

Patient Consent

PRIVACY POLICY STATEMENT

In accordance with the new Privacy Act, all information relative to your case is held in total confidence.

However, your consent is necessary to allow us to exchange information between chiropractors within this clinic. Also when appropriate, relevant information regarding your case may be sent to other medical and healthcare practitioners for the proper and effective management of your condition.

Patient's Signature: _____ Date: ___ ___ / ___ ___ / ___ ___

PATIENT INFORMATION

Changes to the law now require all practitioners who manipulate the spine to warn patients of material risks. In extremely rare circumstances, some treatment of the neck may damage a blood vessel and give rise to stroke or stroke-like symptoms. (Current literature states this to be approximately 1 in 1-2 million according to D. Chapman-Smith, seminar 2002 and approximately 1 in 5.85 million neck manipulations according to Haldeman, et al, Spine vol. 24-8 1999)

Whilst this has never occurred in this practice, we are still required to warn. If any adjustments (manipulations) are required you will be tested beforehand, as has always been our practice.

Other very slight risks include strain/injury to a ligament or disc in the neck (less than 1 in 139,000) or the lower back (1 in 62,000).

Chiropractic adjustments (manipulations) of the spine are internationally recognised as being far safer in dealing with neck and low back pain than medication and many other alternatives. (A Risk Assessment of Cervical Manipulation, JMPT, 1995. Manga Report, Ontario Ministry of Health, 1993)

Please note that this consent does not waiver your Common Law Rights, rather it is merely for you to acknowledge that you have been informed of the known risks.

If you have any questions related to the treatment you are about to receive or possible alternative approaches, please speak to the chiropractor.

I have discussed the above information with the chiropractor and give my consent to treatment.

Patient's Signature: _____ Print name here : _____

Practitioner's Signature: _____ Date: ___ ___ / ___ ___ / ___ ___

