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KRUEGER CHIROPRACTIC INFORMED CONSENT

The professions of chiropractic, dentistry, medicine and surgery, nursing, optometry, osteopathic medicine and surgery, pharmacology, physical therapy, podiatry, psychology, athletic training, massage therapy and others are regulated in the state of Iowa. Patient care provided by those above listed professions has known risks which may include death, brain damage, quadriplegia, paraplegia, the loss of function of any organ or limb or disfiguring scars associated with such care and treatment. For your information, the following is routinely furnished to all who consider chiropractic care in this clinic.

The practice of chiropractic includes many standard examinations and testing procedures. These include physical examination, orthopedic and neurological testing, palpation, specialized instrumentation, laboratory tests, radiological examination and rehabilitative procedures. Additionally, there is a procedure unique to the chiropractic profession, the chiropractic adjustment.

Chiropractic adjustments are made by chiropractors to correct spinal and joint subluxations. One of the most common disturbances to the nervous system is the Vertebral Subluxation. This condition exists when abnormal motion exists in the spinal joints. This abnormal motion results in degeneration of the region in question, with a whole host of neurological reflexes, including muscle spasm and pain. The primary goal of chiropractic health care is the restoration of normal function into abnormal joints.

There are a number of different adjusting techniques, some utilizing specially designed equipment. Adjustments are usually performed by hand, but may be performed by hand-guided instruments. The chiropractic adjustment is the application of a quick precise movement over a very short distance to a specific skeletal contact point.

Not only should you understand the benefits of chiropractic care in restoring and maintaining health, but also, you should be aware of the existence of some inherent risks and limitations. These are seldom enough to not contraindicate care, but they should be considered in making the decision to receive chiropractic care. All health procedures may include musculoskeletal sprain/strain, neurological deficits, osseous fracture, vertebral artery syndrome, including stroke and perhaps death through complicating factors.

This form helps to let you and the clinic know that you have been informed of the nature and purpose of chiropractic care, the possible consequences of the care, and the risks and probable effectiveness of care, and have been advised of the possible consequences if no care is provided. Also, there has been acknowledgement that no guarantees have been made concerning the results of care and treatment.

To you the patient: "I have read the above paragraphs. I understand the information provided. The information provided has been explained to me and all questions that I have asked have been answered to my satisfaction.

Having this knowledge, I knowingly authorize Dr. Otto Krueger and his staff to proceed with chiropractic care and treatment.

Signature _____ Date _____