

# TERMS OF ACCEPTANCE

- When a patient seeks Chiropractic health care and the chiropractor accepts the patient for such care, it is essential for both to be working toward the same objective. Chiropractic has only one goal: To find and correct VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATIONS, therefore allowing the body the potential to heal itself more efficiently. It is important that every patient understand both the objective and the method used to attain that goal. This will prevent any confusion or misunderstandings.

**VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATIONS**: A misalignment or loss of motion of one or more of the 24 vertebrae in the spinal column, which alters the normal nerve system function and interferes with the transmission of mental impulses. This interference results in decreased communication between the brain and the body. This lack of normal communication interferes with the body's innate ability to express its optimum health potential and heal properly

**ADJUSTMENT**: An adjustment is the specific application of force to facilitate the body's correction of vertebral subluxations. Our chiropractic method of correction is by specific adjustments of the spine.

**HEALTH**: A state of optimal physical, mental and social well being; not merely the absence of symptoms, sickness or disease.

- **We do not offer to diagnose or treat any disease or condition other than vertebral subluxations.** However, if during the course of your chiropractic spinal examination, we encounter non-chiropractic or unusual findings, we will notify you. If you would like advice, diagnosis or treatment for those findings, we will refer you to a healthcare provider who specializes in that area. Regardless of what the disease is called, we do not offer to treat it. In addition, we do not offer advice regarding the treatment prescribed by others. Our only practice objective is to eliminate a major interference to the expression of the body's innate wisdom. Our only method used is the specific adjustment, to correct vertebral subluxations.

### **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 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 in 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.
- Any and all questions regarding doctor's objectives pertaining to my care in this office have been answered to my complete satisfaction. 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 assessments I, therefore, accept chiropractic care on this basis.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and understand the above statements.

(Print Name)

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(Signature)

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(Date)

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*Parent or legal guardian if minor*

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Witness Signature (office Staff)

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(Date)