

HIPAA COMPLIANCE/CONSENT TO TREAT

This office is fully committed to compliance with HIPAA guidelines by:

1. Providing appropriate *security* for patient records.
2. Protecting the *privacy* of patient's medical information.
3. Providing patients with proper *access* to their medical records.
4. Appropriately maintaining patient information and billing processes in compliance with national *standards*.

At this time, this office does not accept insurance assignment, or submit claims to insurance carriers electronically. Therefore, payment is expected at the time of service. Should this policy change in the future, you will be notified accordingly.

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 patients of such risks prior to initiating care. While Chiropractic 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:

Stroke- Stroke is the most serious complication of chiropractic treatment. It is, on rare occasions, due to injury of the vertebral artery caused by a cervical spine adjustment or manipulation, and when occurs, may cause temporary or permanent brain dysfunction. On extremely rare occasions death occurs. Because the vertebral arteries, which supply the brain with blood are located within the bones of the cervical spine, cervical treatment poses a small risk. The chances of this occurring are estimated at 1 per 400,000 treatments to 1 per 10 million treatments. In 2001 the Canadian Medical Association journal found there is only a 1 per 5.85 million risk that a cervical manipulation from an MD, PT, or DC would be followed by a stroke. Author David Cassidy, a professor of epidemiology at the University of Toronto said patients had already damaged the artery before seeking help from either a medical doctor or a chiropractor, and then the stroke occurred after the visit. The largest study done, in 2008 in Canada, examined 12 million people over 9 years, and showed that 53% of stroke victims had visited their MD within 30 days prior, while only 4% had visited their DC.

Soreness- Chiropractic adjustments, manual therapy, and physical therapy procedures are sometimes accompanied by post treatment soreness. This is a normal and acceptable accompanying response to care. While it is not generally dangerous, please advise your doctor of chiropractic if you experience soreness or discomfort.

Soft Tissue or Rib Injury- Occasionally treatment may temporarily aggravate a disc, joint, ligament, or tendon; in rare cases, rib injury or fracture may occur. Precautions such as thorough pre-adjustment examinations, and history, are taken. Treatment is performed carefully to minimize such risk.

Chiropractic is a system of health care delivery and therefore, as with any health care delivery system, the doctor cannot promise a cure for any symptom, condition, or disease as a result of treatment in this office. An attempt to provide the very best care is the goal of this doctor and if the results are not acceptable, to either you or the doctor, you may be referred to another provider who the doctor feels may assist your situation.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please ask your doctor of Chiropractic. When you have full understanding and consent to have care provided for you, or for the minor for whom you are representing, please print your name and sign and date below.

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

Patient's name printed

Today's date

Patient's signature

Parent or Guardian signature for Minor