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OFFICE POLICY AND INFORMED CONSENT

DOCTOR-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP IN CHIROPRACTIC

CHIROPRACTIC

It is important to acknowledge the difference between health care specialties of Chiropractic, Osteopathy, and Medicine. Chiropractic health care seeks to restore health through natural means without the use of medicine and surgery. This gives the body maximum opportunity to utilize its inherent recuperative powers. The success of Chiropractic 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 Chiropractor conducts a clinical analysis for the express purpose of determining whether there is evidence of Vertebral Subluxation Syndrome (VSS) or Vertebral Subluxation Complexes (VSC). When such 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 that spinal alignment allows nerve transmission throughout the body and gives the body an opportunity to use its inherent recuperative powers. This depends upon the inherent recuperative powers of the body.

DIAGNOSIS

Although Chiropractors are experts in Chiropractic diagnosis, 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 his/her total condition. Your Chiropractor may express an opinion as to whether or not you should take this step, but you are responsible for the final decision.

INFORMED CONSENT FOR CHIROPRACTIC CARE

A patient, in coming to the Chiropractor, gives the doctor permission and authority to care for the patient in accordance with the Chiropractic test, diagnosis and analysis. The Chiropractic adjustment or other clinical procedures are usually beneficial and seldom cause any problem. In rare cases, underlying physical defects, deformities or pathologies may render the patient susceptible to injury. The doctor, of course, will not give a Chiropractic adjustment, or health care, if he is aware that such care may be contraindicated. Again, it is the responsibility of the patient to make it known or learn through health care procedures whatever he is suffering from: latent pathological defects, illnesses, or deformities which would otherwise not come to the attention of the Chiropractor. The patient should look to the correct specialist for the proper diagnostic and clinical procedures. The Chiropractor provides a specialized, non-duplicating health service. The Doctor of Chiropractic is licensed in a special practice and is available to work with other types of providers in your health care regime.

RESULTS

The purpose of Chiropractic services is to promote natural health through the reduction of the VSS or VSC since there are so many variables. It is difficult to predict the time schedule or efficacy of the Chiropractic procedures. Sometimes the response is phenomenal.

In most cases there is a more gradual, but quite satisfactory response. Occasionally, the results are less than expected. Two or more similar conditions 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 may come under the control or be helped through medical science. The fact is that the science of Chiropractic and medicine may never be so exact as to provide definite answers to all problems. However, both are successful in alleviating pain and controlling disease.

OFFICE POLICY

Our experience has shown that it is wise to have understanding with our patients as to our office policies and fees. We will do our best to help you with your health and we ask that you do your part by keeping your account current. Therefore, this form has been prepared for your convenience and information. Our office goals are correcting vertebral

subluxations, not just to treat pain. You need to follow the treatment schedule the doctor has worked out for your individual needs. Please refer your friends and family to our office.

We offer several methods of payment so that you may choose the plan that best fits your needs. Our main concern is health and well-being, and we will do our best to help you.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Billing your insurance company is a courtesy. If you have health insurance that covers Chiropractic care, we will bill your insurance directly. Payment of deductibles and co-payments must be arranged with the office staff. We don't treat insurance, we treat patients.

MEDICARE: This office is a preferred provider for the Federal Medicare Program. The estimated \$198 yearly deductible must be met. Deductibles and co-payments are the patient's responsibility. **Examinations and x-rays are not covered by Medicare.** We will do our best to make your care affordable.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS: If you are injured in an automobile accident, you may have insurance that covers your care in this office. Please note it is our policy to bill Med Pay coverage prior to liability coverage. **Please bring an accident report, car insurance information (Name of insurance carrier, contact phone number, claim number and name of contact if applicable) and attorney information, if applicable. This information is needed for us to submit/bill your treatment.**

WORK INJURIES: If you are injured at work, your employer may be responsible for your bill. All work injuries must be reported to your employer. Verification will be needed.

PERSONAL PAY: Payment is expected at the time of service. If you have a financial difficulty, please do not let it interfere with your care in this office. Special arrangements may be made. We are interested, as an office, in meeting your health goals and serving you to the best of our ability, at a price which is reasonable. Thank you for choosing us. Our office has never refused Chiropractic care to a patient because of finances.

MASSAGE THERAPY: Please be advised, our massage therapists are separate and independent of Adams Clinic of Chiropractic.

Because we want to take care of as many patients chiropractic needs as possible, we have implemented a \$35 missed appointment fee for massages and a \$35 No Show fee for chiropractic appointments.

FOR MASSAGE APPOINTMENTS:

If you are unable to make your appointment, we ask that you please call and cancel or reschedule your appointment within 12 hours of your scheduled appointment time so that we may offer the time to other awaiting patients.

If notification is not received within 12 hours, you will be charged a missed appointment fee. This fee will need to be paid before scheduling another appointment. You are welcome to leave a message for us on our answering machine if we are closed.

FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH DOCTOR:

If you are unable to make your appointment, we ask that you please call and cancel or reschedule your appointment. If you fail to call us and do not show for your appointment, you will be charged a NO SHOW fee. This fee will need to be paid before scheduling another appointment. You are welcome to leave a message for us on our answering machine if we are closed.

I hereby request and consent to the performance of Chiropractic adjustments and other Chiropractic procedures, including various modes of physical therapy and diagnostic x-rays, on me (or on the named below, for whom I am legally responsible) by the Doctor of Chiropractic named below and/or other licensed Doctors of Chiropractic who now or in the future treat me while employed by, working or associated with or serving as back-up for the Doctor of Chiropractic named below, including those working at the clinic or office listed below or any other office or clinic, whether signatories to this form or not.

I have had an opportunity to discuss with the Doctor of Chiropractic named below and/or with other office of clinic personnel the nature and purpose of Chiropractic adjustments and procedures. I understand that results are not guaranteed.

I understand and am informed that, as in the practice of medicine, in the practice of Chiropractic there are some risks to treatment, including, but not limited to, fractures, disc injuries, strokes, dislocations, and sprains. I do not expect the doctor to be able to anticipate and explain all risks and complications and wish to rely on the doctor to exercise judgment during the course of the procedure which the doctor feels at the time, based upon the facts then known, is in my best interests.

I have read, or have had read to me, the above consent and policies. I have also had an opportunity to ask questions about its content, and by signing below, I agree to the above named procedures/policies. I intend this consent form to cover the entire course of treatment for my present condition and for any future condition(s) for which I seek treatment.

PATIENT SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____
(or Patient Representative)

DR. JEREMY T. ADAMS _____