

CHIROPRACTIC

It is important to acknowledge the difference between the health care specialties of chiropractic, osteopathy and medicine. Chiropractic health care 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 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 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 inherent recuperative powers of the body. The incidence of complications associated with chiropractic services are extremely rare, anyone undergoing adjusting or manipulative procedures should know the rare possible hazards and complications that may be encountered or result during the course of care. These include but are not limited to fractures, disc injuries, strokes, dislocations, sprains and those which relate to physical aberrations unknown or undetectable by the doctor. Sometimes the response is phenomenal. _____

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DIAGNOSIS

Although doctors of chiropractic 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 doctor of chiropractic 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

I understand and give the doctor permission and authority to care for me in accordance with the chiropractic test, diagnosis and analysis. The practice of chiropractic or medicine is not an exact science and that the care may involve the making of judgments based on the facts known to the doctor. 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/she is aware that such care may be contraindicated. Again, it is the responsibility of the patient to make it known or to learn through health care procedures whatever he/she is suffering from: latent pathological defects, illnesses, or deformities which would otherwise not come to the attention of the doctor of chiropractic. The patient should look to the correct specialist for the proper diagnostic and clinical procedures. The doctor of chiropractic 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. It is not reasonable to expect the doctor to be able to anticipate or explain all risks and complications, or an undesirable result does not necessarily indicate an error in judgment or treatment. In addition there is no guarantee as to results with respect to any course of care or treatment.

RESULTS

The purpose of chiropractic services is to promote natural health. Since there are so many variables, it is difficult to predict the time schedule or efficacy of the chiropractic procedures. 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 care 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. Both have made great strides in alleviating pain and controlling disease.

TO THE PATIENT

Please discuss any questions or problems with the doctor before signing this statement of policy. I have read and understand the Informed Consent Form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____