



TERMS OF ACCEPTANCE

When you become a client of East Cobb Spine & Sport Chiropractic, it is important that you understand the objectives of our care. Chiropractors provide a unique service that other healthcare providers do not offer. Chiropractors specialize in the location and correction of vertebral subluxations, for the purpose of improving the health and function of your spine and nervous system, and the functional fitness of your body.

A vertebral subluxation is a misalignment or distortion of your spinal column and/or related structures that can affect your health and overall body function. Chiropractors spend years of post-secondary education studying how to locate and correct this destructive condition. The correction is performed using specialized techniques, called chiropractic or spinal/extremity adjustments, over a period of time. When your spine and/or extremities are free of the nerve and musculoskeletal stress caused by subluxations, your body can function more efficiently, and your body's natural ability to heal can work more optimally.

An adjustment is defined as the specific application of forces to facilitate the body's correction of vertebral subluxation. Our chiropractic method of correction involves specific adjustments of the spine and extremities, based on the physiology/function expressed at the time of your visit.

Our office defines health as a state of optimal physical, mental, and social well-being, not merely the absence of disease or diagnosis. Therefore, this multi-faceted approach to health requires responsibility on the part of the client to adhere to the guidelines presented by your chiropractor. The success of this practice can be attributed to the client's willingness to be educated, along with their embrace of our lifestyle implementations.

The purpose of chiropractic care is not to medically diagnose, treat diseases or conditions, nor to suppress symptoms, nor to perform surgery or prescribe medications, but rather to improve the health and function of your spine and nervous system so your body can function at its optimum health and healing potential. It is our sole objective to improve and maintain the health and function of your spine and nervous system to the maximum degree possible for you.

If we discover unusual findings during the course of our chiropractic examination(s), we will educate you to the best of our abilities, so that you may decide whether you wish to investigate further and discuss your healthcare options with other health professionals. We will cooperate with you and your other health professionals to meet your goals.

Our objective to eliminate major interference leads directly to the expression of the body's innate wisdom.

Safety: The data regarding the safety of any healthcare profession is reflected in the malpractice insurance premiums the practitioner is required to pay.

Initials

Date

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This data is void of prejudice; it merely reflects the cost in dollars for the suffering caused by a particular healthcare profession. Medical internists are considered to have some of the lowest medical malpractice rates. Even so, they can pay more than \$30,000 each year in states where there is no “cap” on the awards juries can deliver to patients. Due to chiropractic’s high level of safety, doctors of chiropractic pay an average of \$2000 per year for malpractice insurance. Statistics demonstrate that patient risk is substantially lower in chiropractic when compared to medical care.

- Chiropractic adjustments and physical therapy procedures are sometimes followed by soreness. This is an infrequent, although normal response, as the body adapts to the adjustment and correction. Please advise your doctor of chiropractic if you experience any soreness or discomfort.
- On rare occasion, chiropractic treatment may aggravate a previous disc injury or cause other minor joint, ligament, tendon, or other soft tissue injury.
- Manual adjustments to the thoracic spine, in very uncommon cases, may cause rib or other bone injury or fracture. Treatment is performed carefully to minimize such risk.
- Cervical adjustments pose an uncommon risk of stroke because the vertebral arteries supply the brain with blood, and are located within the bones of the cervical spine. The Journal of CCA estimates the incidence of this type of stroke is 1 in 3 million upper cervical adjustments.

I, _____ have read and fully understand the above statements. All questions regarding the doctor’s objectives pertaining to my care have been answered to my complete satisfaction. I therefore accept chiropractic care on this basis.

Consent to evaluate and adjust a minor child:

I, _____ being the parent/legal guardian of _____ have read and fully understand the above Terms of Acceptance, and hereby grant permission for my child to receive chiropractic care.

Client (or Responsible Party) Signature

Date

Staff Signature

Date