

Select-Care Chiropractic, PC

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Patient Informed Consent

Congratulations on choosing chiropractic health care. This clinic believes it is safest, most natural health care delivery system in the world today. Chiropractic adjustments (chiropractic manipulative therapy; C.M.T.) and other care procedures are safe and cost effective.

All health care professionals (anesthesiologist, chiropractors, dentists, medical doctors, osteopaths, pharmacists, surgeons, etc.) are regulated by laws and boards. These health care professionals are required to give you, the patient, advanced notice of any care risks, because health care is not an exact science. It is not reasonable to expect any doctor to foresee all risks and/or complications.

It is important that you understand, as with all health care approaches, results are not guaranteed, and there is no promise to cure. As with all types of health care interventions, there are some risks to care, including, but not limited to: muscle spasms, aggravating and/ or temporary increase in symptoms, lack of improvement of symptoms, burns and/or scarring from electronical stimulation and from hot or cold therapies, including, but not limited to, hot packs and ice, fractures (broken bones), disc injuries, strokes, dislocations, strains, and sprains. With respect to strokes, there is a rare but serious condition known as arterial dissection that involves an abnormal change in the wall of an artery that may cause the development of a thrombus (clot) with the potential to lead to a stroke. This occurs in 3-4 of every 100,000 people whether they are receiving health care or not. Patients who experience this condition often, but not always, present to their medical doctor or chiropractor with neck pain and headache. Unfortunately, a percentage of these patients will experience a stroke. As chiropractic can involve manually and/or mechanically adjusting the cervical spine, it has been reported that chiropractic care may be a risk for developing this type of stoke. The association with stroke is exceedingly rare and is estimated to be related in one in one million to one in two million cervical adjustments.

Chiropractic care does not use drugs or surgery, and does not diagnose internal and/or medical conditions. This clinic is staffed with graduate chiropractors who are licensed and recognized by government agencies regulating all the aforementioned healing arts.

Chiropractic is the science that concerns itself with the relationship between brain, central nervous system, spine and the function of the body. Any alteration of this relationship can cause the biomechanical and neurophysiologic dynamics of the contiguous spinal and paraspinal structures to be disrupted. This can cause neuronal disturbances in the form of the vertebral subluxation complex (V.S.C.) with its physical and chemical components, which can then interrupt the body's inherent recuperative powers.

It is also important that you understand there are treatment options available for your condition other than chiropractic procedures. Likely, you have tried many of these approaches already. These options may include, but are not limited to: self-administered care, over-the-counter pain relievers, physical measures and rest, medical care with prescription drugs, physical therapy, bracing, injections, and surgery.

I have read, or have had read to me, the above consent. I appreciate that it is not possible to consider every possible complication to care. I have also had an opportunity to ask questions about its content, and by signing below, I agree with the current or future recommendation to receive chiropractic care as is deemed appropriate for my circumstance. I intend this consent to cover the entire course of care from all providers in this office for my present condition and for any future condition(s) for which I seek chiropractic care from this office.

| Patient Name Printed: | Date: | |
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Patient/Guardian Signature (if minor):



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You may refuse to sign this acknowledgement "I have received a copy of this office's Healthcare Information Privacy Policies and Practices"

Please Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

We attempted to obtain written acknowledgment of receipt of our Notice of Healthcare Information Privacy Policies and Practices, but were unable to do so because:

_____ Individual refused to sign

_____ Communication barriers prohibited obtaining the acknowledgement

____ Other (specify)