



INFORMED CONSENT

I will use my hands or a mechanical instrument upon your body in such a way as to move your joints. This procedure is referred to as a Chiropractic Adjustment. As the joints in your spine are moved, you may experience a “pop” as part of the process. Adjustment of a patient by a chiropractor will necessarily involve physical contact between Dr. Drake and the patient. The patient acknowledges that the general nature of this physical contact has been explained to them by Dr. Drake prior to commencement of the adjustment and examination. During the adjustment Dr. Drake may touch the patient’s body in a variety of areas including near the patient’s groin, the patient’s buttock, and near the patient’s breasts. If the patient feels that such potential for contact may be distressing or uncomfortable the patient should either avoid chiropractic adjustments with this chiropractor or, in writing request that an attendant observer be present during treatment and examination, subject to any applicable charge. If at any time during the exam or adjustment you feel uncomfortable due to body contact which occurs, you will immediately inform Dr. Drake and give him sufficient notice to allow him to alter the care plan as appropriate.

There are certain complications that can occur as a result of a spinal manipulation. These complications include, but are not limited to: muscle strain, cervical myelopathy, disc and vertebral injury, fractures, strains and dislocations, Bernard-Horner’s Syndrome (also known as oculosympathetic palsy), costovertebral strains and separation. Rare complications include, but are not limited to stroke. The most common complication or complaint following spinal manipulation is an ache or stiffness at the site of adjustment.

I am aware of these complications, and in order to minimize their occurrence I will take precautions. These precautions include, but are not limited to my taking a detailed health history of you and examining you for any defect which could cause a complication. This examination may include the use of x-rays. The use of x-ray equipment may pose a risk if you are pregnant. If you are pregnant, you should tell me when I take your health history.

Printed Name

Date

Signature

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if a minor)