



DESROCHES CHIROPRACTIC, PLLC

Medical doctors, osteopaths, chiropractic doctors, and physical therapists who perform manipulations of the spine or extremities are required by law to obtain your informed consent before starting treatment.

I \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby give my consent to the performance of conservative noninvasive treatment to the joints and soft tissues. I understand that the procedures may consist of manipulations/adjustments involving movement of the joints and soft tissues. Physical therapy, exercises, and nutritional counseling may also be used.

Although spinal manipulation/adjustment is considered to be one of the safest, most effect forms of therapy for musculoskeletal problems, I am aware that there are possible risks and complications associated with these procedures as follows:

Soreness: I am aware that like exercise it is common to experience muscle soreness in the first few treatments.

Dizziness: Temporary symptoms like dizziness and nausea can occur but are relatively rare.

Fractures/Joint Injury: I further understand that in isolated cases underlying physical defects, deformities or pathologies like weak bones from osteoporosis may render the patient susceptible to injury. When osteoporosis, degenerative disc, or other abnormality is detected, this office will proceed with extra caution.

Stroke: Although strokes happen with some frequency in our world, strokes from chiropractic adjustments are very rare. I am aware that nerve or brain damage including stroke is reported to occur once in one to ten million treatments. Once in a million is about the same chance as getting hit by lightning. Once in ten million is about the same chance as a normal dose of aspirin or Tylenol causing death.

Physical Therapy Burns: Some of the therapies used in this office generate heat and may rarely cause a burn. Despite precautions, if a burn is obtained, there will be a temporary increase of pain and possible blistering. This should be reported to the doctor.

Tests have been performed on me to minimize the risk of any complication from treatment and I freely assume these risks. I also understand that if I have any concerns or sense of having the above issue that I should discuss this with my chiropractic doctor.

I realize that the practice of medicine, including chiropractic, is not an exact science and I acknowledge that no guarantee has been made to me regarding the outcome of these procedures. I agree to the performance of these procedures by my doctor of chiropractic and such other persons of the doctors choosing.

Reasonable alternatives to these procedures have been explained to me including rest, home applications of therapy, prescription or over-the-counter medications, exercises and possible surgery.

Medications can be used to reduce pain or inflammation. I am aware that long-term use or overuse of medication is always a cause for concern. Drugs may mask pathology, produce inadequate or short-term relief, undesirable side-effects, physical or psychological dependence, and may have to be continued indefinitely. Some medications may involve serious risks.

It has been explained to me that simple rest is not likely to reverse pathology, although it may temporarily reduce inflammation and pain. The same is true of ice, heat, or other home therapy. Prolonged bedrest contributes to weakened bones and joint stiffness. Exercises are of limited value but are not corrective of

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Surgery may be necessary for joint stability or serious disk rupture. Surgical risks may include unsuccessful outcome, complications, pain or reaction to anesthesia, and prolonged recovery.

I understand the potential risks of refusing or neglecting care may include, increases pain, scar/adhesion formation, restricted motion, possible nerve damage, increased inflammation, and worsening pathology. The aforementioned may complicate treatment making future recovery and rehabilitation more difficult and lengthy.

**I have read or have had read to me the above explanation of chiropractic treatment. Any questions I have had regarding these procedures have been answered to my satisfaction PRIOR TO MY SIGNING THIS CONSENT FORM. I have made my decision voluntarily and freely.**

To attest to my consent to these procedures, I hereby affix my signature to this authorization for treatment.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of patient

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of witness

\_\_\_\_\_ Date and time

#### PATIENT STATUS AT TIME OF INFORMED CONSENT PROCESS

Based on my personal observations, medical history and direct conversation with the patient, I conclude that throughout the consent process the patient was:

- ( ) Of legal use
- ( ) Oriented x 3
- ( ) Disoriented as to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ( ) Coherent and lucid
- ( ) On prescription/OTC medication but unimpaired
- ( ) Proficient in understanding the English language
- ( ) Assisted in understanding by an interpreter (Interpreter's name: \_\_\_\_\_.)
- ( ) Resolute in denying the use of alcohol and or recreational drug use prior to consent
- ( ) Unable to give legal consent
- ( ) Consent given thru legal guardian

Patient's questions (if any) and information supplied are as follows:

Comments:

I certify that the above accurately describes the above-named patient's status during the informed consent.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_