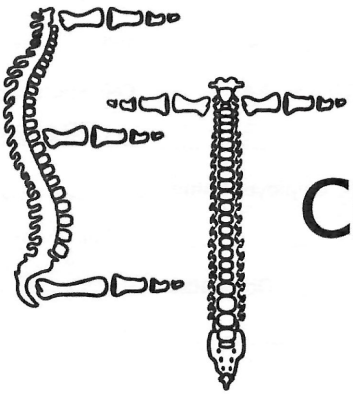

Chiropractic

PATIENT APPLICATION FORM

WELCOME and THANK YOU for applying as a patient in our clinic. We are a very unique team specializing in researched-based spinal and postural rehabilitation. These methods have enabled our patients to achieve their optimal health; even when many other systems have failed. Because of this specialized approach, we may not accept you as a patient until we are absolutely certain we know the cause of your condition, that we can perform the necessary tests to establish an optimal rehab program for you, and are completely confident we can help you recover your health. Please know if we do accept you as a patient, we will then make specific recommendations based upon our understanding that your health will become your TOP PRIORITY. Thank you again for applying as a patient in our clinic.

_____

PATIENT NAME

_____

DATE COMPLETED

Patient Information

Name: _____ (Age) _____ Gender: M F

Home Address: _____ Home Phone: ( ) _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Work Phone: ( ) _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: ( ) _____

Birth Date: _____ /_____ /_____ Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ Marital Status: S M D W

Occupation: _____ Employer Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Work Phone: ( ) _____ Cell Phone: ( ) _____

Spouse's Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

How were you referred to this office? _____

Purpose For This Visit

Reason for this visit: _____

Is this related to an accident or specific injury (other than auto or work-related)*? ❑ Yes ❑ No If yes, when: _____ /_____ /_____

If your symptoms are the result of an auto accident or work-related injury, please ask the front-desk person for the corresponding application.

Describe: _____

Please use the *General Symptoms Chart* on the next page to provide a detailed notation of your symptoms.

When did these symptoms begin? _____ /_____ /_____ Are they: ❑ Constant ❑ Intermittent ❑ Activity-related

Are they getting worse? ❑ Yes ❑ No Do they interfere with: ❑ Work ❑ Sleep ❑ Hobbies ❑ Daily Routine

Explain: _____

What activities aggravate your symptoms? _____

Is there anything that relieves your symptoms? ❑ Yes ❑ No If yes, explain: _____

Have you experienced these symptoms before (if not accident/injury related)? ❑ Yes ❑ No

If yes, explain: _____

Have you been treated for this? ❑ Yes ❑ No When were you last treated? _____ /_____ /_____

Who did you see? _____

What treatment was performed? _____

How did you respond? _____

Experience with Chiropractic

Have you seen a Chiropractor before? ❑ Yes ❑ No Who? _____

Reason for visit(s): _____

Did your previous chiropractor take 'before' and 'after' x-rays? ❑ Yes ❑ No What was the diagnosis? _____

Did he or she recommend a specific course of treatment? ❑ Yes ❑ No Did they recommend a Home Health Care program? ❑ Yes ❑ No

If yes, what? _____ How long were you treated? _____ Last treatment: _____/_____ /_____

How did you respond? _____

Are you aware of any poor posture habits? ❑ Yes ❑ No Is there any history of spinal problems in your family? ❑ Yes ❑ No

If yes, explain: _____

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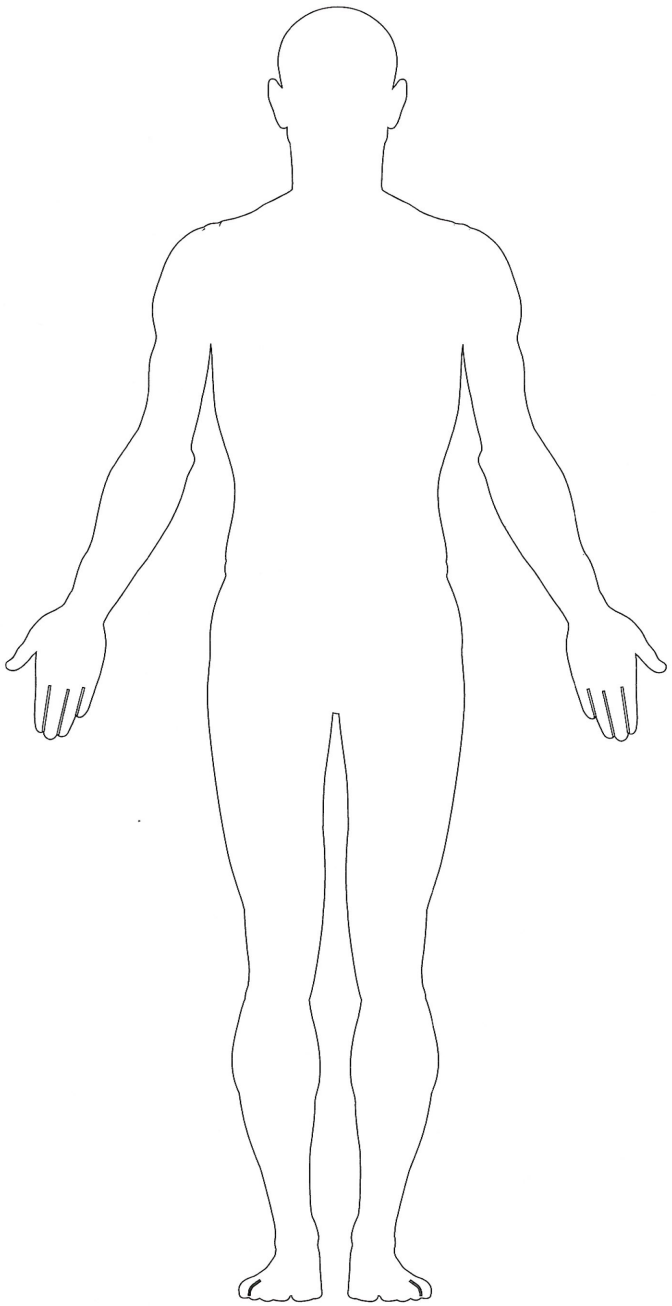
_____

GENERAL SYMPTOMS CHART

Please use the following notations on the figures below to indicate the type and location of your symptoms, as it relates to the purpose of your visit today.

A = ACHE	G = STABBING	N = NUMBNESS
B = BURNING	M = SPASMS	T = TINGLING
P = PINS & NEEDLES	F = STIFFNESS	O = OTHER



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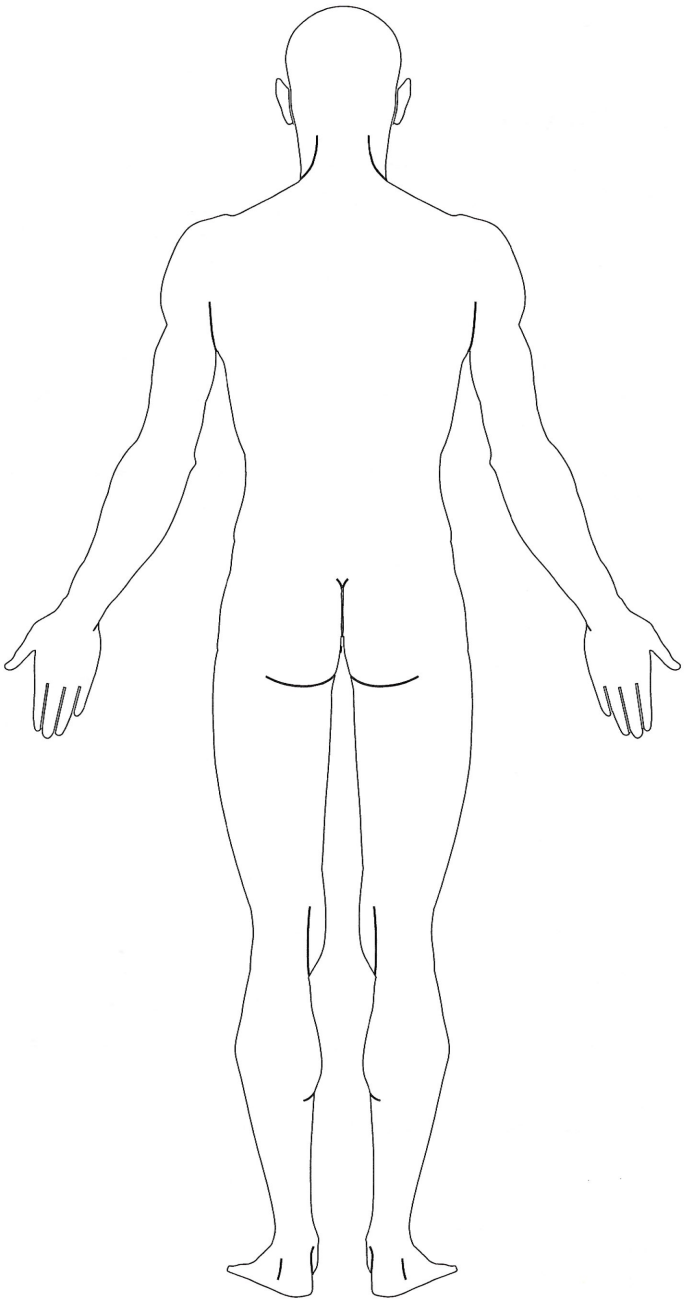

BACK

If you marked "O" for Other on any part, please explain below:

Health & Lifestyle

Do you exercise? ❑ Yes ❑ No How often? _____ day(s) per week; Other: _____

What activities? ❑ Walking ❑ Running/Jogging ❑ Weight Training ❑ Cycling ❑ Yoga ❑ Pilates ❑ Swimming ❑ Other: _____

Do you smoke? ❑ Yes ❑ No How much? / How often? _____

Do you drink alcohol? ❑ Yes ❑ No How much? / How often? _____

Do you drink coffee? ❑ Yes ❑ No How much? / How often? _____

Do you take any supplements (i.e. vitamins, minerals, herbs)? _____

If yes, please list: _____

Health Conditions

Your spine is the foundation of health and core strength in your body. Shifts in the vertebrae or sections of the spine will spread ultimately causing weakness and distortion to ALL the areas of the spine. These distortions are reflected in abnormal posture. Research shows abnormal posture leads to chronic pain, disease and possibly a shortened life span.[1] Please answer the following questions accurately so we may determine the full extent of your condition.

CERVICAL SPINE (NECK)

Misalignment of the individual vertebrae or distortion of the complete cervical curve (neck) originating in the neck or a compensation from postural distortions in other areas of the spine may result in many health conditions. Have you experienced any of these symptoms presently or in the past?

Please indicate (N) = Now, (P) = Past next to all conditions you've experienced or both if applicable.

____ Neck Pain
____ Pain in shoulders/arms/hands
____ Numbness/tingling in arms/hands
____ Hearing disturbances
____ Weakness in grip
____ Headaches
____ Dizziness
____ Visual disturbances
____ Coldness in hands
____ Thyroid conditions
____ Sinusitis
____ Allergies/Hay fever
____ Recurrent colds/Flu
____ Low Energy/Fatigue
____ TMJ/Pain/Clicking

Please explain: _____

_____

_____

_____

THORACIC SPINE (UPPER BACK)

Misalignment of the individual vertebrae or distortion of the upper thoracic curve (upper back) originating in the upper back or a compensation from postural distortions in other areas of the spine may result in many health conditions. Have you experienced any of these symptoms presently or in the past?

Please indicate (N) = Now, (P) = Past next to all conditions you've experienced or both if applicable.

____ Heart Palpitations
____ Heart Murmurs
____ Tachycardia
____ Heart Attacks/Angina
____ Recurrent Lung Infections/Bronchitis
____ Asthma/Wheezing
____ Shortness Of Breath
____ Pain On Deep Inspiration/Expiration

Please explain: _____

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1. *Postural and Degenerative Kyphosis: Freeman JT. Posture in the Aging and Aged body. JAMA 1957, Oct 19: 843-846.*

Health Conditions *continued...*

THORACIC SPINE (MID BACK)

Misalignment of the individual vertebrae or distortion of the mid thoracic curve (mid back) originating in mid back or a compensation from postural distortions in other areas of the spine may result in many health conditions. Have you experienced any of these symptoms presently or in the past?

Please indicate (N) = Now, (P) = Past next to all conditions you've experienced or both if applicable.

____ Mid Back Pain
____ Pain in Ribs/Chest
____ Indigestion/Heartburn
____ Nausea
____ Ulcers/Gastritis
____ Reflux
____ Diabetes
____ Hypoglycemia/Hyperglycemia
____ Tired/Irritable after eating or when not having eaten for a while

Please explain: _____

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LUMBAR SPINE (LOW BACK)

Misalignment of the individual vertebrae or distortion of the lumbar curve (low back) originating in the low back or a compensation from postural distortions in other areas of the spine may result in many health conditions. Have you experienced any of these symptoms presently or in the past?

Please indicate (N) = Now, (P) = Past next to all conditions you've experienced or both if applicable.

____ Pain in hips/legs/feet
____ Numbness/tingling in legs/feet
____ Frequent/difficulty urinating
____ Constipation/Diarrhea
____ Weakness/injuries in hips/knees/ankles
____ Recurrent bladder infections
____ Muscle cramps in legs/feet
____ Menstrual irregularities/cramping (females)
____ Low back pain
____ Coldness in legs/feet
____ Sexual dysfunction

Please explain: _____

_____

_____

OTHER

Please list any health conditions not mentioned: _____

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Please list any medications (include name, dose, for what condition, and how long you've been taking it): _____

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Please list any surgeries (include type of surgery and date it was performed): _____

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Family Health History

Have any of your family members ever been diagnosed with the following ***(please indicate "Y" for You, and "O" for Other than you, or both if applicable)***:

____ Diabetes	____ Varicose Veins	____ Neurological Problems	____ Lung Disease
____ Rheumatic fever	____ Circulatory Problems	____ Stroke	____ Heart Murmur
____ High Blood Pressure	____ Heart Disease	____ Cancer	____ Osteoporosis
____ Kidney Disease	____ Paralysis	____ Migraine Headaches	____ Arthritis
____ Liver Disease	____ Metal Implants	____ Infectious Disease	____ Gall Bladder
____ Broken bones/fractures	____ Appendectomy	____ Tonsillectomy	____ Hernia
____ Pneumonia/Bronchitis	____ Polio	____ Tuberculosis	____ Anemia
____ Whooping Cough	____ Chicken Pox/Shingles	____ Mumps	____ Measles
____ Thyroid Problems	____ Small Pox	____ Influenza	____ Pleurisy
____ Blood Sugar Problems	____ Epilepsy/Seizures	____ Eczema/Psoriasis	____ Lumbago

____ Other: _____

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Pregnancy Release

This is to certify that to the best of my knowledge I am not pregnant and the above doctor and his/her associates have my permission to perform an x-ray evaluation. I have been advised that x-ray can be hazardous to an unborn child.

Date of last menstrual cycle: _____ /_____ /_____

Patient's Signature _____ Date _____ /_____ /_____

Authorization of Care

I authorize and agree to allow the doctor and/or his/her designated staff to take x-rays and work with my spine or the spine of the charge I represent through the use of spinal adjustments and rehabilitative exercises for the sole purpose of postural and structural restoration of normal bio-mechanical and neurological function.

I understand that I am responsible for all fees incurred for the services provided, and agree to ensure full payment of all charges.

The Doctor and/or his/her staff will not be held responsible for any health conditions or diagnoses which are pre-existing, given by another healthcare practitioner, or are not related to the spinal structural conditions diagnosed at this clinic.

I also clearly understand that if I do not follow the doctors and/or staff's specific recommendations at this clinic that I will not receive the full benefit from these programs; and that if I terminate my care prematurely that all fees incurred will be due and payable at that time.

Patient's Signature _____ Date _____ /_____ /_____

Patient's Name Printed _____

If patient is a legal charge of limited capacity requiring guardianship for treatment, please complete the following:

Date Guardianship Awarded _____ County, State of Guardianship _____

I hereby authorize the doctor to administer care as deemed necessary to my charge as appointed to by the courts.

Guardian Signature _____ Date _____ /_____ /_____

In Case of Emergency

Name _____ Relationship _____

Work Phone ( ) _____

Home Phone ( ) _____

Cell Phone ( ) _____

Insurance

We may accept assignment of insurance benefits. By signing this policy, you agree to assign your insurance benefits to this clinic. In cases where benefits are not assignable or in any case where your benefit is processed directly to you regardless of assignment, you agree to submit any payments received along with the explanation of benefits to this clinic within 10 days of receipt unless you have paid for the services represented by said payment in full at the time of service. In no case will an assignment alleviate you of your obligation for payment of services received.

Your insurance plan is a contract between you and your insurance company. This clinic is not a party to that contract and therefore cannot modify the terms of that contract. Payment for treatment you receive from this clinic is your responsibility whether your insurance company pays or not. We cannot bill your insurance company unless you provide us with the necessary billing information, assign your benefits to this clinic and agree to permit us to release the necessary medical information required to secure payment. In the event we do accept assignment of benefits we require that you provide a credit card with authorization to bill that account any balance or make other payment arrangements. We will make every effort to ensure that your insurance carrier properly processes your services for payment. In some circumstances we may require your assistance. If your insurance company has not paid your account in full within 60 days and you refuse to assist us in dealing with your carrier, the balance will be automatically be transferred to your credit card or the extended payment plan.

NOTE: Please be aware that some, and perhaps all, of the services provided may be non-covered services and not considered reasonable and necessary under your insurance program. If you are unsure as to the nature of the service you are receiving, please ask your doctor. For coverage information, it is your responsibility to review your benefit contract.

DECLARATION

I clearly understand that all insurance coverage, whether accident, work related, or general coverage is an arrangement between my insurance carrier and myself. If this office chooses to bill any services to my insurance carrier that they are performing these services are strictly as a convenience to me. The doctor's office will provide any necessary reports or required information to aid in insurance reimbursement of services, but I understand that insurance carriers may deny my claims and that I am ultimately responsible for any unpaid balances. Any monies received will be credited to my account.

I understand there could be some services that my insurance company does not cover, if this is the case are you willing to pay for these services? ❑ Yes ❑ No

Signature of Person Authorizing Care:

_____ Date _____ /_____ /_____

Relationship to Insured _____ Date of Birth _____ /_____ /_____

Employer _____

Primary Insurance Company PLEASE GIVE INSURANCE CARD TO THE FRONT DESK Policy#_____

Address Phone # ( ) _____

Insured's Name _____ Insured's Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____

Secondary Insurance Company PLEASE GIVE INSURANCE CARD TO THE FRONT DESK Policy#_____

Address Phone # ( ) _____

Insured's Name _____ Insured's Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____

Informed Consent

Dear Patient:

Every type of health care is associated with some risk of a potential problem. This includes chiropractic health care. We want you to be informed about potential problems associated with chiropractic health care before consenting to treatment. This is a legal requirement in California. This is called informed consent.

Chiropractic adjustments are the moving of bones with the doctor's hands or with the use of a machine. Frequently adjustments create a "pop" or "click" sound/sensation in the area being treated.

In this office we use trained staff personnel to assist the doctor with portions of your consultation, examination, x-ray taking, physical therapy application, traction, massage therapy, exercise instruction, etc. Occasionally when your doctor is unavailable, another clinic doctor will treat you on that day.

Disc Herniations: Disc herniations that create pressure on the spinal nerve or on the spinal cord are frequently successfully treated by chiropractors and chiropractic adjustments, traction, etc. This includes both in the neck and back. Yet, occasionally chiropractic treatment (adjustments, traction, etc.) will aggravate the problem and rarely surgery may become necessary for correction. These problems occur so rarely that there are no available statistics to quantify their incidence.

Cauda Equina Syndrome: Cauda Equina Syndrome occurs when a low back disc problem puts pressure on the nerves that control bowel, bladder, and sexual function. Representative symptoms include leaky bladder, or leaky bowels, or loss of sensation (numbness) around the pelvic sexual organs (the saddle area), or the inability to urinate or to start a bowel movement. Cauda Equina Syndrome is a medical emergency because the nerves that control these functions can permanently die, and those functions may be lost or compromised forever. The standard approach is to surgically decompress the nerves, and the window to do so is only 12-72 hours, depending. If you have any of these symptoms, tell us immediately, and if we can't be reached, go the emergency department.

Soft Tissue Injury: Soft tissues primarily refer to muscles and ligaments. Muscles move bones and ligaments limit joint movement. Rarely a chiropractic adjustment, traction, massage therapy, etc., may overstretch some muscle or ligament fibers. The result is a temporary increase in pain and necessary treatments for resolution, but there are no long term affects for the patient. These problems occur so rarely that there are no available statistics to quantify their incidence.

Rib and other Fractures: The ribs are found only in the thoracic spine or middle back. They extend from your back to your front chest area. Rarely a chiropractic adjustment will crack a rib bone, and this is referred to as a fracture. This occurs only on patients that have weakened bones from such things as osteoporosis. Osteoporosis can be noted on your x-rays. We adjust all patients very carefully, and especially those who have osteoporosis on their x-rays. These problems occur so rarely that there are no available statistics to quantify their incidence.

Stroke: Stroke means that a portion of the brain or spinal cord does not receive enough oxygen from the blood stream. The results can be temporary or permanent dysfunction of the brain, with a very rare complication of death. The literature is mixed or uncertain as to whether chiropractic adjustments are associated with stroke or not. The most recent evidence suggests that it is not (2008, 2015, 2016), although the same evidence suggests that the patient may be entering the chiropractic office for neck pain/headaches or other symptoms that may in fact be a spontaneous dissection of the vertebral artery. If we think this is happening, you will be immediately referred to emergency services.

Anecdotal stories suggest that chiropractic adjustments may be associated with strokes that arise from the vertebral artery; this is because the vertebral artery is actually found inside the neck vertebrae. The adjustment that is suggested to increase the strain on the vertebral artery is called the "extension-rotation-thrust atlas adjustment." We do not do this type adjustment on patients. Other types of neck adjustments may also potentially be related to vertebral artery strokes, but no one is certain. It is estimated that the incidence of this type of stroke ranges between 1 per every 400,000-3,000,000 upper neck adjustments. This means that an average chiropractor would have to be in practice for hundreds of years before they would statistically be associated with a single patient

stroke. Two other potential problems that are *not* quantifiable because they are extremely rare and may have no association with chiropractic adjusting are carotid artery injury and spinal dural tear resulting in a leak of cerebral spinal fluid.

Physical Therapy Burns: Some of the machines we use generate heat. We also use both heat, and ice and recommend them for home care on occasion. Everyone's skin has different sensitivity to these modalities, and rarely, both heat or ice can burn or irritate the skin. The result is a temporary increase in pain, and there may even be some blistering of the skin. These problems occur so rarely that there are no available statistics to quantify their incidence. Never put a home ice pack directly on the skin, always have an insulating towel between.

Soreness: It is common for chiropractic adjustments, traction, massage therapy, exercise, etc. to result in a temporary increase in soreness in the region being treated. This is nearly always a temporary symptom that occurs while your body is undergoing therapeutic change. It is not dangerous, but please do tell your doctor about it.

Other Problems: There may be other problems or complications that might arise from chiropractic treatment other than those noted above. These other problems or complications occur so rarely that it is not possible to anticipate and/or explain them all in advance of treatment.
Chiropractic is a system of health care delivery, and, therefore, as with any health care delivery system we cannot promise a cure for any symptom, disease, or condition as a result of treatment in this clinic. We will always give you our best care, and if results are not acceptable, we will refer you to another provider whom we feel will assist your situation. If you have any questions on the above, please ask your doctor. When you have a full understanding, please sign and date below.

_____

Patient's Name Printed Today's Date

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Patient's Signature Today's Date