



*“Quality Care with a Personal Touch;
Where Our Main Concern Is Improving Your Health!”*

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Informed Consent

Chiropractic

It is imperative to recognize the difference between the healthcare specialties of Chiropractic, Osteopathy, and Medicine. Chiropractic healthcare seeks to restore 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 depends 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 Vertebral Subluxation Syndrome (VSS) or Vertebral Subluxation Complex (VSC). When VSS and VSC complexes are found, Chiropractic adjustments and ancillary procedures may be given in 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 nature, no doctor can promise you specific results. This depends upon the healing ability of each individual body.

Diagnosis

Although Doctors of Chiropractic are experts in Chiropractic diagnoses, the VSS and VSC, they are not internal medical specialists. Every Chiropractic patient should be mindful of his/her own symptoms and should secure other opinions if he/she has any concern as to the nature of the condition. Your Doctor of Chiropractic may express an opinion as to whether or not you should take this next step, but you are responsible for the final decision.

Informed Consent for Chiropractic Care

By attending a chiropractic appointment, a patient gives the Doctor of Chiropractic 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 injury. In rare cases, underlying physical defects, deformities, or pathologies may render the patient susceptible to injury. The doctor will not give a chiropractic adjustment if he/she is aware that contraindications exist. Again, It is the responsibility of the patient to make all past and current health information available to the Doctor of Chiropractic. The patient should look to the correct specialist for the proper diagnostic and clinical procedures. The Doctors of Chiropractic provides a specialized, non-duplicating health service. Working with other types of healthcare providers may be necessary to restore health to a patient.

Results

The purpose of Chiropractic services is to promote natural health through the reduction of the VSS and VSC. Since there are so many variables, it is difficult to predict the tie schedule or efficacy of the Chiropractic procedures. Some cases yield fast, remarkable results. In most cases there is a more gradual level of healing, with eventual satisfactory results. Occasionally, the results are less than expected. Similar conditions in two different people may respond differently to the same Chiropractic care. Many medical failures find quick relief through Chiropractic. In turn, we must admit that conditions which do not respond to chiropractic care may come under the control or be helped through medical science. The Science of Chiropractic and Medicine may never be so exact as to provide definite answers to all problems, but both have made great strides in alleviating discomfort and controlling disease.

I have read and understand the foregoing.

Date

Signature