

TERMS OF ACCEPTANCE

When a patient seeks chiropractic health care, and we accept a patient for such care, it is essential for both parties to be working towards the same objective.

Our goal and intention is to keep the body as free from vertebral subluxations and joint dysfunction as we can. We do this because of our absolute conviction that every human being functions better on all levels when no subluxations are present. We do not do it as a treatment for any ailment. It is not the goal or the intention of this office to treat or cure any physical, mental, or emotional ailments, or to diagnose (other than for insurance purposes), or to give advice about any ailments.

Chiropractic Adjustment: A specific application of forces (by hand or by instrument) to facilitate the body's correction of vertebral subluxation or joint dysfunction. This adjustment, or "force" is kept within the physiological integrity of the joint tissues. Chiropractic adjustments are not medical "manipulations", though the term "manipulation" is commonly used for billing purposes.

Vertebral Subluxation: A misalignment or dysfunction of one or more of the 24 vertebrae in the spinal column that causes alteration of nerve function and interference to the transmission of mental impulses, resulting in a lessening of the body's innate ability to express its maximum health potential.

Joint Dysfunction: Improper motion (joint play) or alignment in a joint.

INFORMED CONSENT

As with any treatment it has its risks and benefits. The benefits are immeasurable. The risks are very limited or virtually non-existent if you thoroughly inform the Doctor of your signs, symptoms and past medical history including all surgeries and spine related injuries. As an example, there is a risk of fracture to bone (most common are the ribs) if there is an underlying pathology. There is a risk of bruising if you are the type to bruise easy. Therefore it is important to discuss all aspects of your health history with the Doctor; that coupled with the examination findings, he can decide the best and safest approach to your care. All of the above will be discussed to the level of detail you require during your "Report of Findings".

Other methods of treating subluxations or joint dysfunction may include some form of medication, injections or even surgery, unfortunately these methods may only be treating the symptoms of subluxation.

I have read and fully understand the above statements. All questions regarding the doctor's objectives pertaining to my care in this office have been answered to my complete satisfaction.

I _____ undertake Chiropractic care in this office on the understanding of, and in agreement with, the above explanation.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____