Auto Accident Mechanism of Injury Form / Insurance

Patient's Name:_____ Today's Date: _____

Date of Collision: _____ Hour of Accident: _____ AM / PM

Please describe how the collision happened: _____

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Were you wearing a seatbelt? **Yes** / **No** What type: **Lap Belt** / **Shoulder Belt** / **Both**
What was your position in the car? (Circle) **Driver** / **Front Passenger** / **Left Rear** / **Right Rear**
If "Driver", were your hands on the steering wheel? **Both** / **Left** / **Right**

What was the year, make and model of vehicle were you in? _____
Direction of Impact: **Front** / **Back** / **Left** / **Right** / **Other**: _____
What was the year, make and model of the other vehicle? _____
What was the approximate speed of **your vehicle** when the accident occurred? _____ mph
What was the approximate speed of the **other vehicle** when the accident occurred? _____ mph
Did the airbags deploy? **Yes** / **No**

Were you rendered unconscious as a result of the accident? **Yes / No**

Did you strike another vehicle? **Yes** / **No** Did another vehicle strike your vehicle? **Yes** / **No**
If Second Collision – Angle of 2nd impact: **Front** / **Back** / **Left** / **Right** / **Other**: _____

In relation to the back of your head, was your headrest set: **Low** / **Middle** / **High**
Were you surprised by the impact? **Yes** / **No** If "NO", how did you brace? **With Hands** / **With Feet**
Where was your head facing at the time of impact? **Straight Ahead**/ **Left**/ **Right**/ **Behind**/ **Inclined**
Were you leaning forward at the time of impact? **Yes** / **No**
Did you feel pain immediately after the accident? **Yes** / **No** If yes, where? _____

Did you strike anything in the vehicle at the time of impact? **Yes** / **No** If "YES", specify what part of your body struck what: (i.e. head, chest, chin, shoulder, knee, etc.)

□ Steering Wheel	□ Windshield
□ Dashboard	□ Roof
□ Left Side Door	□ Right Side Door
□ Left Window	□ Right Window
□ Other	

Did your seat break or bend? **Yes** / **No**

Immediately following the accident, how did you feel? (Circle all that apply) **Dizzy** / **Dazed** / **Weak** / **Upset** / **Disoriented** / **Nervous** / **Nauseous** / **Other**: _____

Police and Ambulance:

Was the accident reported to the police? **Yes** / **No**

Were traffic citations issued? **Yes** / **No** If "YES", to whom? _____

Did you go to the hospital? **Yes** / **No** If "YES", when? _____

If "YES", how did you get there? **Ambulance** / **Police Car** / **Private Transportation**

Were you admitted? **Yes** / **No** If "YES", how long? _____

Name of Hospital? _____Attended by Dr. _____

What treatment given? (Circle all that apply) **None / CT Scan / MRI / X-rays** / **Pain Medication / Muscle Relaxants / Stitches / Bandaged** / **Cervical Collar** / **Physical Therapy** / **Instructed Regarding Concussion** / **Instructed Regarding Sprains & Strains** / **Instructed to Call an Orthopedist** / **Instructed to Call a Private Physician** / **Other**:

_____

What other doctors have you seen as a re sult of this injury? _____

Have you lost time from work? Yes / No If Yes, Dates?_____ to _____

Employer: _____ Employer Telephone: _____

Please check the following statements that apply to your case

O I have medical payment (Med-Pay) benefits, either, personally or through the driver of my vehicle

O I have group health insurance benefits either directly or through my spouse or parents

O I have retained a lawyer

O I have not retained a lawyer

O I have the adverse or third party information available, (Insurance company of the other driver).

Attorney Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please provide the appropriate **Insurance** information

1) Your Automobile Insurance Carrier: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Insurance Adjuster name:_____

Claim #: _____

Policy #: _____

Fax #: _____

2) Your Group Health Insurance Company: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Insurance Adjuster name:_____

Claim #: _____

Policy #: _____

Fax #: _____

3) Adverse or Third Party Automobile Insurance Carrier: _____

Insured name:_____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Insurance Adjuster name:_____

Claim #: _____

Policy #: _____

Fax #: _____

_____ _____

Patient Signature Date

Address_____City_____ State _____ Zip Code _____

H. Phone _____W. Phone_____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address: _____ Drivers License # _____

Drivers License State _____Sex M F Marital Status M S D W Date of Birth_____Age_____

Occupation_____

Employer_____

Emergency Contact and Phone Number:

_____

Have you ever received Chiropractic Care? Yes No If yes, when? _____

Name of most recent Chiropractor: _____

Are you pregnant? Yes No Due date:_____

1. Since the Motor Vehicle Collision, have you experienced any of the following:

A. Loss of Range of Motion: yes/no
   a. What body parts: _____
B. Visual Disturbance: yes/no □ blurring l/r □ floaters l/r □ vision loss l/r □ hypersensitivity l/r
   % of time: ___ % of time: ___ % of time: ___ % of time: ___

C. Dizziness: yes/no % of time: ____
D. Anxiety/Depression: yes/no % of time: ____
E. Difficulty Sleeping: yes/no

2. Past Health History:

A. Surgeries:

Date	Type of Surgery
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

B. Previous Injury or Trauma: _____

Have you ever broken any bones? Which? _____

C. Allergies: _____

3. Family Health History:

Do you have a family history of? (Please indicate all that apply)

□ Cancer □ Strokes/TIA's □ Headaches □ Heart disease □ Neurological diseases
□ Adopted/Unknown □ Cardiac disease below age 40 □ Psychiatric disease □ Diabetes
□ Other _____ □ None of the above

A. Deaths in immediate family:

Cause of parents' or siblings' death Age at death

_____

_____

4. Social and Occupational History:

A. Job description: _____

B. Work schedule: _____

C. Recreational activities: _____

D. Lifestyle:

Hobbies: _____

Level of Exercise: _____

Alcohol Use: _____

Tobacco Use: _____

Drug Use: _____

Diet: _____

5. Medications:

Medication Reason for taking

_____

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Review of Systems

Have you had any of the following **pulmonary (lung-related)** issues?
□ Asthma/difficulty breathing □ COPD □ Emphysema □ Other _____ □ None of the above

Have you had any of the following **cardiovascular (heart-related)** issues or procedures?
□ Heart surgeries □ Congestive heart failure □ Murmurs or valvular disease □ Heart attacks/MIs □ Heart disease/problems □ Hypertension □ Pacemaker □ Angina/chest pain □ Irregular heartbeat □ Other _____
□ None of the above

Have you had any of the following **neurological (nerve-related)** issues?
□ Visual changes/loss of vision □ One-sided weakness of face or body □ History of seizures □ One-sided decreased feeling in the face or body □ Headaches □ Memory loss □ Tremors □ Vertigo □ Loss of sense of smell
□ Strokes/TIAs □ Other _____ □ None of the above

Have you had any of the following **endocrine (glandular/hormonal)** related issues or procedures?
□ Thyroid disease □ Hormone replacement therapy □ Injectable steroid replacements □ Diabetes
□ Other _____ □ None of the above

Have you had any of the following **renal (kidney-related)** issues or procedures?
□ Renal calculi/stones □ Hematuria (blood in the urine) □ Incontinence (can't control) □ Bladder Infections
□ Difficulty urinating □ Kidney disease □ Dialysis □ Other _____ □ None of the above

Have you had any of the following **gastroenterological (stomach-related)** issues?
□ Nausea □ Difficulty swallowing □ Ulcerative disease □ Frequent abdominal pain □ Hiatal hernia □ Constipation
□ Pancreatic disease □ Irritable bowel/colitis □ Hepatitis or liver disease □ Bloody or black tarry stools
□ Vomiting blood □ Bowel incontinence □ Gastroesophageal reflux/heartburn □ Other _____ □ None of the above

Have you had any of the following **hematological (blood-related)** issues?
□ Anemia □ Regular anti-inflammatory use (Motrin/Ibuprofen/Naproxen/Naprosyn/Aleve) □ HIV positive
□ Abnormal bleeding/bruising □ Sickle-cell anemia □ Enlarged lymph nodes □ Hemophilia
□ Hypercoagulation or deep venous thrombosis/history of blood clots □ Anticoagulant therapy □ Regular aspirin use
□ Other _____ □ None of the above

Have you had any of the following **oncological (cancer-related)** issues?
□ Fevers/chills/sweats/unexplained weight loss □ Abnormal bleeding/bruising
□ Current/past oncology disease _____

Have you had any of the following **dermatological (skin-related)** issues?
□ Significant burns □ Significant rashes □ Skin grafts □ Psoriatic disorders □ Other _____ □ None of the above

Have you had any of the following **musculoskeletal (bone/muscle-related)** issues?
□ Rheumatoid arthritis □ Gout □ Osteoarthritis □ Broken bones □ Spinal fracture □ Spinal surgery □ Joint surgery
□ Arthritis (unknown type) □ Scoliosis □ Metal implants □ Other _____ □ None of the above

Have you had any of the following **psychological** issues?
□ Psychiatric diagnosis □ Depression □ Suicidal ideations □ Bipolar disorder □ Homicidal ideations □ Schizophrenia
□ Psychiatric hospitalizations □ Other _____ □ None of the above

Is there anything else in your past medical history that you feel is important to your care here? _____

I have read the above information and certify it to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and hereby authorize this office of Chiropractic to provide me with chiropractic care, in accordance with this state's statutes. If my insurance will be billed, I authorize payment of medical benefits to **Sonoran Wellness & Rehab** for services performed.

Patient or Guardian Signature _____

Date_____

HIPAA NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

This Notice of Privacy describes how we may use and disclose your protected health information (PHI) to carry our treatment, payment or health care operations (TPO) for other purposes that are permitted or required by law. "Protected Health Information" is information about you, including demographic information that may identify you and that related to your past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition and related care services.

Use and Disclosures of Protected Health Information:
Your protected health information may be used and disclosed by your physician, our staff and others outside of our office that are involved in your care and treatment for the purpose of providing health care services to you, pay your health care bills, to support the operations of the physician's practice, and any other use required by law.

Treatment: We will use and disclose your protected health information to provide, coordinate, or manage your health care and any related services. This includes the coordination or management of your health care with a third party. For example, we would disclose your protected health information, as necessary, to a home health agency that provides care to you. For example, your health care information may be provided to a physician to whom you have been referred to ensure that the physician has the necessary information to diagnose or treat you.

Payment: Your protected health information will be used, as needed, to obtain payment for your health care services. For example, obtaining approval for a hospital stay may require that your relevant protected health information be disclosed to the health plan to obtain approval for the hospital admission.

Healthcare Operations: We may disclose, as needed, your protected health information in order to support the business activities of your physician's practice. These activities include, but are not limited to, quality assessment activities, employee review activities, training of medical students, licensing, marketing, and fund raising activities, and conduction or arranging for other business activities. For example, we may disclose your protected health information to medical school students that see patients at our office. In addition, we may use a sign-in sheet at the registration desk where you will be asked to sign your name and indicate your physician. We may also call you by name in the waiting room when your physician is ready to see you. We may use or disclose your protected health information, as necessary, to contact you to remind you of your appointment.

We may use or disclose your protected health information in the following situations without your authorization. These situations included as required by law, public health issues, communicable diseases, health oversight, abuse or neglect, food and drug administration requirements, legal proceedings, law enforcement, coroners, funeral directors, and organ donation. Required uses and disclosures under the law, we must make disclosures to you when required by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to investigate or determine our compliance with the requirements of Section 164.500.

OTHER PERMITTED AND REQUIRED USES AND DISCLOSURES WILL BE MADE ONLY WITH YOUR CONSENT, AUTHORIZATION OR OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT UNLESS REQUIRED BY LAW.

You may revoke this authorization, at any time, in writing, except to the extent that your physician or the physician's practice has taken an action in reliance on the use or disclosure indicated in the authorization.

_____ _____
Signature of Patient of Representative Date

_____
Printed Name

NEW PATIENT HISTORY FORM

Symptom 1 _____

- On a scale from 1-10, with 10 being the worst, please circle the number that best describes the symptom most of the time: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- What percentage of the time you are awake do you experience the above symptom at the above intensity: 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100
- When did the symptom begin? _____
    - Was this symptom a result of a motor vehicle collision? Yes/No (circle one)
    - **Did you have this symptom before this motor vehicle collision?** Yes/No (circle one) If yes, what was the intensity (1-10 w/10 the worst) ____ and frequency (%) ____ prior to the collision?
- What makes the symptom worse? (circle all that apply):
    - nothing, any movement, bending neck forward, bending neck backward, tilting head to left, tilting head to right, turning head to left, turning head to right, bending forward at waist, bending backward at waist, tilting left at waist, tilting right at waist, twisting left at waist, twisting right at waist, driving, standing, walking, running, lifting, sitting, getting up from seated position, chewing, changing positions, lying down, reading, working, exercising, laying on side in bed, other (please describe): _____
- What makes the symptom better? (circle all that apply):
    - nothing, resting, ice, heat, stretching, exercise, walking, pain medication, muscle relaxers, chiropractic adjustments, massage, other (please describe): _____
- Describe the quality of the symptom (circle all that apply):
    - Sharp, dull, achy, burning, throbbing, piercing, stabbing, deep, nagging, shooting, stinging, stiff Other (please describe): _____
- Does the symptom radiate to another part of your body (circle one): yes no
    - If yes, where does the symptom radiate? _____
- Is the symptom worse at certain times of the day or night? (circle one)
    - No difference Morning Afternoon Evening Night Other _____
- Have you received treatment for this condition and episode prior to today's visit?
    - No
    - Anti-inflammatory meds
    - Pain medication

- Muscle relaxers
- Trigger point injections
- Cortisone injections
- Surgery
- Massage
- Physical Therapy
- Chiropractic
- Other _____

NEW PATIENT HISTORY FORM

Symptom 2 _____

- On a scale from 1-10, with 10 being the worst, please circle the number that best describes the symptom most of the time: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- What percentage of the time you are awake do you experience the above symptom at the above intensity: 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100

- When did the symptom begin? _____

    - Was this symptom a result of a motor vehicle collision? Yes/No (circle one)
    - **Did you have this symptom before this motor vehicle collision?** Yes/No (circle one) If yes, what was the intensity (1-10 w/10 the worst) ____ and frequency (%) ____ prior to the collision?

- What makes the symptom worse? (circle all that apply):
    - nothing, any movement, bending neck forward, bending neck backward, tilting head to left, tilting head to right, turning head to left, turning head to right, bending forward at waist, bending backward at waist, tilting left at waist, tilting right at waist, twisting left at waist, twisting right at waist, driving, standing, walking, running, lifting, sitting, getting up from seated position, chewing, changing positions, lying down, reading, working, exercising, laying on side in bed, other (please describe): _____

- What makes the symptom better? (circle all that apply):
    - nothing, resting, ice, heat, stretching, exercise, walking, pain medication, muscle relaxers, chiropractic adjustments, massage, other (please describe): _____

- Describe the quality of the symptom (circle all that apply):
    - Sharp, dull, achy, burning, throbbing, piercing, stabbing, deep, nagging, shooting, stinging, stiff Other (please describe): _____

- Does the symptom radiate to another part of your body (circle one): yes no
    - If yes, where does the symptom radiate? _____

- Is the symptom worse at certain times of the day or night? (circle one)
    - No difference Morning Afternoon Evening Night Other _____

- Have you received treatment for this condition and episode prior to today's visit?
    - No
    - Anti-inflammatory meds
    - Pain medication
    - Muscle relaxers

- Trigger point injections
- Cortisone injections
- Surgery
- Massage
- Physical Therapy
- Chiropractic
- Other _____

NEW PATIENT HISTORY FORM

Symptom 3 _____

- On a scale from 1-10, with 10 being the worst, please circle the number that best describes the symptom most of the time: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- What percentage of the time you are awake do you experience the above symptom at the above intensity: 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100

- When did the symptom begin? _____

  - Was this symptom a result of a motor vehicle collision? Yes/No (circle one)
  - **Did you have this symptom before this motor vehicle collision?** Yes/No (circle one) If yes, what was the intensity (1-10 w/10 the worst) ____ and frequency (%) ____ prior to the collision?

- What makes the symptom worse? (circle all that apply):
  - nothing, any movement, bending neck forward, bending neck backward, tilting head to left, tilting head to right, turning head to left, turning head to right, bending forward at waist, bending backward at waist, tilting left at waist, tilting right at waist, twisting left at waist, twisting right at waist, driving, standing, walking, running, lifting, sitting, getting up from seated position, chewing, changing positions, lying down, reading, working, exercising, laying on side in bed, other (please describe): _____

- What makes the symptom better? (circle all that apply):
  - nothing, resting, ice, heat, stretching, exercise, walking, pain medication, muscle relaxers, chiropractic adjustments, massage, other (please describe): _____

- Describe the quality of the symptom (circle all that apply):
  - Sharp, dull, achy, burning, throbbing, piercing, stabbing, deep, nagging, shooting, stinging, stiff Other (please describe): _____

- Does the symptom radiate to another part of your body (circle one): yes no
  - If yes, where does the symptom radiate? _____

- Is the symptom worse at certain times of the day or night? (circle one)
  - No difference Morning Afternoon Evening Night Other _____

- Have you received treatment for this condition and episode prior to today's visit?
  - No
  - Anti-inflammatory meds
  - Pain medication
  - Muscle relaxers

- Trigger point injections
- Cortisone injections
- Surgery
- Massage
- Physical Therapy
- Chiropractic
- Other _____

NEW PATIENT HISTORY FORM

Symptom 4 _____

- On a scale from 1-10, with 10 being the worst, please circle the number that best describes the symptom most of the time: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- What percentage of the time you are awake do you experience the above symptom at the above intensity: 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100
- When did the symptom begin? _____
  - Was this symptom a result of a motor vehicle collision? Yes/No (circle one)
  - **Did you have this symptom before this motor vehicle collision?** Yes/No (circle one) If yes, what was the intensity (1-10 w/10 the worst) ____ and frequency (%) ____ prior to the collision?
- What makes the symptom worse? (circle all that apply):
  - nothing, any movement, bending neck forward, bending neck backward, tilting head to left, tilting head to right, turning head to left, turning head to right, bending forward at waist, bending backward at waist, tilting left at waist, tilting right at waist, twisting left at waist, twisting right at waist, driving, standing, walking, running, lifting, sitting, getting up from seated position, chewing, changing positions, lying down, reading, working, exercising, laying on side in bed, other (please describe): _____
- What makes the symptom better? (circle all that apply):
  - nothing, resting, ice, heat, stretching, exercise, walking, pain medication, muscle relaxers, chiropractic adjustments, massage, other (please describe): _____
- Describe the quality of the symptom (circle all that apply):
  - Sharp, dull, achy, burning, throbbing, piercing, stabbing, deep, nagging, shooting, stinging, stiff Other (please describe): _____
- Does the symptom radiate to another part of your body (circle one): yes no
  - If yes, where does the symptom radiate? _____
- Is the symptom worse at certain times of the day or night? (circle one)
  - No difference Morning Afternoon Evening Night Other _____
- Have you received treatment for this condition and episode prior to today's visit?
  - No
  - Anti-inflammatory meds
  - Pain medication
  - Muscle relaxers

- Trigger point injections
- Cortisone injections
- Surgery
- Massage
- Physical Therapy
- Chiropractic
- Other _____

NEW PATIENT HISTORY FORM

Symptom 5 _____

- On a scale from 1-10, with 10 being the worst, please circle the number that best describes the symptom most of the time: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- What percentage of the time you are awake do you experience the above symptom at the above intensity: 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100

- When did the symptom begin? _____

  - Was this symptom a result of a motor vehicle collision? Yes/No (circle one)
  - **Did you have this symptom before this motor vehicle collision?** Yes/No (circle one) If yes, what was the intensity (1-10 w/10 the worst) ____ and frequency (%) ____ prior to the collision?

- What makes the symptom worse? (circle all that apply):
  - nothing, any movement, bending neck forward, bending neck backward, tilting head to left, tilting head to right, turning head to left, turning head to right, bending forward at waist, bending backward at waist, tilting left at waist, tilting right at waist, twisting left at waist, twisting right at waist, driving, standing, walking, running, lifting, sitting, getting up from seated position, chewing, changing positions, lying down, reading, working, exercising, laying on side in bed, other (please describe): _____

- What makes the symptom better? (circle all that apply):
  - nothing, resting, ice, heat, stretching, exercise, walking, pain medication, muscle relaxers, chiropractic adjustments, massage, other (please describe): _____

- Describe the quality of the symptom (circle all that apply):
  - Sharp, dull, achy, burning, throbbing, piercing, stabbing, deep, nagging, shooting, stinging, stiff Other (please describe): _____

- Does the symptom radiate to another part of your body (circle one): yes no
  - If yes, where does the symptom radiate? _____

- Is the symptom worse at certain times of the day or night? (circle one)
  - No difference Morning Afternoon Evening Night Other _____

- Have you received treatment for this condition and episode prior to today's visit?
  - No
  - Anti-inflammatory meds
  - Pain medication
  - Muscle relaxers

- Trigger point injections
- Cortisone injections
- Surgery
- Massage
- Physical Therapy
- Chiropractic
- Other _____

NEW PATIENT HISTORY FORM

Symptom 6 _____

- On a scale from 1-10, with 10 being the worst, please circle the number that best describes the symptom most of the time: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

- What percentage of the time you are awake do you experience the above symptom at the above intensity: 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100

- When did the symptom begin? _____

    - Was this symptom a result of a motor vehicle collision? Yes/No (circle one)
    - **Did you have this symptom before this motor vehicle collision?** Yes/No (circle one) If yes, what was the intensity (1-10 w/10 the worst) ____ and frequency (%) ____ prior to the collision?

- What makes the symptom worse? (circle all that apply):
    - nothing, any movement, bending neck forward, bending neck backward, tilting head to left, tilting head to right, turning head to left, turning head to right, bending forward at waist, bending backward at waist, tilting left at waist, tilting right at waist, twisting left at waist, twisting right at waist, driving, standing, walking, running, lifting, sitting, getting up from seated position, chewing, changing positions, lying down, reading, working, exercising, laying on side in bed, other (please describe): _____

- What makes the symptom better? (circle all that apply):
    - nothing, resting, ice, heat, stretching, exercise, walking, pain medication, muscle relaxers, chiropractic adjustments, massage, other (please describe): _____

- Describe the quality of the symptom (circle all that apply):
    - Sharp, dull, achy, burning, throbbing, piercing, stabbing, deep, nagging, shooting, stinging, stiff Other (please describe): _____

- Does the symptom radiate to another part of your body (circle one): yes no
    - If yes, where does the symptom radiate? _____

- Is the symptom worse at certain times of the day or night? (circle one)
  - No difference Morning Afternoon Evening Night Other _____

- Have you received treatment for this condition and episode prior to today's visit?
  - No
  - Anti-inflammatory meds
  - Pain medication
  - Muscle relaxers
  - Trigger point injections
  - Cortisone injections
  - Surgery
  - Massage
  - Physical Therapy
  - Chiropractic
  - Other _____

Informed Consent For Chiropractic 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 visits 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: _____

Signature:_____

Date:_____

Witness Name: _____

Signature:_____

Date:_____