

Informed Consent to Chiropractic Treatment

Member

It is important for you to consider the benefits, risks and alternatives to the treatment options offered by your chiropractor and to make an informed decision about proceeding with treatment.

Chiropractic treatment includes adjustment, manipulation and mobilization of the spine and other joints of the body, soft-tissue techniques such as massage, and other forms of therapy including, but not limited to, electrical or light therapy and exercise.

Benefits

Chiropractic treatment has been demonstrated to be effective for complaints of the neck, back and other areas of the body caused by nerves, muscles, joints and related tissues. Treatment by your chiropractor can relieve pain, including headache, altered sensation, muscle stiffness and spasm. It can also increase mobility, improve function, and reduce or eliminate the need for drugs or surgery.

Risks

The risks associated with chiropractic treatment vary according to each patient's condition as well as the location and type of treatment. The risks include:

• Temporary worsening of symptoms – Usually, any increase in pre-existing symptoms of pain or stiffness will last only a few hours to a few days.

• Skin irritation or burn – Skin irritation or a burn may occur in association with the use of some types of electrical or light therapy. Skin irritation should resolve quickly. A burn may leave a permanent scar.

• Sprain or strain – Typically, a muscle or ligament sprain or strain will resolve itself within a few days or weeks with some rest, protection of the area affected and other minor care.

• **Rib fracture** – While a rib fracture is painful and can limit your activity for a period of time, it will generally heal on its own over a period of several weeks without further treatment or surgical intervention.

• Injury or aggravation of a disc – Over the course of a lifetime, spinal discs may degenerate or become damaged. A disc can degenerate with aging, while disc damage can occur with common daily activities such as bending or lifting. Patients who already have a degenerated or damaged disc may or may not have symptoms. They may not know they have a problem with a disc. They also may not know their disc condition is worsening because they only experience back or neck problems occasionally.

Chiropractic treatment should not damage a disc that is not already degenerated or damaged, but if there is a preexisting disc condition, chiropractic treatment, like many common daily activities, may aggravate the disc condition.

The consequences of disc injury or aggravating a pre-existing disc condition will vary with each patient. In the most severe cases, patient symptoms may include impaired back or neck mobility, radiating pain and numbress into the legs or arms, impaired bowel or bladder function, or impaired leg or arm function. Surgery may be needed.

• Stroke – Blood flows to the brain through two sets of arteries passing through the neck. These arteries may become weakened and damaged, either over time through aging or disease, or as a result of injury. A blood clot may form in a damaged artery. All or part of the clot may break off and travel up the artery to the brain where it can interrupt blood flow and cause a stroke. Many common activities of daily living involving ordinary neck movements have been associated with stroke resulting from damage to an artery in the neck, or a clot that already existed in the artery breaking off and travelling up to the brain. Chiropractic treatment has also been associated with stroke. However, that association occurs very infrequently, and may be explained because an artery was already damaged and the patient was progressing toward a stroke when the patient consulted the chiropractor. Present medical and scientific evidence does not establish that chiropractic treatment causes either damage to an artery or stroke. The consequences of a stroke can be very serious, including significant impairment of vision, speech, balance, and brain function, as well as paralysis or death.

Alternatives

Alternatives to chiropractic treatment may include consulting other health professionals. Your chiropractor may also prescribe rest without treatment, or exercise with or without treatment.

Questions or Concerns

You are encouraged to ask questions at any time regarding your assessment and treatment. Bring any concerns you have to the chiropractor's attention. If you are not comfortable, you may stop treatment at any time.

Please be involved in and responsible for your care. Inform your chiropractor immediately of any change in your condition.

X Patient Signature (Legal Guardian)	Witness Signature
Date:	
Re-evaluation Signature & Date:	
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Informed Consent Checked: _____

WELCOME TO OUR OFFICE!

In order for us to help you, we ask for your patience while we spend the next few pages getting to know you better. This first page is a break down of the charges, while the following three include a history and an informed consent form.

If you have been injured at work, or from a recent motor vehicle accident, please tell us.

If you have extended health benefits through your employer, be sure to ask for a receipt after your treatments. If you are unsure, contact your employer. Most benefit programs include chiropractic care and will reimburse you.

OFFICE FEES:

Initial visit (includes consultation, examination, review of findings and treatment – 60 minutes)	\$95
Subsequent office visit (treatment and management through initial rehabilitation protocols -20 minutes)	\$50
Extended Office Visit for initial WSIB or MVA cases or if it's been more than 2 years since last appointment (30 minutes)	\$70

<u>All missed appointments or appointments cancelled with less than</u> <u>2 hours notice will be subject to a \$35.00 cancellation fee.</u>

I have read the above fee schedule and understand my responsibility as a patient.

Signature of patient/legal guardian

X

Date

New Patient Intake Form

Welcome to Inspire Chiropractic Rehabilitation & Sport Performance. In order to help us extend to you the best care possible, please provide the following information:

Name			
Mailing Address:			
Home Phone:	Phone: Cell/Business Phone:		
Email Address:			
Name and Number of Emergenc	y Contact:		
Date of Birth:	Age:	Gender:	
Occupation:	Employer:		
Family Physician:			
Have you been treated by a chirop	practor before? □yes □no	Was it helpful? □yes □no	
If yes, where and when?			
How did you hear about our offic	ce?		
What is your main complaint toda	ay?		
Is this condition work-related?	yes □no If yes, did you	fill out an injury report? Dyes Dno	
Is this condition result of a motor	r vehicle accident? □yes □no		
What caused this condition?			
How long has this condition beer	n present?		
What relieves this condition?	othing □lying down □walking	□standing □sitting □movement	
□ in	nactivity/rest other		
What aggravates this condition?	nothing □lying down □walkin	ng □standing □sitting □movement	
Ľ	inactivity/rest □other		
Have you received other treatmen	nt for this condition?		
Please list any medications or sup	plements you are taking curren	tly:	
Please list any long-term medicati	ons that you have taken in the	past:	
Please list any serious illnesses or	injuries:		
Please list any surgeries:			
Please list any recent hospitalizati	ons:		
Do you have a history of □strok	e/aneurysm □heart disease □	rheumatoid arthritis	
	blood clotting disorder □use o	f blood thinners	
Do any of these conditions run in	n your family? □heart disease	□stroke □high blood pressure	
	□cancer □dia	betes □chronic fatigue/pain	

Do you smoke? □yes □no □	used to If yes,	how many	packs per day_			
How much coffee do you dr	ink per day? _		Soft drinks?_		Water?	
Daily exercise:	□ None	□Light	□ Moderate	□ Heavy		
Physical Demands of Work:	□ Sedentary	□ Mild	□ Moderate	□ Heavy		
Stress Level:	□Low	□Medium	□High			

To be able to create an accurate clinical picture of your current state of health, we need your complete health history. **All information will be kept strictly confidential**. Your responses will help determine in what ways chiropractic care can benefit you. Please check the degree of all conditions you currently have or have had in the past.

Blank= Never	O= Occasional F= Frequen	t C= Constant
Muscle / Joint O F C	Gastrointestinal O F C D Belching or gas D Bloating D Colitis D Constipation D Diarrhea D Poor appetite D Nausea D Vomiting	Genitourinary O F C
General O F C Dizziness G Dizziness G Dizziness G Dizziness Fatigue G Fatigue G Fever Headache Headache Neuralgia O Night sweats O Poor Posture G Sweats G Dizziness O F C O F	Pain or Numbness in: O F C □ Shoulders □ Arms □ Elbows □ Hands □ Legs □ Ankles □ Feet □ Heels	Respiratory O F C □ Chest pain □ Chronic cough □ Difficulty breathing □ Wheezing Please check any of the following conditions you have or have had: Addiction Back Surgery Cancer Diabetes Eating disorder Eczema Epilepsy Gout Heart Disease Multiple Sclerosis Pacemaker Stroke Other
 Tremors Unexplained weight loss Unexplained weight loss Ear, Eye, Nose, Throat F C Asthma Colds Colds Ear ache Ear discharge Ear discharge Ear infections Enlarged glands Eye pain Hoarseness 	 Back Groin Cardiovascular F C Ankle swelling Heart attack High blood pressure Low blood Pressure Poor circulation Rapid heartbeat 	

Name:_____

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