***Informed Consent to Chiropractic Treatment***

**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", such as the noise when a knuckle is "cracked", and you may feel movement of the joint.

**Possible Risks:** As with any health care procedure, complications are possible following a chiropractic manipulation. Complications could include fractures of bone, muscular strain, ligamentous sprain, dislocations of joints, or injury to intervertebral discs, nerves or spinal cord. Cerebrovascular injury or stroke could occur upon severe injury to arteries of the neck. 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 minor complications.

**Probability of Risks Occurring:** The risks of complications due to chiropractic treatment have been described as "rare", about as often as complications are seen from the taking of a single aspirin tablet. The risk of cerebrovascular injury or stroke, has been estimated at one in one million to one in twenty million, and can be even further reduced by screening procedures. The probability of adverse reaction due to ancillary procedures is also considered "rare". I do not expect the doctor to be able to anticipate all risks and complications, and I wish to rely upon the doctor to exercise judgment during the course of the procedure(s) which the doctor feels at the time, based upon the facts then known, that are in my best interest.

**Risks of Remaining Untreated:** Delay of treatment allows formation of adhesions, scar tissue, and other degenerative changes. These changes can further reduce skeletal mobility, and induce chronic pain cycles. It is quite probable that delay of treatment will complicate the condition and make future rehabilitation more difficult.

**No Warranty: I understand that my doctor cannot make any promises or guarantees regarding a cure for or improvement in my condition.** I have had an opportunity to discuss with Dr. Klaus the nature, purpose and risks of chiropractic treatments and other recommended procedures. I also understand that specific results are not guaranteed.

**I have read the explanation above of chiropractic treatment. I have had the opportunity to have any questions answered to my satisfaction. I have fully evaluated the risks and benefits of undergoing treatment. I have freely decided to undergo the recommended treatment.** I hereby give my consent to that treatment. I intend for this consent to cover the entire course of treatment for my present condition(s) and for any future conditions(s) for which I seek treatment.

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