

Terms of Acceptance

The goal of our office is to enable patients to gain control of their health. To attain this we believe communication is the key. There are often topics that are hard to understand and we hope this document will clarify those issues for you.

Please read the below and if you have any question please feel free to ask one of our staff members.

Informed Consent:

A patient, in coming to the chiropractic physician, gives the doctor permission and authority to care for the patient in accordance with the chiropractic tests, diagnosis, and analysis. The chiropractic adjustment or other clinical procedures are usually beneficial and seldom cause any problems. In rare cases, underlying physical defects, deformities or pathologies may render the patient susceptible to injury. The doctor, of course, will not give any treatment or care if she is aware that such care may be contra-indicated. Again, it is the responsibility of the patient to make it known, or to learn through healthcare procedures whatever he/she is suffering from: latent pathological defects, illnesses or deformities which would otherwise not come to the attention of the chiropractic physician. The chiropractic physician provides a specialized, non-duplicating health care service. Your doctor of chiropractic is licensed in a special practice and is available to work with other types of providers in your health care regimen. I understand that if I am accepted as a patient by the physician at Pacific Chiropractic & Wellness Center, I am authorizing them to proceed with any treatment that may be necessary. Furthermore, any risk involved, regarding chiropractic treatment, will be explained to me upon my request.

Missed Appointments:

There is a possible \$20 fee charged for all chiropractic appointments that are not canceled prior to scheduled visit. In addition, \$40 or \$70 will be charged for missed massage appointments of ½ or 1 hour respectively.

Consent to Evaluate and Treat a Minor:

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

Communications:

In the event that we would need to communicate your healthcare information, to whom may we do so?

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Others: _____

May we leave messages on any answering device, i.e. home answering machines or voicemails? Yes [] No []

I, _____, have read and fully understand the above statements.

Acknowledgement

I have reviewed the notice of privacy practices (HIPPA) and have been provided an opportunity to discuss my right to privacy. Upon request I will be given a copy.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Protecting Your Health Information

New Regulation Passed

The new regulations passed as part of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) do three primary things:

1. It helps standardize and simplify the way healthcare organizations exchange health care data.
2. It provides consumers with additional protections for getting and maintaining health insurance coverage; although, it does not guarantee coverage.
3. It creates new security rules to ensure the safety and privacy of individual and medical records.

Our Pledge Regarding Medical Information

The privacy of your medical information is important to us. We understand that your medical information is personal and we are committed to protecting it. We create a record of the care and services you receive at our office. We need this record to provide you with quality care and to comply with certain legal requirements. In addition, we have a policy in effect that makes a very attempt to maintain the confidentiality of all patients' information.

Disclosure of Medical Information

In addition to disclosing your medical information for treatment, payment, and health care operations, we may disclose medical information for the following purposes: for a court order, subpoena, discovery request, or other lawful process. We may disclose medical information to appropriate authorities if we reasonably believe that you are a victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence or the possible victim of other crimes. We may disclose health information when authorized and necessary to comply with laws relating to worker's compensation, auto accidents, personal injury or other similar issues.

If someone calls or comes by, they will not be given general information about your care and/or appointments unless otherwise specified and noted in your file.

We will also be publicly noting your name in our newsletter and/or picture in our lobby unless otherwise specified. Also upon becoming a patient, we will be entering your name into our database and you will receive our monthly newsletter. If you do not wish to receive our newsletters, please contact our office and advise the receptionist of such. This list will not be sold to any outside agencies.

Your Rights

You have the right to look at or get copies of your medical records and to receive a list of all the times we shared your medical information for purposes other than treatment, payment and health care operations.

Open Adjusting Concept

Because of the open treatment concept in this office, it is possible for doctor/patient discussions to be overheard by other patients. Most discussions will involve spinal health, but may also include anything concerning the primary health care of that patient.

Notification by Mail or Phone

Patients may be contacted by mail or phone unless written notification is requested that contact be only in person.

Complaints

If you feel that your rights have been violated, contact the Office Manager or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.