



CANADIAN CHIROPRACTIC PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

CONSENT TO CHIROPRACTIC TREATMENT – FORM L

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 once in a while.

Chiropractic treatment should not damage a disc that is not already degenerated or damaged, but if there is a pre-existing 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 numbness 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.

DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM UNTIL YOU MEET WITH THE CHIROPRACTOR

I hereby acknowledge that I have discussed with the chiropractor the assessment of my condition and the treatment plan. I understand the nature of the treatment to be provided to me. I have considered the benefits and risks of treatment, as well as the alternatives to treatment. I hereby consent to chiropractic treatment as proposed to me.

Name (Please Print)

Date: _____ 20____.

Signature of patient (or legal guardian)

Date: _____ 20____.

Signature of Chiropractor

Date: _____ 20____.

Consultation Admittance Form

Last Name:		First Name:	Gender: M / F
Address:		City, Province:	Postal Code:
Phone (Home) ()		Phone (Work) ()	Phone (Cell) ()
Alberta Health Care #		Third Party Insurance #	
Emergency Contact Name:		Emergency Contact Phone ()	
Date of Birth:	Age:	Height:	Weight:
Occupation:		Marital Status: Single Married Widowed Divorced	

Please check all answers and fill in the blanks where appropriate.

Reason(s) for appointment: _____

When did your condition begin? _____

Have you ever had similar problems? Yes No

Have you had X-rays, MRI, or other tests for this condition? Yes No Which tests, when? _____

Is this a work related injury? Yes No Has your employer been notified? Yes No

Is this a Motor Vehicle Accident (MVA)? Yes No On what date did the accident occur? _____

Can you perform daily home activities? Yes Yes, but only with help Not at all

Can you perform your daily work activities? All activities Only some activities Not at all

Describe your stress level None Mild Moderate High

Do you exercise? Daily Occasionally Not at all

What kinds of exercise do you do? _____

List all previous surgeries, illnesses, injuries (including MVA): _____

Have you had previous chiropractic care? Yes No Dr. _____ Date: _____

Family doctor name: Dr. _____

List all medications, over the counter and prescriptions, supplements, vitamins, herbal supports, aspirin, etc.: _____

Date: _____ Patient signature: _____

Health History Questionnaire

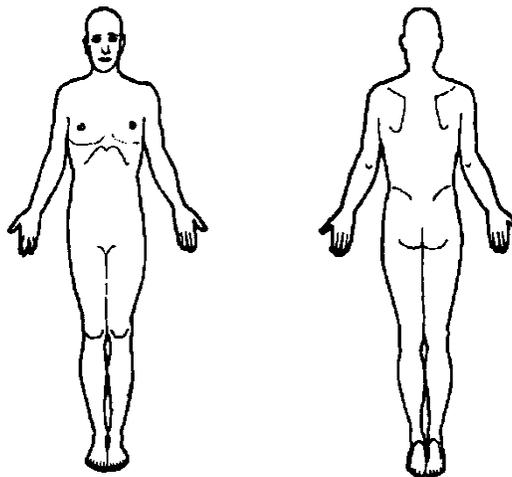
Patient name _____

Date _____

Have you ever been diagnosed or told you have any of the following? Circle the correct response.

1. High blood pressure ----- Yes No
2. Hardening of the arteries (arteriosclerosis)----- Yes No
3. Diabetes----- Yes No
4. Tuberculosis----- Yes No
5. Cancer ----- Yes No
Where? _____
6. Heart or blood diseases ----- Yes No
7. Bone spurs on the neck bones (cervical sprain)----- Yes No
8. Whiplash injury (flexion-extension injury, cervical sprain) ----- Yes No
9. Have you or any of your relatives ever suffered a stroke? ----- Yes No
10. Were you ever a smoker? ----- Yes No
From _____ to _____
11. Do you take medication on a regular basis? ----- Yes No
12. Visual disturbances (blurring, loss, double vision)----- Yes No
13. Hearing disturbances (loss, ringing, other noise) ----- Yes No
14. Slurred speech or other speech problems ----- Yes No
15. Difficulty swallowing ----- Yes No
16. Dizziness ----- Yes No
17. Loss of consciousness, even momentary blackouts ----- Yes No
18. Numbness, loss of sensation, loss of strength or weakness in the face,
fingers, hands, arms, legs, or any other parts of the body? ----- Yes No
19. Sudden collapse without loss of consciousness----- Yes No

Indicate the location of your pain by shading in the appropriate area(s):



Indicate the severity of the pain by circling a number:

| 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 |
No pain Extreme pain

Systems Review

Patient Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle any conditions that are **presently** causing you a problem.

Underline those that have caused you problems in the **past**.

GENERAL SYMPTOMS	RESPIRATORY	GENITOURINARY
Fever Sweats Fainting Sleep disturbance Fatigue Nervousness Weight loss Weight gain	Chronic cough Spitting up phlegm Spitting up blood Chest pain Wheezing Difficulty breathing Asthma	Frequent urination Painful urination Blood in urine Pus in urine Kidney infection Prostate trouble Uncontrollable urine flow
NEUROLOGICAL	CARDIOVASCULAR	GASTROINTESTINAL
Visual disturbance Dizziness Fainting Convulsions Headache Numbness Neuralgia (nerve pain) Poor coordination Weakness	Rapid beating heart Slow beating heart High blood pressure Low blood pressure Pain over heart Hardening of arteries Swollen ankles Poor circulation Palpitations Cold hand or feet Varicose veins	Poor appetite Difficult digestion Heartburn Ulcers Nausea Vomiting Constipation Diarrhea Blood in stool Gallbladder/jaundice Colitis
EYES, EARS, NOSE, THROAT	MUSCLE & JOINT	FOR WOMEN ONLY
Eye pain Double vision Ringing in ears Deafness Nosebleeds Trouble swallowing Hoarseness Sinus infection Nasal drainage Enlarged glands	Neck pain Low back pain Arm pain Shoulder pain Leg pain Knee pain Foot pain Pain/numbness down arms or legs Pain between shoulders swollen joints Spinal curvature Arthritis Fractures	Painful menstruation Hot flashes Irregular cycle Cramps or back pain Vaginal discharge Nipple discharge Lumps in breast Menopausal symptoms Birth control pills Miscarriages Complications with pregnancy Pregnant? Y / N Week? Other: