



## Doctor-Patient Relationship Informed Consent

### CHIROPRACTIC

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

### ANALYSIS

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

### DIAGNOSIS

Although doctors of chiropractic are experts in chiropractic diagnosis, the vertebral subluxations syndrome and complex, they are not internal medical specialists. Every chiropractic patient should be mindful of his/her symptoms and should secure other opinions if he/she has any concern as to the nature of his/her 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 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 procedure 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 health care if he is aware that such care may be contraindicated. Again, it is the responsibility of the patient to make known or to learn through health care 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 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 care regime.

### RESULTS

The purpose of chiropractic services is to promote natural health through the reduction of vertebral subluxations complex. Since there are so many variables, it is difficult to predict the time schedule of efficacy 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, conditions which do not respond to chiropractic care, may come under control or be helped by drugs or surgery. 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 foregoing.

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Date

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Signature