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INFORMED CONSENT

Chiropractic, as well as other types of health care, is associated with potential risks in the delivery of treatment. Therefore, it is necessary to inform the patient of such risks prior to initiating care. While Chiropractic treatment is remarkably safe, you need to be informed about the potential risks related to your care to allow you to be fully informed in consenting to treatment.

Specific Risk Possibilities Associated with Chiropractic Care are:

Stroke: The latest study to investigate whether a unique association between chiropractic manipulation and risk of cervical artery dissection / stroke exists, has yielded similar findings to past investigations: the authors note "no excess risk of carotid artery stroke after chiropractic care" and no significant risk difference between patients receiving care from a chiropractor or a primary medical provider. The risk of vertebrobasilar stroke (VBA) associated with a visit to a chiropractor's office appears to be no different from the risk of stroke following a visit to an MD's office. It is likely that the patients in the early stages of VBA stroke are presenting to both the chiropractors and family doctors because of neck pain and headache due to pre-existing vertebral artery dissection which is a risk factor for VBA stroke.

Cassidy JD, Boyle E, Cote P, Et al. Risk of carotid stroke after chiropractic care; a population based case - crossover study. J Stroke Cerebrovasc Dis, 2016 Nov 21.

Soreness: Chiropractic adjustments are sometimes accompanied with post-treatment soreness. This is normal, but please advise your Doctor of Chiropractic of the soreness.

Soft Tissue Injury: Occasionally, Chiropractic treatment may aggravate a disc injury or cause a minor joint, ligament, tendon, or other soft tissue injury.

Rib Injury: Manual adjustments to the thoracic spine, in rare cases, may cause a rib injury or fracture. Precautions, such as pre-adjustment X-Rays are taken in cases considered at risk. Treatment is performed carefully to minimize such risk.

Chiropractic is a system of health care delivery and, therefore, as with any healthcare delivery system, we cannot promise a cure for any symptoms, conditions or disease. An attempt to provide the best Chiropractic care is our goal, and if results are not successful, we will refer you to another health care provider. If you have any questions, please ask your Doctor of Chiropractic.

Having carefully read the above, I hereby give my informed consent to have Chiropractic treatment administered.

Patient Printed Name: _____

Patient Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if Minor): _____

Today's Date: _____