



INFORMED CONSENT
Doctor-Patient Relationship in Chiropractic

CHIROPRACTIC

It is important to acknowledge the difference between the health care specialties of Chiropractic, Osteopathy, and Medicine. Chiropractic health care seeks to restore normal 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 Doctor's procedures often depend on environment, underlying causes, physical and spinal conditions. It is important to understand what to expect from Chiropractic health care services.

ANALYSIS

A Doctor of Chiropractic conducts a clinical analysis for the express purpose of determining whether there is evidence of a Vertebral Subluxation Syndrome (VSS) or Vertebral Subluxation Complexes (VSC). When such VSS and VSC are found, Chiropractic adjustments and ancillary procedures are given 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. Due to the complexities of the nature, no doctor can promise you specific results. This depends upon the inherent recuperative powers of the body.

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 defect, deformities, or other pathologies may render the patient susceptible to injury. The doctor, of course, will not give a chiropractic adjustment, or treatment, that will knowingly cause injury if he/she is aware that such care may be contra-indicated. Again, it is the responsibility of the patient to make it known or to learn thorough healthcare procedures whatever he/she is suffering from, for example: latent pathological defects, illness, or deformities which would otherwise not come to the attention of the Doctor Chiropractic. The patient should look to the correct doctor or specialist for proper diagnostic and clinical procedures. The Doctor of Chiropractic provides a 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 the VSS or VSC. Since there are so many variables, it is difficult to predict a time schedule of efficacy of the Chiropractic procedures. Sometimes the response to care is phenomenal. There may be times when the treatment produces discomfort and produces discomfort due to the process of changing body structures.

In most cases there is a 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, we must admit that conditions that do not respond to Chiropractic care may come under the control or be helped through medical science.

TO THE PATIENT

Please discuss any questions or problems with the Doctor before signing the statement of policy.

I have read and understand the foregoing,

Print Name: _____

Sign _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

(If you are under 18 years of age, we need a parent or guardian signature authorizing us to treat you.)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____