

Joslyn Chiropractic Center

Effective: April 15, 2003

By signing this form, you acknowledge that you were presented with a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices of Joslyn Chiropractic Center. Our Notice of Privacy Practices provides information about how we may use and disclose your protected health information. We encourage you to read it in full.

Our Notice of Privacy Practices is subject to change. The most current Notice of Privacy Practices will be placed on display in the office at all times. You may obtain additional copies of our most current notice by requesting it from our privacy official, Angela Howe.

Joslyn Chiropractic Center also uses protected health information for the following reasons: (you may opt out of this authorization). Special initial authorization is required and attaches. Marketing; internal referral board, testimonials, pictures on bulletin board or information unrelated to healthcare and other marketing materials. _____ (please initial)

If you have any questions regarding this notice or our health information privacy policies, please contact: Angela Howe Joslyn Chiropractic Center, 1044 Joslyn Ave, Pontiac, MI 48340, (248)332-0111

Your E-mail address: _____

Print Patient Name: _____

Signature Patient/Personal Representative: _____

Relationship of Personal Representative: _____

Date: _____

Authorization

I certify that I have read and understand the patient information sheet to the best of my knowledge. The questions have been answered accurately. I understand that providing incorrect information can be dangerous to my health. I authorize the chiropractor to release any information including the diagnosis and the records of any treatment or examination rendered to me or my child during the period of such chiropractic care to third party payers and/or health practitioners. I authorize and request my insurance company to pay directly to the chiropractor or chiropractic group insurance benefits otherwise payable to me. I understand that my chiropractic insurance carrier may pay less than the actual bill for services. I agree to be responsible for payment of all services rendered on my behalf or my dependents.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Informed Consent Care

You are the decision maker for your health care. Part of our role is to provide you with information to assist you in making informed choices. This process is often referred to as "informed consent" and involves your understanding and agreement regarding the care we recommend, the benefits and risks associated with the care, alternatives, and the potential effect on your health if you choose not to receive the care.

We may conduct some diagnostic or examination procedures if indicated. Any examinations or tests conducted will be carefully performed but may be uncomfortable.

Chiropractic care centrally involves what is known as a chiropractic adjustment. There may be additional supportive procedures or recommendations as well. When providing an adjustment, we use our hands or an instrument to reposition anatomical structures, such as vertebrae. Potential benefits of an adjustment include restoring normal joint motion, reducing swelling and inflammation in a joint, reducing pain in the joint, and improving neurological functioning and overall well-being.

It is important that you understand, as with all health care approaches, results are not guaranteed, and there is no promise to cure. As with all types of health care interventions, there are some risks to care, including, but not limited to: muscle spasms, aggravating and/or temporary increase in symptoms, lack of improvement of symptoms, burns and/or scarring from electrical stimulation and from hot or cold therapies, including but not limited to hot packs and ice, fractures (broken bones), disc injuries, strokes, dislocations, strains, and sprains. With respect to strokes, there is a rare but serious condition known as an "arterial dissection" that typically is caused by a tear in the inner layer of the artery that may cause the development of a thrombus (clot) with the potential to lead to a stroke. The best available scientific evidence supports the understanding that chiropractic adjustment does not cause a dissection in a normal, healthy artery. Disease processes, genetic disorders, medications, and vessel abnormalities may cause an artery to be more susceptible to dissection. Strokes caused by arterial dissections have been associated with over 72 everyday activities such as sneezing, driving, and playing tennis.

Arterial dissections occur in 3-4 of every 100,000 people whether they are receiving health care or not. Patients who experience this condition often, but not always, present to their medical doctor or chiropractor with neck pain and headache. Unfortunately a percentage of these patients will experience a stroke.

The reported association between chiropractic visits and stroke is exceedingly rare and is estimated to be related in one in one million to one in two million cervical adjustments. For comparison, the incidence of hospital admission attributed to aspirin use from major GI events of the entire (upper and lower) GI tract was 1219 events/ per one million persons/year and risk of death has been estimated as 104 per one million users.

It is also important that you understand there are treatment options available for your condition other than chiropractic procedures. Likely, you have tried many of these approaches already. These options may include, but are not limited to: self-administered care, over-the-counter pain relievers, physical measures and rest, medical care with prescription drugs, physical therapy, bracing, injections, and surgery. Lastly, you have the right to a second opinion and to secure other opinions about your circumstances and health care as you see fit.

I have read, or have had read to me, the above consent. I appreciate that it is not possible to consider every possible complication to care. I have also had an opportunity to ask questions about its content, and by signing below, I agree with the current or future recommendation to receive chiropractic care as is deemed appropriate for my circumstance. I intend this consent to cover the entire course of care from all providers in this office for my present condition and for any future condition(s) for which I seek chiropractic care from this office.

PATIENT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

WITNESS NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE