

NAME _____ DATE _____ HOME PHONE _____

PLEASE PRINT

What is your major complaint? _____

Other complaints _____

How long have you had this condition? _____ Have you had this or similar conditions in the past? _____

What activities aggravate your condition? _____

Is this condition getting progressively worse? Yes No Constant Comes and goes

Is this condition interfering with your: Work Sleep Daily routine Other _____

How long has it been since you really felt good? _____

List previous diagnosis and treatments you have received for present condition _____

What do you believe is wrong with you? _____

List surgical operations and years: _____

Drugs you now take: Nerve pills Pain killers Muscle relaxers "Pep" pills Tranquilizers

Birth control Other _____

Dental visits: 6 months Yearly Toothache only Complete dentures

Age of mattress: _____ Comfortable Uncomfortable Do you use a bed board? _____

Are you wearing: Heel lifts Sole lifts Inner soles Arch supports

Have you ever been in an auto accident? Past year Past 5 years Over 5 years Never

Describe: _____

Have you ever had any mental or emotional disorders? Yes No When _____

Have others in your family had such disorders? Yes No When _____

FAMILY HEALTH INFORMATION (Many health problems are the result of heredity spinal weaknesses; thus information about your family members will give us a better picture of your total health picture).

NAME	RELATION	PAST AND PRESENT HEALTH PROBLEMS

HAVE YOU EVER: YES NO

Been knocked unconscious?

Used a cane, crutch or other support?

Been treated for a spine or nerve disorder?

Had a fractured bone?

Been hospitalized for other than surgery?

DO YOU: YES NO

Now take vitamins or minerals?

Think you may need vitamins or minerals?

Have an allergy to any drug?

DATE OF LAST: Less than 6 months 6 - 18 months Over 18 months Never

Spinal examination

Physical examination

Blood test

Chest X-Ray

Spinal X-Ray

Dental X-Ray

Urine test

HABITS Heavy Moderate Light None

Alcohol

Coffee

Tobacco

Drugs

Exercise

Sleep

Appetite

List below all conditions for which you have been treated in the past 10 years.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: (Name of relative or close friend not living in your home?):

NAME: _____ Phone _____

PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN _____

New Smyrna Spine & Injury Center Informed Consent

Patient Name: _____ File #: _____ Date: _____

Chiropractic Healthcare is an art and a science that is primarily concerned with the relationship between structure (primarily of the spine) and function (primarily of the nervous system). The doctor of chiropractic evaluates the patient using standard examination and testing procedures (such as orthopedic and neurological evaluation, labs, x-rays) along with specialized chiropractic evaluation. The chiropractic evaluation focuses on structural and/or functional abnormalities called subluxation⁷. Subluxation exists when one or more vertebrae in the spine or bones in the extremity are misaligned sufficiently enough to result in damage or irritation to either the nearby nerves, joints and/or tissues. The primary goal of chiropractic treatment is the removal of subluxation(s). This is accomplished by performing a procedure unique to the chiropractic profession called an “adjustment”. A chiropractic adjustment involves the application of a quick, precise force directed over a very short distance to a specific vertebrae or bone. There are a number of different techniques that may be used to deliver the adjustment, some of which utilize specially designed equipment. Adjustments are performed by hand and also by hand-guided instruments. In addition to adjustments, other treatments used by chiropractors include physiotherapy modalities (e.g. heat, ice, soft-tissue manipulation), nutritional recommendations and rehabilitative procedures.

As is the case with all health care interventions, the benefits of care must be weighed against the inherent risks and limitations of receiving treatment. Chiropractic treatments are one of the safest interventions available to the public as evidenced by malpractice statistics. While there are risks involved with treatment, these are seldom great enough to contraindicate care. Nonetheless, they must be considered when making the decision on whether or not to receive chiropractic care. Listed below are summaries of some key research articles that have addressed both common and rare side-effects/complications associated with chiropractic care.

One research study indicated that within the first 2 months of care, approximately half of patients report some “reaction” to chiropractic treatment. Of those who reported a reaction, the following were the most commonly reported reactions to initial chiropractic care⁽¹⁾.

- Local discomfort (53%)
- Headache (12%)
- Tiredness (11%)
- Radiating discomfort (10%)

Most appeared within 4 hours of treatment and resolved within 24 hours.

Rare, Yet Possible Side-Effect Complications

- Rib Fracture
- Burns (if certain types of physiotherapy are used)
- Disc herniation
- Cauda Equina Syndrome ⁽²⁾ (1 case per 100 million adjustments)
- Compromise of the vertebrobasilar artery (i.e. stroke) (1 case per 400,000 to 1,000,000 cervical spine adjustments)⁽³⁾

In addition to national guidelines ⁽⁴⁾, we have set criteria for how we manage our patients. Through questioning and examination, we will do our best to determine what risk, if any, chiropractic care may pose to you and advise you of those risks as well as the possible need for medical referral. We may also suggest alternate chiropractic or medical approaches if we detect absolute or relative contraindications to the standard chiropractic treatment.

1. Senstad O, et al. Frequency and characteristics of side effects of spinal manipulative therapy. Spine 1997;22:435-41
2. Shekelle PG, et al. Spinal manipulation for low back pain. Ann Intern Med 1992;117(7):590-8
3. Haldeman S, et al. Risk factors and precipitating neck movements causing vertebrobasilar artery dissection after cervical trauma and spinal manipulation. Spine 1999;(24):785-94
4. Haldeman S, et al. Guidelines for chiropractic quality assurance and practice parameters. Aspen Publishers, 1997

PLEASE SIGN THIS FORM AFTER YOUR TREATMENT PLAN HAS BEEN REVIEWED WITH YOU BY YOUR DOCTOR AND BEFORE ANY CARE OR TREATMENT IS RENDERED.

I have read the previous information regarding risks of chiropractic care and my clinician has explained my risks (if any) to me and suggested alternatives when those risks exist. I understand the purpose of my care and have been given an explanation of the treatment, the frequency of care, and alternatives to this care. All of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree to this plan of care understanding any perceived risk(s) and alternatives to this care.

PATIENT'S SIGNATURE X	_____	Date	_____
PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE X	_____	Date	_____
DOCTOR'S SIGNATURE X	_____	Date	_____

RECORD RELEASE AUTHORIZATION

DOCTOR / HOSPITAL _____

ADDRESS _____

I hereby authorize and request the release of my medical records to:

Synergy Chiropractic and Wellness Solutions, LLC
dba New Smyrna Spine & Injury Center
140 Wallace Road
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
Phone: 386-423-2415
Fax: 386-423-2417

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Patient's Signature

Date

Patient's Name (Please Print)

DOB

If Patient is a Minor Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

Relationship to Patient

Witness to the Above Signatures

Please Print Name

Treatment Scheduling Agreement

By accepting Dr. Walsh as your chiropractic and acupuncture health care provider, you are participating in a tradition of exceptional chiropractic and acupuncture care established years ago. As part of our family of patients, it is vital that we have an open line of communication. Your access to us and our access to you is the foundation of a long lasting relationship.

Trying to accommodate every patient's individual needs and work schedules can be a difficult task but we always do our best. We work very hard to stay on schedule so that you will not spend unnecessary time waiting for your appointment. To us, a scheduled appointment is a commitment of time between you and our practice. We have reserved that time just for you. When you miss an appointment the result is a permanent loss of that time which could have been used to treat other patients in need.

We ask that when you schedule an appointment you make every effort to keep that commitment. Since various circumstances or personal emergencies may keep you from your commitment with us, we always take that into consideration when receiving a last minute schedule change. If however, you must cancel on short notice you will be asked to pay for your chiropractic or acupuncture care prior to making your next appointment. If you cancel the prepaid appointment on short notice you will forfeit a minimum charge of 50% of the procedure fee. If you arrive more than 10 minutes late for your appointment it may be necessary to reschedule your appointment. The same forfeiture penalties apply if we must reschedule due to tardiness.

When you find that you cannot keep your scheduled appointment, we ask that you provide a minimum notice of one full business day. Your cooperation will allow us to schedule other patients in need of our care. For your convenience we have a scheduling coordinator available to you Monday through Friday.

Financial Philosophy

We are committed to providing you with the highest quality of chiropractic and acupuncture care utilizing only the best equipment, materials and education available. In order to continue to provide excellent service and care to you, we have formulated this financial policy.

Our office accepts cash, personal checks, Mastercard, Visa and Discover. Outside financing is available upon request and approved credit.

For those of you with insurance, as a courtesy, we will assist you in processing your insurance claims. In order for our office to file your insurance claim, you must bring proof of insurance at your first appointment and then once a year thereafter. You will be responsible for the entire cost of your first visit and thereafter for your uninsured portion at the time treatment is rendered.

All incurred charges are ultimately the responsibility of the patient regardless of insurance coverage. We must emphasize that as your chiropractic and acupuncture provider, our relationship is with you, our patient, and not with your insurance company. Your insurance plan is a contract between you, your employer and/or the insurance company. Our office is not a party to that contract or any possible restrictions.

Returned checks are subject to a service charge. Additionally, charges may be incurred for broken appointments and appointments cancelled or rescheduled without one full business day advance notice.

I, the patient, agree to pay any and all collection costs and attorney's fees associated with collection of any account that becomes delinquent.

If you have any questions regarding our financial policy or our appointment scheduling policy, please do not hesitate to ask. We are committed to providing you with the highest level of service and excellence in chiropractic and acupuncture care.

Signature of patient/responsible party

Date

NOTICE OF INFORMATION PRACTICES

Protecting the privacy of your personal health information is important to us. This notice describes how information about you may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information. Please review it carefully.

Disclosure of your protected health information without authorization is strictly limited to defined situations that include emergency care, quality assurance activities, public health, research and law enforcement activities. Any other disclosures for the purposes of treatment, payment or practice operations will be made only after obtaining your consent. You may request restrictions on disclosures.

Disclosures of protected health information are limited to the minimum necessary for the purpose of disclosure. This provision does not apply to the transfer of medical records for treatment.

You may inspect and receive copies of your records within 30 days of a request to do so. There may be a reasonable cost-based fee for photocopying, postage and preparation.

You may request to change your records. Our practice has the right to accept or deny your request.

We may maintain a history of protected health information disclosures that is accessible to you.

In the future, we may contact you for appointment reminders, announcements and to inform you about our practice and our staff.

Our practice is required to abide by this notice. We have the right to change this notice in the future. Any revisions will be prominently displayed in a clearly visible location in our office.

You may file a complaint about privacy violations by contacting our Office Manager.

The effective date of this Notice of Information Policy is August 1, 2007.

Name _____ Date _____

