

INFORMED CONSENT FOR CHIROPRACTIC CARE

The State of Wisconsin requires that every patient be informed of the potential risks of treatment and the alternatives to treatment prior to the beginning of care. Bauer Chiropractic & Muscle Therapy intends this consent form to cover any treatment of your present condition, and for any future conditions in which you seek treatment in our office.

Our chiropractic treatment method of the spine and extremities is as follows:

Adjustment: An adjustment is the specific application of force using the doctor's hands and/or a mechanical device to facilitate the body's correction of vertebral subluxations. You may hear a "click or pop", similar to when someone "cracks" their knuckles.

We do not offer to diagnosis or treat any disease. We only offer to diagnosis either vertebral subluxations or neuro-musculoskeletal conditions.

Vertebral Subluxation: A misalignment of one or more of the 24 vertebra in the spinal column which causes alteration of nerve function and interference to the transmission of mental impulses, resulting in a lessening of the body's innate ability to express its maximum health potential.

Health: A state of optimal physical, mental, and social well being, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

However, if during the course of a chiropractic spinal examination, we encounter non-chiropractic or unusual findings, you will be advised of the findings and recommended that you seek treatment from the appropriate health care professional.

There are inherent risks in any and all treatments delivered by any health care provider. Chiropractic care is statistically the least invasive and safest therapy available for musculoskeletal conditions. Although we take every precaution, there are indeed some slight risks to chiropractic adjustments. The risk is very minor to almost nonexistent in any treatment of the extremities. Muscular strain (rare), ligamentous strain (rare), fractures (rare), and injury to the intervertebral discs, nerves, or spinal cord (very rare) are all potential risks of chiropractic adjustments of the back and neck. Cerebrovascular injury or stroke (extremely rare) is also a very remote risk. The most common side effect of chiropractic treatment is stiffness or soreness after the first few days of treatment. Ancillary physical therapy procedures could produce skin irritation, burns, or bruising (rare).

Other treatment options that could be considered may include: OTC analgesics (common side effects include irritation of stomach, liver, kidneys, etc.), medical care (typically anti-inflammatory drugs, tranquilizers, and analgesics with similar side effects as above with added risk of dependency) and surgery (adverse reactions to anesthesia including death can happen).

The risk of delaying treatment or remaining untreated can allow the condition to worsen with the formation of adhesions, scar tissue and other degenerative changes that further reduce spinal mobility and include chronic pain. Delay of treatment will complicate the condition and make treatment and rehabilitation more difficult.

The doctor will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have about your chiropractic treatment.

I, _____ have read the above explanation of chiropractic treatment. I have also had the opportunity to ask questions and have had them answered to my satisfaction. I have fully evaluated the risks and benefits of undergoing treatment, I have freely decided to undergo treatment, and hereby give my full consent to treatment at Bauer Chiropractic & Muscle Therapy.

Signature of Patient or Parent

Date