

Informed Consent Document

Patient Name: _____

To the patient: Please read this entire document prior to signing it. It is important that you understand the information contained in this document. Please ask questions before you sign if there is anything that is unclear.

The Nature of the Chiropractic Adjustment

The primary treatment used by doctors of chiropractic is spinal manipulative therapy. I will use that procedure to treat you. I may use my hands or mechanical instrument upon your body in such a way as to move your joints. That may cause an audible “pop” or “click,” much as you have experienced when you “crack” your knuckles. You may feel a sense of movement.

Analysis / Examination / Treatment

As a part of the analysis, examination, and treatment, you are consenting to the following procedures, please initial each procedure you are consenting to:

- ___ spinal manipulative therapy ___ palpation ___ vital signs
- ___ range of motion testing ___ orthopedic testing ___ basic neurological testing
- ___ muscle strength testing ___ postural analysis testing
- ___ ultrasound ___ hot/cold therapy ___ EMS (electrical muscle stimulation)
- ___ radiographic studies
- ___ other

The Material Risks Inherent in Chiropractic Adjustment

As with any healthcare procedure, there are certain complications which may arise during chiropractic manipulation and therapy. These complications include but are not limited to: fractures, disc injuries, dislocations, muscle strain, cervical myelopathy, costovertebral strains and separations, and burns. Some types of manipulation of the neck have been associated with injuries to the arteries in the neck leading to or contributing to serious complications including stroke. Some patients will feel some stiffness and soreness following the first few days of treatment. The Doctor will make every reasonable effort during the examination to screen for contraindications to care; however if you have a condition that would otherwise not come to the Doctor's attention it is your responsibility to inform the Doctor.

The Probability of Those Risks Occurring

Fractures are rare occurrences, and generally result from some underlying weakness of the bone which we check for when taking your history and during examination and X-ray. Stroke and/ or arterial dissection caused by chiropractic manipulation of the neck has been the subject of ongoing medical research and debate. The most current research on this topic is inconclusive as to a specific incident of this complication occurring. If there is a causal relationship at all it is extremely rare and remote. Unfortunately, there is no recognized screening procedure to identify patients with neck pain who are at risk of arterial stroke.

The Availability and Nature of Other Treatment Options

- Other treatment options for your condition may include:
- Self administered, over-the-counter analgesics and rest
- Medical care and prescription drugs such as anti-inflammatory, muscle relaxants and pain killers
- Hospitalization
- Surgery

If you chose to use one of the above noted "other treatment" options, you should be aware that there are risks and benefits of such options and you may wish to discuss these with your primary medical physician.

The Risks and Dangers Attendant to Remaining Untreated

Remaining untreated may allow the formation of adhesions and reduce mobility which may set up a pain reaction further reducing mobility. Over time this process may complicate treatment making it more difficult and less effective the longer it is postponed.

Consent To Treatment (Minor)

I hereby request and authorize *DocSide Chiropractic LLC.* to perform diagnostic tests and render chiropractic adjustments and other treatments to my minor son/daughter: _____.
This authorization also extends to all other doctors and office staff members and is intended to include radiographic examination at the doctor's discretion.

As of this date, I have the legal right to select and authorize health care services for the minor child named above. (If applicable) Under the terms and conditions of my divorce, separation, or other legal authorization, the consent of a spouse/former spouse or other parent is not required. If my authority to so select and authorize this care should be revoked or modified in any way, I will immediately notify this office.

DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE. PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BLOCK AND SIGN BELOW

I have read [] or have had read to me [] the above explanation of the chiropractic adjustment and related treatment. I have discussed it with (Colleen Dittmar D.C. or Kara Shannon D.C.) and have had my questions answered to my satisfaction. By signing below I state that I have weighed the risks involved in undergoing treatment and have decided that it is in my best interest to undergo the treatment recommended. Having been informed of the risks, I hereby give my consent to that treatment.

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

Patient's Name

Doctor's Name

Signature

Signature

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if a minor)

CHIROPRACTIC REGISTRATION AND HISTORY

1 PATIENT INFORMATION

Patient Name _____
Last First MI

Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Work Phone _____ ext _____
 E-Mail _____
 Gender Male Female SS# _____
 Birthdate _____ Age _____ Race _____
 Married Widowed Divorced Separated
 Single Partnered for _____ years Minor
 Patient Employer/School _____
 Occupation _____
 Employer/School Address _____
 Spouse's Name _____
 Spouse's Birthdate _____ Age _____
 Employer _____
 Whom may we thank for referring you? _____

2 INSURANCE INFORMATION

Primary Insurance
 Company _____
 Subscribers Name _____ Birthdate _____
 Relationship to Patient _____
 ID _____ Group Number _____

Secondary Insurance
 Company _____
 Subscribers Name _____ Birthdate _____
 Relationship to Patient _____
 ID _____ Group Number _____

ASSIGNMENT AND RELEASE
 I certify that I, and/or my dependent(s) have insurance coverage with _____ and assign directly to _____
Name of Insurance Company(ies)
 Dr. Colleen Reed-Dittmar all insurance benefits. If any, otherwise payable to me for services rendered. I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges whether or not paid by insurance and agree to pay any co-payments at time of service. I authorize the use of my signature on all insurance submissions.
 The above-named doctor may use my health care information and may disclose such information the above-named Insurance Company(ies) and their agents for the purpose of obtaining payment for services and determining insurance benefits payable for related services.
 I understand that In the event that my insurance company will not assign benefits directly to the provider that I will be responsible for the full price of the visit, payable to DocSide Chiropractic, LLC.

 Signature of Patient, Parent, Guardian or Personal Representative

 Please print name of Patient, Parent, Guardian or Personal Representative

 Date

 Relationship to Patient

3 EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____ Relationship _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

4 ACCIDENT INFORMATION

Is condition due to an accident? Yes No
 Type of accident Auto Work Home Other
 To whom have you made a report of your accident?
 Auto Insurance Employer Worker Comp. Other

5 PATIENT CONDITION

Reason for Visit _____
 When did your symptoms begin? _____ Is it getting progressively worse? Yes No Unknown
 Mark an X on the picture where you continue to have pain, numbness, or tingling.
 Rate the severity of your pain on a scale from 1 (least pain) to 10 (severe pain) _____
 Type of pain: Sharp Dull Throbbing Numbness Aching Shooting
 Burning Tingling Cramps Stiffness Swelling Other
 How often do you have this pain? _____ The pain is constant The pain comes and goes
 Does it interfere with your Work Sleep Daily Routine Recreation
 Activities or movements that are painful to perform Sitting Standing Walking Bending Lying Down



