

Informed Consent for Chiropractic Care

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 are 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 my 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 _____ and will expire seven years after the date on which you last received services from us. _____
DATE PATIENT INITIAL

Consent for use or disclosure of health information

We are very concerned with protecting your privacy. While the law requires us to give you this disclosure, please understand that we have, and always will, respect the privacy of your health information.

There are several circumstances in which we may have to use or disclose your health care information. We may have to disclose your health information to another health care provider or hospital if it is necessary to refer you to them for the diagnosis, assessment, or treatment of your health condition. We may have to disclose your health information and billing records to another party if they are potentially responsible for the payment of services. We may need to use your health information within our practice for quality control or other operational purposes.

We have a more complete notice that provides a detailed description of how your health information may be used or disclosed. You have the right to review that notice before you sign this form (§164.520). We reserve the right to change our privacy practices as described in that notice. If we make a change to our privacy practices, we will notify you in writing when you come in for treatment or by mail. Please feel free to call us at any time for a copy of our privacy notices.

You have the right to request that we do not disclose your health information to specific individuals, companies, or organizations. If you would like to place any restrictions on the use or disclosure of your health information, please let us know in writing. We are not required to agree to your restrictions. However, if we agree with your restrictions, the restriction is binding on us.

You may revoke your consent to us at any time; however, your revocation must be in writing. We will not be able to honor your revocation request if we have already released your health information before we received your request to revoke your authorization. If you were required to give your authorization as a condition of obtaining insurance, the insurance company may have a right to your health information if they decided to contest any of your claims.

I have read your consent policy and agree to its terms. I am also acknowledging that I have received a copy of this notice. _____
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Appointment Reminders and Health Care Information Authorization

Your Chiropractor and members of the practice staff may need to use your name, address, phone number, and your clinical records to contact you with appointment reminders, information about treatment alternatives, or other health related information that may be of interest to you. If this contact is made by phone and you are not at home, a message will be left on your answering machine. By signing this form, you are giving us authorization to contact you with these reminders and information.

You may restrict the individuals or organizations to which your health care information is released or you may revoke you authorization to us at any time; however your revocation must be in writing and mailed to us at our office address. We will not be able to honor your revocation request if we have already released your health information before we receive your request to revoke your authorization. In addition, if you were required to give your authorization as a condition of obtaining insurance, the insurance company may have a right to your health information if they decided to contest any of your claims

Information that we use or disclose based on the authorization you are giving us may be subject to re-disclosure by anyone who has access to the reminder or other information and may no longer be protected by the federal privacy rules. You have the right to refuse to give us this authorization. If you do not give us authorization, it will not affect the treatment we provide to you or the methods we use to obtain reimbursement for your care. You may inspect or copy the information that we use to contact you to provide appointment reminders, information about treatment alternatives, or other health related information at any time (§164.24).

I authorize you to use or disclose my health information in the manner described above. I am also acknowledging that I have received a copy of this authorization. _____
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_____ PRINT PATIENT NAME	_____ DATE
_____ PATIENT SIGNATURE	_____ DATE
_____ PARENT/GUARDIAN (IF PATIENT IS A MINOR CHILD) OR REPRESENTATIVE (IF PATIENT IS DISABLED)	_____ DATE

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE.

AUTHORIZED PROVIDER SIGNATURE DATE

Patient Condition/ Symptom History

Briefly, what's the main reason for your visit today? _____

How long have you had these symptoms? _____

Is this condition due to an injury or accident? NO YES
(if yes, please explain)

What kind of symptoms are you having? (please check all that apply)

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> sharp pain | <input type="checkbox"/> dull ache, soreness | <input type="checkbox"/> stiffness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> sudden shooting pain | <input type="checkbox"/> burning | <input type="checkbox"/> cramping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tingling ("pins & needles") | <input type="checkbox"/> swelling | <input type="checkbox"/> headaches |
| <input type="checkbox"/> numbness | <input type="checkbox"/> muscle weakness | <input type="checkbox"/> vertigo/dizziness |

other: _____

How often are you experiencing these symptoms?

- occasionally (less than 25% of the time)
- Intermittently (25% of the time or more)
- Frequently (50% of the time or more)
- Constantly (75% of the time or more)
- Activity Specific (just while doing certain activities)

During which activities do you experience these symptoms?

(please check all that apply)

- sitting bending standing lifting walking lying down other: _____

Does anything make it better? NO YES (if yes, please explain)

Does anything make it worse? NO YES (if yes, please explain)

Do these symptoms radiate to other parts of your body? NO YES (if yes, please explain)

When do you experience the most discomfort?

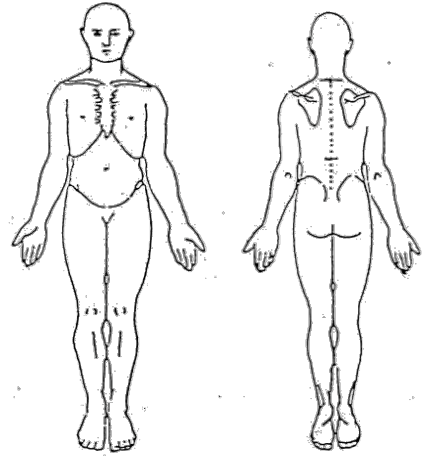
- morning afternoon evening during the night only during certain activities

Have you received treatment for this condition before? NO YES

(if yes, briefly describe treatment/therapy you received)

Have previous treatments/therapies been helpful? NO YES SOMEWHAT

Where does it hurt?



(Mark the affected area(s) with an "X")

On the scales below, draw a vertical line representing your pain or discomfort:

Rate the pain you have ***right now***:

_____ |
no
pain

_____ | | _____
unbearable | no
pain | pain

Rate your pain at its ***best*** this past week.

_____ |
unbearable
pain

Rate your ***average*** pain this week.

| _____
no
pain

_____ | | _____
unbearable | no
pain | pain

Rate your pain at its ***worst*** in the past week.

_____ |
unbearable
pain

Please list any conditions currently being treated by your primary care doctor with daily medication and/or supplements:

Is there any other important information about your health you think the doctor should know? NO YES
(if yes, please explain)

_____ |
print name

_____ |
patient signature

_____ |
date