

Back In Balance Chiropractic Clinic

Patient Health Information Consent Form

We want you to know how your Patient Health Information (**PHI**) is going to be used in this office and your rights concerning those records. Before we will begin any health care operations we must require you to read and sign this consent form stating that you understand and agree with how your records will be used. If you would like to have a more detailed account of our policies and procedures concerning the privacy of your Patient Health Information we encourage you to read the HIPAA NOTICE that is available to you at the front desk before signing this consent.

1. The patient understands and agrees to allow this chiropractic office to use their Patient Health Information (**PHI**) for the purpose of treatment, payment, healthcare operations, and coordination of care. As an example, the patient agrees to allow this chiropractic office to submit requested PHI to the Health Insurance Company (or companies) provided to us by the patient for the purpose of payment. Be assured that this office will limit the release of all PHI to the minimum needed for what the insurance companies require for payment.
2. The patient has the right to examine and obtain a copy of his or her own health records at any time and request corrections. The patient may request to know what disclosures have been made and submit in writing any further restrictions on the use of their PHI. Our office is not obligated to agree to those restrictions.
3. A patient's written consent need only be obtained one time for all subsequent care given the patient in this office.
4. The patient may provide a written request to revoke consent at any time during care. This would not effect the use of those records for the care given prior to the written request to revoke consent but would apply to any care given after the request has been presented.
5. For your security and right to privacy, all staff has been trained in the area of patient record privacy and a privacy official has been designated to enforce those procedures in our office. We have taken all precautions that are known by this office to assure that your records are not readily available to those who do not need them.
6. Patients have the right to file a formal complaint with our privacy official about any possible violations of these policies and procedures.
7. If the patient refuses to sign this consent for the purpose of treatment, payment and health care operations, the chiropractic physician has the right to refuse to give care.

I have read and understand how my Patient Health Information will be used and I agree to these policies and procedures.

Name of Patient

Date

INFORMED CONSENT FOR CHIROPRACTIC CARE

In coming to a Chiropractic Physician, a patient gives the doctor permission and authority to care for the patient in accordance with the chiropractic tests, diagnosis, and analysis. Chiropractic adjustments along with other clinical procedures are usually beneficial and seldom cause any problems. In rare cases underlying physical defects, deformities, or pathologies may render the patient susceptible to injury. The doctor will not give any treatment or health care if he/she is aware that such care may be contra-indicated. It is the responsibility of the patient to make it known, or to learn through health care procedures whatever they are suffering from: latent pathological defects, illnesses or deformities which would otherwise not come to the attention of the Doctor. The Chiropractic Physician provides a specialized, non-duplicating health care service. Your Doctor of Chiropractic is licensed in a special practice and is available to work with other types of providers in your health care regime.

I understand that if I am accepted as a patient at Back In Balance Chiropractic & Rehab Clinic, I am authorizing them to proceed with any treatment that may be necessary. Furthermore, any risk involved, regarding chiropractic treatment is listed below;

- ◆ **The material risks inherent in chiropractic adjustment.**

As with any healthcare procedure, there are certain complications, which may arise during chiropractic manipulation. Those complications include: fractures, disc injuries, dislocations, muscle strain, Horner's syndrome, diaphragmatic paralysis, cervical myelopathy and costovertebral strains and separations. Some types of manipulation of the neck have been associated with injuries to the arteries in the neck leading to or contributing to serious complications including stroke. Some patients will feel some stiffness and soreness following the first few days of treatment.

- ◆ **The probability of those risks occurring.**

Fractures are rare occurrences and generally result from some underlying weakness of the bone, which we check for during the taking of your history and during examination and X-ray. Stroke has been the subject of tremendous disagreement within and without the profession with one prominent authority saying that there is at most a one-in-a-million chance of such an outcome. Since even that risk should be avoided if possible, we employ tests in our examination which are designed to identify if you may be susceptible to that kind of injury. The other complications are also generally described as "rare".

Patient Signature: _____

Date: _____