

PATIENT NAME

ARBITRATION AGREEMENT AND INFORMED CONSENT, PAGE 1 OF 2- PLEASE SIGN BOTH SIDES.

Article 1: Agreement to Arbitrate: It is understood that any dispute as to medical malpractice, that is as to whether any medical services rendered under this contract were unnecessary or unauthorized or were improperly, negligently or incompetently rendered, will be determined by submission to arbitration as provided by California law, and not by a lawsuit or resort to court process except as California law provides for judicial review of arbitration proceedings. Both parties to this contract, by entering into it, are giving up their constitutional right to have any such dispute decided in a court of law before a jury, and instead are accepting the use of arbitration.

Article 2: All claims Must be Arbitrated: It is the intention of the parties that this agreement bind all parties whose claims may arise out of or relate to treatment or services provided by the health care provider including any heirs or past, present or future spouse(s) of the patient in relation to all claims, including loss of consortium. This agreement is also intended to bind any children of the patient whether born or unborn at the time of the occurrence-giving rise to any claim. This agreement is intended to bind the patient and health care provider and/or other licensed health care providers or preceptorship interns who now or in the future treat the patient while employed by, working or associated with or serving as a back-up for the health care provider, including those working at the health care provider's clinic or office or any other clinic or office whether signatories to this form or not. All claims for monetary damages exceeding the jurisdictional limit of the small claims court against the health care provider and/or the health care provider's associates, association, corporation, partnership, employees, agents and estate, must be arbitrated including, without limitation, claims for loss of consortium, wrongful death, emotional distress or punitive damages. Filing of any action in any court by the health care provider to collect any fee from the patient shall not waive the right to compel arbitration of any malpractice claim. However, following the assertion of any claim against the health care provider, any fee dispute, whether or not subject of any existing court action, shall also be resolved by arbitration.

Article 3: Procedures and Applicable Law: A demand for arbitration must be communicated in writing to all parties. Each party shall select an arbitrator (party arbitrator) within thirty (30) days and the arbitrators appointed parties within thirty (30) days thereafter shall select a third arbitrator (neutral arbitrator). The neutral arbitrator shall then be the sole arbitrator and shall decide the arbitration. Each party to the arbitration shall pay such parties pro rata share of all expenses and fees of the neutral arbitrator, together with other expenses of the arbitration incurred or approved by the neutral arbitrator, not including counsel fees, witness fees, or other expenses incurred by a party for such parties own benefit.

Either party shall have the absolute right to bifurcate the issues of liability and damage upon written request to the neutral arbitrator. The parties consent to the invention and jointer in this arbitration of any person or entity that would otherwise be a proper additional party in a court action, and upon such intervention and jointer any existing court action against such additional person or entity shall be stayed pending arbitration.

The parties agree that provisions of the California Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act shall apply to disputes within this arbitration agreement, including, but not limited to, sections establishing the right to introduce evidence of any amount payable as a benefit to the patient as allowed by law (Civil Code 3333.1), the limitation on recovery for non-economic losses (Civil Code 3333.2), and the right to have a judgment for future damages conformed to periodic payments (CCP 667.7). The parties further agree that the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association shall govern any arbitration conducted pursuant to this Arbitration Agreement.

Article 4: All claims based upon the same incident, transaction or related circumstances shall be arbitrated in one (1) proceeding. A claim shall be waived and forever barred if 1: on the date notice thereof is received, the claim, if asserted in a civil action, would be barred by the applicable legal statute of limitations, or 2: the claimant fails to pursue the arbitration claim in accordance with the procedures prescribed herein with reasonable diligence.

Article 5: Revocation: This agreement may be revoked by written notice delivered to the health care provider within thirty (30) days of signature and if not revoked will govern all professional services received by the patient.

Article 6: Retroactive Effect: If a patient intends this agreement to cover services rendered before the date it is signed (for example: emergency treatment) patient should initial here, _____. Effective the first date of professional services.

If any provision of this Arbitration Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and shall not be affected by the invalidity of any other provision. I understand that I have the right to receive a copy of this Arbitration Agreement. By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have received a copy.

NOTICE: BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT YOU ARE AGREEING TO HAVE ANY ISSUE OF MEDICAL MALPRACTICE DECIDED BY NEUTRAL ARBITRATION AND YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR RIGHT TO A JURY OR A COURT TRIAL. (SEE ARTICLE 1 OF THIS CONTRACT.)

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE REVERSE SIDE

PATIENT SIGNATURE

(Date)

(Or patient representative) X

(Indicate relationship if signing for patient)

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I hereby request and consent to the performance of chiropractic adjustments and other chiropractic procedures, including various modes of physical therapy and diagnostic x-rays, on me (or the patient named below, for whom I am legally responsible) by the doctor of chiropractic named below and/or other licensed doctors of chiropractic who now or in the future treat me while employed by, working or associated with or serving as back-up for the doctor of the chiropractic named below, including those working at the clinic or office listed below or any other office or clinic, whether signatories to this form or not.

I have had an opportunity to discuss with the doctor of chiropractic named below and/or with other office of clinic personnel the nature and purpose of chiropractic adjustments and procedures. I understand that results are not guaranteed.

I understand and am informed that, as in the practice of medicine, in the practice of chiropractic, there are some risks to treatment, including, but not limited to, fractures, disc injuries, strokes, dislocations and sprains. I do not expect the doctor to be able to anticipate and explain all risks and complications, and I wish to rely on the doctor to exercise judgment during the course of the procedure which the doctor feels at the time, based upon the facts then known, is in my best interests.

I have read, or have had read to me the above consent. I have also had an opportunity to ask questions about its content, and by signing below I agree to the above-named procedures. I intend this consent form to cover the entire course of treatment for my present condition and for any future condition (s) for which I seek treatment.

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE REVERSE SIDE

PATIENT SIGNATURE (Or patient representative) x	(Date)	(Indicate relationship if signing for patient)
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OFFICE SIGNATURE	(Date)
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