



# FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATES

## Acupuncture Consent to Treat

By signing below, I do hereby voluntarily consent to be treated with acupuncture and/or substances from the Oriental Materia Medica by a licensed acupuncturist at Family Chiropractic Associates. I understand that acupuncturists practicing in the state of Maine are not primary care providers and that regular primary care by a licensed physician is an important choice that is strongly recommended by this clinic's practitioners.

**Acupuncture/Moxibustion:** I understand that acupuncture is performed by the insertion of needles through the skin or by the application of heat to the skin (or both) at certain points on or near the surface of the body in an attempt to treat bodily dysfunction or diseases, to modify or prevent pain perception, and to normalize the body's physiological functions. I am aware that certain adverse side effects may result. These could include, but are not limited to: local bruising, minor bleeding, fainting, pain or discomfort, and the possible aggravation of symptoms existing prior to acupuncture treatment. Unusual and very rare risks of acupuncture include nerve damage, spontaneous miscarriage, and organ puncture, including pneumothorax (lung puncture). Infection is also a possible but unlikely risk, as the clinic uses sterile disposable needles and maintains a safe and clean environment. I understand that no guarantees concerning its use and the effects given to me and that I am free to stop acupuncture treatment at any time.

**Direct Moxibustion:** I understand that if I receive direct moxibustion as part of therapy, there is a risk of burning or scarring from its use. I understand that I may refuse this therapy.

**Chinese Herbs:** I understand that substances from the Oriental Materia Medica may be recommended to me to treat bodily dysfunction or diseases, to modify or prevent pain perception, and to normalize the body's physiological functions. I understand that I am not required to take these substances but must follow the directions for administration and dosage if I do decide to take them. I am aware that certain adverse side effect may result from taking these substances. These could include, but are not limited to: changes in bowel movement, abdominal pain or discomfort, rashes, hives, and the possible aggravation of symptoms existing prior to herbal treatment. *Should I experience any problems which I associate with these substances, I should suspend taking them and call Family Chiropractic Associates as soon as possible.*

**Acupressure/Shiatsu/Tui-Na Massage:** I understand that I may also be given acupressure/shiatsu/tui-na massage as part of my treatment to modify or prevent pain perception and to normalize the body's physiological functions. I am aware that certain adverse side effects may result from this treatment. These could include, but are not limited to: bruising, sore muscles or aches, and the possible aggravation of symptoms existing prior to treatment. I understand that I may stop the treatment if it is too uncomfortable.

**Electro-Acupuncture:** I understand that I may be asked to have electro-acupuncture administered with the acupuncture. I am aware that certain adverse side effects may result. These may include, but are not limited to: electrical shock, pain or discomfort, and the possible aggravation of symptoms existing prior to treatment. I understand that I may refuse this treatment.

*I do not expect the clinical staff to be able to anticipate and explain all possible risks and complications of treatment, and I wish to rely on the clinical staff to exercise judgment during the course of treatment which the clinical staff thinks at the time, based upon the facts then known is in my best interest. I understand that results are not guaranteed.*

*I understand that there may be other treatment alternatives, including treatment offered by a licensed physician.*

*I have carefully read and understand all of the above information and am fully aware of what I am signing. I understand that I may ask my practitioner for a more detailed explanation. I give my permission and consent to treatment. 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.*

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Patient Name Printed

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Patient Signature

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Date

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