

Consent Form

INFORMED CONSENT

The Nature of Chiropractic Treatment: The doctor will use his/her hands or a mechanical device in order to move your joints. You may feel a “click” or “pop” similar to the noise produced when a knuckle is “cracked”, and you may feel movement of the joint. Various ancillary procedures, such as hot or cold packs, electric muscle stimulation, therapeutic ultrasound, cold laser therapy or traction may also be used.

Possible Risks: As with any health care procedures, complications are possible following a chiropractic manipulation. Complications could conceivably include fracture of bone, muscular strain, ligamentous sprain, dislocation of joints, or injury to intervertebral discs, nerves, or spinal cord. A minority of patients may notice stiffness or soreness after the first few days of treatment. The ancillary procedures could produce skin irritation, burns, or other minor complications. There are reported cases of stroke associated with visits to medical doctors and chiropractors. Research and scientific evidence does not establish a cause-and-effect relationship between chiropractic treatment and the occurrence of stroke; rather, recent studies indicate that patients may be consulting medical doctors and chiropractors when they are in early stages of a stroke. The possibility of such injuries occurring in association with upper cervical adjustment is extremely remote.

Probability of Risks Occurring: The risks of complications due to chiropractic treatment have been described as “rare” to “extremely rare”, statistically less often than complications from taking a single aspirin tablet.

Treatment Options other than Chiropractic Treatment:

- **Medical Care:** Typically, anti-inflammatory drugs, muscle relaxers, or pain medications are recommended by medical doctors. Risks of these drugs include numerous undesirable side effects. There is also the possible risk of patient dependency on medication in some cases. Medical doctors may also consider physical therapy as an optional treatment plan.
- **Surgery:** Surgery, in conjunction with the above medical care, has the additional risk of adverse reaction to anesthesia and infection, often includes a prolonged convalescent period, and though rare, has included death.

Risks of Remaining Untreated: Delay in receiving treatment of spinal and other joint injuries may allow for formation of adhesions, scar tissue, and other degenerative changes. These changes can further reduce mobility and result in chronic pain. It is probable that delay in receiving treatment will complicate the condition and make future treatment of rehabilitation efforts more difficult.

Patient’s Receipt of Informed Consent: I have read the above explanation of chiropractic treatment. I also had the opportunity to ask questions and have them answered to my satisfaction. I have evaluated the risks and benefits of undergoing treatment. I have freely decided to undergo the recommended treatment and hereby give my full consent to treatment.

Signature (Patient, Parent/ Legal Guardian): _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____

Patient Name (If patient is a minor): _____

INSURANCE CONSENT

I give permission for Bakke Chiropractic to give me medical treatment. I allow Bakke Chiropractic to file for insurance benefits to pay for the care I receive. I understand that Bakke Chiropractic will send my medical record information to my insurance company. I must pay for the cost of these services if my insurance does not pay, or I do not have insurance.

- I authorize the release of any information Bakke Chiropractic deems appropriate concerning my physical condition to any insurance company, attorney, or adjustor in order to process any claim for reimbursement of charges incurred for services provided me by you or any member of your staff acting on your behalf.
- I authorize direct payment to Bakke Chiropractic of any sum I now or hereafter owe by any insurance company obligated to reimburse me for the charges for your services or by my attorney out of the proceeds of any settlement of my case.
- I understand that my insurance may not cover all, or any of the services that I will be receiving and that whatever amount you do not collect from insurance proceeds (whether it be all or part of what is due) I personally owe you.
- I understand that I am required to pay my co-pay or Patient Options charges at the time of my office visit.
- I am aware that Bakke Chiropractic does not bill insurance companies for massage services with the exception of pre-authorized injury cases, and that I am personally responsible for payment of these services at the time of visit.

Signature (Patient, Parent/ Legal Guardian): _____ **Date:** _____

I hereby state and agree that a photocopy of this document will be deemed as valid and binding on all parties involved as the original copy.

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION

I, _____, hereby authorize Bake Chiropractic Clinic S.C. to release information related to my medical treatment and/ or financial account records to the following person(s):

(Name of Authorized)

(Relationship to Patient)

(Name of Authorized)

(Relationship to Patient)

Expiration Date:

Unless otherwise revoked, this authorization will expire on the following date: _____

(I reserve the right to withdraw this authorization at any time by written, dated communication to Bakke Chiropractic Clinic S. C.)

I understand that if the authorization recipient is not a provider, health plan, or clearinghouse required to comply with federal privacy standards, the information disclosed pursuant to this authorization may no longer be protected by the federal privacy standards and my health information may then be disclosed by the recipient without obtaining any further authorization.

I have had an opportunity to review and understand the content of this authorization form. By signing this authorization, I am confirming that it accurately reflects my wishes.

Signature (Patient, Parent/ Legal Guardian): _____ **Date:** _____

* If this authorization is signed by a representative of the patient, please complete the following:

Representative Name: _____

Patient is: _____ Minor _____ Incompetent _____ Disabled _____

Deceased Legal Authority: _____ Parent of Minor _____ Legal Guardian Power of Attorney _____ Next of Kin

WOMEN'S CONSENT FOR X-RAYS

PREGNANCY WARNING AND CONSENT TO X-RAY

I understand that if I am pregnant and have x-rays taken which expose my lower torso to radiation, it is possible to injure the fetus. I have been advised that if there is a chance I may be pregnant the 10 days following onset of menstrual period are generally considered to be the safest time for an x-ray examination. With full understanding of the above, and believing that I am not currently at risk, I give the doctors of Bakke Chiropractic permission to perform an x-ray examination on me if they feel it is necessary.

I wish to decline to have X-Rays taken at this time

Signature (Patient, Parent/Legal Guardian): _____ **Date:** _____