

**KALAMAZOO COMMUNITY CHIROPRACTIC**  
**PATIENT INFORMED CONSENT**  
The Doctor-Patient Relationship in Chiropractic

**CHIROPRACTIC**

Welcome to our office! It is very important to acknowledge the difference between the health care specialties of Chiropractic and medicine. Chiropractic strives to enhance your health by natural means, without the use of drugs or surgery. Our job, if you are accepted as a patient, will be to help you raise your levels of health, not merely suppress your symptoms. As your health levels go up, very often your symptoms will go down. This is because the body is a self-healing organism, and Chiropractic assists the natural recuperative powers of the body to heal itself. The success of Chiropractic procedures often depend upon environment, underlying causes, and your physical, emotional, mental, and spinal conditions. It is important to understand what to expect from our chiropractic health care services.

**ANALYSIS**

We will be conducting a clinical analysis for the express purpose of determining whether or not you have one or more Vertebral Subluxation Complex(s)(VSC) or Vertebral Subluxation Syndrome(s)(VSS). If a VSC or VSS is in evidence, then Chiropractic adjustments and ancillary procedures may be given to you in an effort to stabilize and restore spinal integrity. It is a main Chiropractic premise that proper spinal alignment allows optimal nerve transmission throughout the body and gives the body an opportunity to use its inherent recuperative powers. Due to the complexities of nature, no ethical doctor, chiropractic or medical, can promise specific results. The results you receive will depend upon the natural inherent recuperative powers of your body.

**DIAGNOSIS**

Chiropractors are not medical doctors, and just as a medical doctor is incompetent to render a chiropractic opinion because they have not had the proper training so, too, Dr. Kudlas will not make a medical diagnosis or opinion. He will provide the very finest Chiropractic diagnosis, opinion, and care for you that he possibly can. Every patient is expected to be mindful of his/her symptoms and secure other opinions as he/she may see fit for his/her optimal health. Dr. Kudlas may express his opinion to you in an effort to help you understand your situation better, but your health is your responsibility and you are responsible for the final decision.

**INFORMED CONSENT REGARDING CHIROPRACTIC CARE**

Chiropractic provides a specialized non-duplicating health care service by the location, analysis, and stabilization of VSC or VSS. No other health care provider does this. If you are accepted as a patient, you are giving Dr. Kudlas permission and authority to care for you in accordance with Chiropractic tests, analyses, and procedures. The Chiropractic adjustment or any other of our procedures are usually beneficial. In very rare cases, underlying physical defects, deformities, or pathologies may render the patient susceptible to injury. No adjustment or any other procedure will be performed if they are not indicated. Again, it is the responsibility of the patient to make it known or to learn through health care procedures whatever he/she is suffering from, be it latent pathological defects, illnesses, deformities, or other problems which would otherwise not come to the attention of Dr. Kudlas. Careful attention must be taken to accurately complete our case history and any other forms required. Help us help you – please give us the information we request. Your attendance at one Health Seminar within the first 4-6 weeks of care is required so we may assist you as completely as possible once you are accepted as a patient at our clinic.

**RESULTS**

Our purpose is to help you by the location, analysis, and stabilization of VSC or VSS. This will assist in the natural promotion of health. Since there are so many variables, it is difficult to predict results or the time necessary for them. Sometimes the results are exceptional! Sometimes not. Usually there will be a gradual satisfactory response. In any case, the fact is that no science, medical or chiropractic, is so exact as to have all the answers to all problems. Both have made great strides in helping millions of people and helping to alleviate pain and suffering.

**PLEASE DISCUSS ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE WITH DR. KUDLAS BEFORE YOU SIGN THIS STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

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