

San Diego Chiropractic Wellness

Informed Consent to Chiropractic Treatment

As with any healthcare procedure there are certain complications which may arise during chiropractic manipulation and therapy. Doctors of Chiropractic are required to advise patients that there are risks associated with such treatment.

In particular you should note:

1. Some patients may experience stiffness or soreness following the first few days of treatment.
2. Some types of manipulation have been associated with injuries to the arteries of the neck leading or contributing to serious complications including stroke. This occurrence is exceptionally rare and remote. However, you are being informed of the possibility regardless of the extreme remote chance.
3. We make every effort to screen for any contraindications to care; however, if you have a condition that would otherwise not come to our attention, it is your responsibility to inform us.
4. Other complications may include fractures, disc injuries, dislocations, muscle strain, cervical myelopathy, costovertebral strains and separations, and burns.

The probabilities of these complications are rare and generally result from some underlying weakness of the bone or tissue which we check for during the history, examination, and x-ray (when warranted).

I acknowledge I have had the opportunity to discuss the associated risks as well as the nature and purpose of treatment with my chiropractor.

I consent to the chiropractic treatments offered or recommended to me by my chiropractor, including spinal manipulation. I intend this consent to apply to all my present and future chiropractic care.

Patient Signature

Date

Patient Name (Please Print)

Witness Signature