

INFORMED CONSENT—Permission to Examine and Treat

Dear Patient: You need to understand your condition, treatment, risks, benefits, and options, in order to truly agree to treatment. Please read and ask any questions you may have.

Your doctor commits to give honest answers to your questions about your conditions and treatment, including risks and benefits. He will try to speak in plain language. If you do not understand something...please ask! This is for as long as you are a patient here, not just today.

Your doctor in this clinic commits to give you safe and effective treatment. There is a risk with any medical treatment, anywhere. This includes taking a pill, bed rest, chiropractic, surgery, injections...any treatment. Chiropractic treatment is very safe, when your doctor is informed about your body. Your doctor needs to know all your physical problems so he can choose how to treat you most effectively and safely.

Your doctor must physically touch you in order to examine and treat you. If you have concerns, tell him. If you want to have others present, including adult family, please tell the doctor. Minors (under 18 years old) MUST ALWAYS be accompanied by an adult guardian or an adult with written permission to make decisions for them (power of attorney).

Your doctor needs to know about any diseases or conditions which increase your risk of being hurt with physical treatment, such as the following:

- Osteoporosis or weak bones.
- Inflammatory or auto-immune disease (such as Rheumatoid arthritis (RA), lupus, psoriasis, etc.)
- Unstable joints or any “connective tissue” disease
- Blood vessel diseases, blockages, clots or strokes
- Cancer
- There may be other conditions

Your doctor needs to know:

- If you are pregnant or think you may possible be pregnant
- If you have a pacemaker, defibrillator, pump, or any electronic device in your body
- If you have recently had dizziness, change in vision, or any neurological change

These problems do not usually prevent you from being treated. However, your doctor needs to know about them. He may modify your treatment to minimize or eliminate risk to your body.

What are the risks with chiropractic, acupuncture or therapy? Generally, there is very little risk – and, risks can often be minimized or eliminated. Some examples are: Fracture—this is mostly a risk for patients with osteoporosis. Bruising is possible, especially with clotting or blood vessel disease. Dizziness and headaches are possible. If you have clots, damaged or blocked arteries, or severe hypertension, these are risks for stroke. The doctor may change your treatment to avoid risk. If you have any concerns, ask and your doctor will discuss them with you. ****If you tell your doctor your problem...usually it's not a problem!*

What options do I have? At this clinic, you will be offered conservative, natural health care through multiple options. You can be treated with chiropractic, acupuncture, nutrition, therapy and/or exercises. There may be medical and surgical options for you also, and your doctor can discuss these with you or refer you. **Please remember: if you do not want a certain treatment, you always can refuse or decline that treatment or discuss other options. You can always ask questions. When in doubt—ASK!**

I, (patient's name) _____ have read the above information. I **WILL** discuss my condition and treatment with Dr. Morris during my initial exam. I feel well-informed about all aspects of examination and treatment, and I consent to treatment.

Signature: _____ Date: _____