

## Informed Consent to Care

A patient coming to the doctor gives him/her permission and authority to care for them in accordance with appropriate test, diagnosis, and analysis. The clinical procedures performed are usually beneficial and seldom cause any problem. In rare case, underlying physical defects, deformities or pathologies may render the patient susceptible for injury. The doctor, of course, will not provide specific healthcare, if he/she is aware that such care may be contraindicated. It is the responsibility of the patient to make it known or to learn through health care procedures from whatever he/she is suffering from: latent pathological defects, illnesses, or deformities, which would otherwise not come to the attention of the physician. This office does not perform breast, pelvic, prostate, rectal, or full skin evaluations. These examinations should be performed by your family physician, GYN, and dermatologist to exclude cancers, abnormal skin lesions that should undergo biopsy/removal or other treatments. This clinic does not provide care for any condition (such as high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol) other than those addressed in your physical medicine care plan. We also do not prescribe or refill ANY controlled substances. All prescriptions should be refilled by your original prescriber and any new prescriptions should be issued by your primary care provider.

The patient assumes all responsibility/liability if the patient does not report on health forms any past medical history, illnesses, medicines, or allergies.

I agree to settle any claim or dispute I may against or with any of these persons or entities, whether related to the prescribed care or otherwise, will be resolved by binding arbitration under the current malpractice terms which can be obtained by written request.

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Patient Signature

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Date

Chiropractic care, like all forms of health care, while offering considerable benefit may also provide some level of risk. This level of risk is most often very minimal, yet in rare cases injury has been associated with chiropractic care. The types of complications that have been reported secondary to chiropractic care include sprain/strain injuries, irritation of a disc condition, and rarely, fractures. One of the rarest complications associated with chiropractic care, occurring at a rate between one instance per one million to one per two million cervical spine (neck) adjustments may be a vertebral artery injury that could lead to stroke.

Prior to receiving chiropractic care this Chiropractic office, a health history and physical examination will be completed. These procedures are performed to assess your specific condition, your overall health and, in particular, your spine health. These procedures will assist us in determining if chiropractic care is needed, or if any further examinations or studies needed. In addition, they will help us determine if there is any reason to modify your care or provide you with a referral to another health care provider. All relevant findings will be reported to you along with a care plan prior to beginning care. I understand and accept that there are risks associated with chiropractic care and give consent to the examinations that the doctor deems necessary, and to the chiropractic care including spinal adjustments, as reported following my assessment.

This notice is effective as of the date it is signed and will expire seven years after the date on which you last received services from us.

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Patient Signature

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Date