

Consent to Treat for Chiropractic Services

PATIENT NAME: _____

To the patient: Please read this entire document prior to signing. It is important that you understand the information contained in this document. Please ask questions before you sign if there is anything that is not clear.

The nature of the chiropractic adjustment

The primary treatment I use as a Doctor of Chiropractic is spinal manipulative therapy. I will use that procedure to treat you. I may use my hands or a mechanical instrument upon your body in such a way as to move your joints. That may cause an audible "pop" or "click", much as you have experienced when you "crack" your knuckles.

Analysis/Examination/Treatment

As part of the analysis, examination, and treatment, you are consenting to the following procedures:

Spinal manipulative therapy	Radiographic studies	Electrical muscle stimulation
Range of motion testing	Postural analysis	Therapeutic exercise
Muscle strength testing	Vital signs	Mechanical traction
Basic neurological testing	Palpation	Galvanic
Orthopedic testing	Ultrasound therapy	Cold Laser

Pregnancy Release

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

Date of my last menstrual period: _____

The material risks inherent in chiropractic adjustment

As with any healthcare procedure, there are certain complications which may arise during chiropractic manipulation and therapy. These complications may include but are not limited to: fractures, disc injuries, dislocations, muscle strain, cervical myelopathy, costovertebral strains, separations, and burns. 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. I will make every reasonable effort during the examination to screen for contraindications to care; however, if you have a condition that would otherwise not come to my attention, it is your responsibility to inform me.

The probability of those risks occurring

Fractures are rare occurrences and generally result from some underlying weakness of the bone which I check for during the taking of your history and during examination and X-ray. Stroke has been the subject of tremendous disagreement. Incidences of stroke are exceedingly rare and are estimated to occur between one in one million and one in five million cervical adjustments. The other complications are generally described as rare.

The risks and dangers attendant to remaining untreated.

Remaining untreated may allow the formation of adhesions and reduce mobility which may set up a pain reaction further reducing mobility. Over time this process may complicate treatment by making it more difficult and less effective the longer it is postponed.

DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE

I have read/or have had read to me the above explanation of the chiropractic adjustment and related treatment. I have discussed it with Dr. Katherine Pulse and have had my questions answered to my satisfaction. Having been informed of the risks, I hereby give my consent to that treatment.

Date _____

Date _____

Patient Name _____

Doctor's Name **...Katherine Pulse, DC...**

Patient Signature _____

Doctor's Signature _____

CONSENT TO USE PHI

Acknowledgement for Consent to Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information

Use and Disclosure of your Protected Health Information

Your Protected Health Information will be used by Pulse Chiropractic and Wellness or may be disclosed to others for the purposes of treatment, obtaining payment, or supporting the day-to day health care operations of this office.

Notice of Privacy Practices

You should review the Notice of Privacy Practices for a more complete description of how your Protected Health Information may be used or disclosed. It describes your rights as they concern the limited use of health information, including your demographic information, collected from you and created or received by this office.

I have received a copy of the Notice of Patient Privacy Policy. _____ **Patient Initials**

Requesting a Restriction on the Use of Disclosure of Your Information

You may request a restriction on the use of disclosure or your Protected Health Information. This office may or may not agree to restrict the use of disclosure of your Protected Health Information. If we agree to request, the restriction will be binding with this office. Use or disclosure of protected information in violation of an agreed upon restriction will be a violation of the federal privacy standards.

Notice of Treatment in Open or Common Areas

Describe and Notify private areas available upon request.

Revocation of Consent

You may revoke this consent to the use and disclosure of your Protected Health Information in writing. Any use or disclosure that has already occurred prior to the date on which your revocation of consent is received will not be affected.

By my signature below, I give my permission to use and disclose my health information.

Signature of Patient or Legally Authorized Individual

Date _____

Print Patient's Full Name

Time _____

Signature of Witness

Date _____

NOTICE OF PATIENT PRIVACY POLICY

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.

If you have any questions about this Notice please contact our Privacy Officer or any staff member in our office.

Our Privacy Officer is Katherine S Pulse, D.C.

This Notice of Privacy Practices describes how we may use and disclose your protected health information to carry out your treatment, collect payment for your care and manage the operations of this clinic. It also describes our policies concerning the use and disclosure of this information for other purposes that are permitted or required by law. It describes your rights to access and control your protected health information. “Protected Health Information” (PHI) is information about you, including demographic information that may identify you, that relates to your past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition and related health care services.

We are required by federal law to abide by the terms of this Notice of Privacy Practices. We may change the terms of our notice at any time. The new notice will be effective for all protected health information that we maintain at that time. You may obtain revisions to our Notice of Privacy Practices by accessing our website www.pulsechiro.com, calling the office and requesting that a revised copy be sent to you in the mail or asking for one at the time of your next appointment.

A. Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information

By applying to be treated in our office, you are implying consent to the use and disclosure of your protected health information by your doctor, our office 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. Your protected health information may also be used and disclosed to bill for your health care and to support the operation of the practice.

Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information Based Upon Your Implied Consent

Following are examples of the types of uses and disclosures of your protected health care information we will make, based on this implied consent. These examples are not meant to be exhaustive but to describe the types of uses and disclosures that may be made by our office.

Treatment: We will use and disclosure 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 that has already obtained your permission to have access to your protected health information. For example, we would disclose your protected health information as necessary, to another physician who may be treating you. Your protected health 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.

In addition, we may disclose your protected health information from time-to-time to another physician or health care provider (e.g., a specialist or laboratory) who, at the request of your doctor, becomes involved in your care by providing assistance with your health care diagnosis or treatment.

Payment: Your protected health information will be used, as needed, to obtain payment for your health care services. This may include certain activities that your health insurance plan may undertake before it approves or pays for the health care services we recommend for you such as making a determination of eligibility or coverage for insurance benefits, reviewing services provided to you for medical necessity, and undertaking utilization review

activities. For example, obtaining approval for chiropractic spinal adjustments may require that your relevant protected health information be disclosed to the health plan to obtain approval for those services.

Healthcare Operations: We may use or disclose, as needed, your protected health information in order to support the business activities of this office. These activities may include, but are not limited to, quality assessment activities, employee review activities and training of chiropractic students.

For example, we may disclose your protected health information to chiropractic interns or preceptors 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 doctor. Communications between you and the doctor or his assistants may be recorded to assist us in accurately capturing your responses; we may also call you by name in the reception area when your doctor 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 will share your protected health information with third party “business associates” that perform various activities (e.g., billing, transcription services for the practice). Whenever an arrangement between our office and a business associate involves the use or disclosure of your protected health information, we will have a written contract with the business associate that contains terms that will protect the privacy of your protected health information.

We may use or disclose your protected health information, as necessary, to provide you with information about treatment alternatives or other health-related benefits and services that may be of interest to you. We may also use and disclose your protected health information for other internal marketing activities. For example, your name and address may be used to send you a newsletter about our practice and the services we offer, we will ask for your authorization. We may also send you information about products or services that we believe may be beneficial to you. You may contact our Privacy Officer to request that these materials not be sent to you.

Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information That May Be Made Only With Your Written Authorization

Other uses and disclosures of your protected health information will be made only with your written authorization, unless otherwise permitted or required by law as described below:

- Disclosures of psychotherapy notes
- Uses and disclosure of Protected Health Information for marketing purposes
- Disclosures that constitute a sale of Protected Health Information
- Other uses and disclosures not described in the Notice of Privacy Practices will be made only with authorization from the individual

You may revoke any of these authorizations, at any time, in writing, except to the extent that your doctor or the practice has taken an action in reliance on the use or disclosure indicated in the authorization.

Other Permitted and Required Uses and Disclosures That May Be Made With Your Authorization or Opportunity to Object

In the following instance where we may use and disclose your protected health information, you have the opportunity to agree or object to the use or disclosure of all or part of your protected health information. If you are not present or able to agree or object to the use or disclosure of the protected health information, then your doctor may, using professional judgment, determine whether the disclosure is in your best interest. In this case, only the protected health information that is relevant to your health care will be disclosed.

Others Involved in Your Healthcare: Unless you object, we may disclose to a member of your family, a relative, a close friend or any other person you identify, your protected health information that directly relates to that person's involvement in your health care. If you are unable to agree to object to such a disclosure, we may disclose such information as necessary if we determine that it is in your best interest based on our professional judgment.

We may use or disclose protected health information to notify or assist in notifying a family member, personal representative or any other person that is responsible for your care of you location or general condition. Finally, we may use or disclose your protected health information to an authorized public or private entity to assist in disaster relief efforts and to coordinate uses and disclosures to family or other individuals involved in your health care.

Other Permitted and Required Uses and, Disclosure that May Be Made Without Your Consent, Authorization or Opportunity to Object

We may use or disclose your protected health information in the following situations without your consent or authorization. These situations include:

Required by Law: We may use or disclose your protected health information to the extent that the law required the use or disclosure. The use or disclosure will be made in compliance with the law and will be limited to the relevant requirements of the law. You will be notified, as required by law, or any such uses or disclosures.

Public Health: We may disclose your protected health information for public health activities and purposes to a public health authority that is permitted by law to collect or receive the information. The disclosure will be made for the purpose of controlling disease, injury or disability. We may also disclose your protected health information, if directed by the public health authority, to a foreign government agency that is collaborating with the public health authority.

Communicable Diseases: We may disclose your protected health information, if authorized by law, to a person who may have been exposed to a communicable disease or may otherwise be at risk of contracting or spreading the disease or condition.

Health Oversight: We may disclose protected health information to a health oversight agency for activities authorized by law, such as audits, investigations, and inspections. Oversight agencies seeking this information include government agencies that oversee the health care system, government benefit programs, other government regulatory programs and civil rights law.

Abuse of Neglect: We may disclose your protected health information to a public health authority that is authorized by law to receive reports of child abuse or neglect. In addition, we may disclose your protected health information if we believe that you have been a victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence to the governmental entity or agency authorized to receive such information. In this case, the disclosure will be made consistent with the requirements of applicable federal and state laws.

Legal Proceedings: We may disclose protected health information in the course of any judicial or administrative proceeding, in response to an order of a court or administrative tribunal (to the extent such disclosure is expressly authorized), in certain conditions in response to a subpoena, discovery request or other lawful process.

Law Enforcement: We may also disclose protected health information, so long as applicable legal requirements are met, for law enforcement purposes. These law enforcement purposes include (1) legal process and otherwise required by law, (2) limited information requests for identification and location purposes, (3) pertaining to victims

of a crime, (4) suspicion that death has occurred as a result of criminal conduct, (5) in the event that a crime occurs on the premises of the Practice, and (6) medical emergency (not on the Practice's premises) and it is likely that a crime has occurred.

Workers' Compensation: We may disclose your protected health information, as authorized, to comply with workers' compensation laws and other similar legally-established programs.

Required Uses and Disclosures: Under the law, we must make disclosures to you and 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 et. seq.

B. Your Rights

Following is a statement of your rights with respect to your protected health information and a brief description of how you may exercise these rights.

You have the right to inspect and copy your protected health information. This means you may inspect and obtain a copy of protected health information about you that is contained in a designated record set for as long as we maintain the protected health information. A "designated record set" contains medical and billing records and any other records that your doctor and the Practice uses for making decisions about you.

Under federal law, however, you may not inspect or copy the following records: psychotherapy notes; information compiled in reasonable anticipation of, or use in, a civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, and protected health information that is subject to law that prohibits access to protected health information. Depending on the circumstances, a decision to deny access may be reviewed. In some circumstances, you may have a right to have this decision reviewed. Please contact our Privacy Officer, if you have questions about access to your medical record.

You have the right to request a restriction of your protected health information. This means you may ask us not to use or disclose any part of your protected health information for the purposes of treatment, payment or healthcare operations. You have the right to restrict certain disclosures of Protected Health Information to a health plan when you pay out of pocket for the healthcare delivered by our office. You may also request that any part of your protected health information not be disclosed to family members or friends who may be involved in your care or for notification purposes as described in this Notice of Privacy Practices. Your request must be in writing and state the specific restriction requested and to whom you want the restriction to apply. You may opt out of fundraising communications in which our office participates.

Your provider is not required to agree to a restriction that you may request. If the doctor believes it is in your best interest to permit use and disclosure of your protected health information, your protected health information will not be restricted. If your doctor does agree to the requested restriction, we may not use or disclose your protected health information in violation of that restriction unless it is needed to provide emergency treatment. With this in mind, please discuss any restriction you wish to request with your doctor.

You may request a restriction by presenting your request, in writing to the staff member identified as "Privacy Officer" at the top of this form. The Privacy Officer will provide you with "Restriction of Consent" form. Complete the form, sign, and ask that the staff provide you with a photocopy of your request initialed by them. This copy will serve as your receipt.

You have the right to request to receive confidential communications from us by alternative means or at an alternative location. We will accommodate reasonable requests. We may also condition this accommodation by asking you for information as to how payment will be handled or specification of an alternative address or other method of contact. We will not request an explanation from you as to the basis for the request. Please make this request in writing.

You may have the right to have your doctor amend your protected health information. This means you may request an amendment of protected health information about you in a designated record set for as long as we maintain this information. In certain cases, we may deny your request for an amendment. If we deny your request for amendment, you have the right to file a statement of disagreement with us and we may prepare a rebuttal to your statement and will provide you with a copy of any such rebuttal. Please contact our Privacy Officer if you have questions about amending your medical record.

You have the right to receive an accounting of certain disclosures we have made, if any, of your protected health information. This right applies to disclosures for purposes other than treatment, payment or healthcare operations as described in this Notice of Privacy practices. It excludes disclosures we may have made to you, to family members or friends involved in your care, pursuant to a duly executed authorization or for notification purposes. You have the right to receive specific information regarding these disclosures that occurred after April 14, 2003. The right to receive this information is subject to certain exceptions, restrictions and limits.

You have the right to be notified by our office or any breach of privacy of your Protected Health Information.

Certain treatments may be performed in a common therapy and/or you may find yourself within public areas within the clinic times, but please not private rooms are always available, upon request, for discussing your private health information.

You have the right to obtain a paper copy of this notice from us, upon request, even if you have agreed to accept this notice electronically.

C. Complaints

You may complain to us, or the Secretary of Health and Human Services, if you believe your privacy rights have been violated by us. To file a complaint you may go to:

<http://www.ggs.gov/ocr/privacyhipaa/complaintshipcomplaintform.pdf>

Or our office can provide you with a written form in which to file your complaint. You may also file a complaint with us by notifying our Privacy Officer of your complaint. We will not retaliate against you for filing a complaint.

Our Privacy Officer is Katherine S. Pulse, D. C. You may contact our Privacy Officer, or any staff member, at the following phone number 713-395-2080 or our website www.pulsechiro.com for further information about the Complaint Process.