.

Patient Signature:

Date:

Minor Consent:
Parent /Legal Guardian of Patient