

Informed Consent -- Chiropractic Adjustments & Care
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TO THE PATIENT: You have a right as a patient to be informed about your condition and the recommended chiropractic adjustments and other physical procedures to be used so that you may make the decision whether or not to undergo the procedure after knowing the potential risks and hazards involved. This disclosure is not meant to scare or alarm you; it is simply an effort to make you better informed so you may give or withhold your consent to the procedure.

Patient's Name: _____

***Instructions: This document relates to your Informed Consent for care.
Please read carefully before signing.***

General. I, the below-signed patient/individuals, have read this document and Care Plan in their entirety and understand the potential benefits and risks of the Care which you are recommending. I understand that there may be other forms of care which I may wish or need to seek provided by other health care practitioners. I also understand that there may be significant risks of not seeking any care for my condition.

I understand that while the Care Plan lists you as the "Rendering Provider," at any moment, other associates or staff in your office with appropriate scopes of practice and training may need to provide the Recommended Care based on factors which are not necessarily within anyone's ability to predict. You have made it clear that every health care practitioner who is licensed under state law may have different scopes of practice relating diagnoses and treatment and that the licenses of the primary Rendering Provider are listed below.

I do not expect you to be able to anticipate and explain all risks and complications, or forms of treatment, and I wish to rely on you to exercise judgment within your scope of practice during the course of the Care Plan which you feel at the time based upon the facts known. I understand that in rare cases, underlying physical defects, deformities or pathologies may render me susceptible to injury. It is my responsibility to make known before and throughout the Care whether I am suffering from any latent pathological defects, illnesses, or deformities that would otherwise not come to your attention, as well as any pathological defects, illnesses, or deformities I may be experiencing.

Possible Risks of the Care; Alternatives

Chiropractic manipulation / adjustment. As with any healthcare procedure, I understand that there are certain complications, although rare, which may arise during chiropractic manipulation, and that those complications include: fractures, disc injuries, dislocations, muscle strain, Horner's syndrome, diaphragmatic paralysis, cervical myelopathy and costovertebral strains and separations. Some types of manipulation of the neck have been associated with injuries to the arteries in the neck leading to or contributing to serious complications including stroke. Some patients will feel some stiffness and soreness following the first few days of treatment. I understand that fractures are rare occurrences and generally result from some underlying weakness of the bone. I also understand that stroke and other complications are also generally described as "rare."

X-Rays. I have been advised that x-rays can be hazardous to an unborn child. To the best of my knowledge. I am not pregnant.

Other Potential Alternatives. I understand that other treatment options for my condition may include: Self-administered, over-the-counter analgesics and rest; medical care with prescription drugs such as anti-inflammatories, muscle relaxants and painkillers; hospitalization with traction; and surgery.

Contraindications to Manipulation / Adjustment. I understand that you will not give me an adjustment / manipulation, x-rays, modalities, or therapies if you feel that such are contraindicated. In the event that the Care does not include such procedures, I have discussed all contraindications with you and fully understand them.

Definitions. “You” and “office” refer to any provider who renders care to me at the Location above. “Care” includes all care outlined in my Care Plan as well as any other care I receive from you in the future, including care related to other conditions.

Patient’s Consent. I hereby request and consent to the performance of chiropractic adjustments and other procedures, including various modes of physical therapy and diagnostic X-rays, on me (or the patient named below, for whom I am legally responsible) by the Doctor of Chiropractic named below and/or other licensed Doctors of Chiropractic or those working at the clinic or office who now or in the future treat me while employed by, working or associated with, or serving as a backup for the Doctor of Chiropractic named below.

I have thoroughly discussed and reviewed my recommended Care with you, as well as your examination, diagnoses, and thoughts regarding my condition, and also all of the information in this Informed Consent. I have had ample opportunity to explore other potential forms of care, have asked you all of the questions that I have, and have no additional questions and all my questions have been answered fully and satisfactorily. I voluntarily and knowingly elect to receive the recommended Care.

Signature of Patient/Responsible Party: _____

Printed Name of Patient/Responsible Party _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent / Guardian / Authorized Representative: _____

Printed Name of Parent / Guardian / Authorized Representative _____ Date: _____

To be completed by doctor or staff _____

CA’s Signature: witness to patient’s signature & date