NETWORK SPINAL ANALYSIS (NSA)
Consent Form

I hereby request and consent to receiving spinal care, including wellness education in this office by a chiropractor(s) who provides Network Spinal Analysis (NSA) Care, a low force approach which has unique outcomes and clinical results. This practitioner(s) chooses to practice NSA, as he/she is professionally and personally confident in regard to the safety and effectiveness of this form of care.

This office provides care in accordance with the *Council on Chiropractic Practice Guidelines* and the *Canon of Ethics of the Association for Network Care*, and my doctor(s) has been trained in traditional chiropractic care and certified in the procedures of Network Spinal Analysis Care.

The purpose of this consent form is to help me better understand the nature of the services offered in this office and our mutual responsibilities. This fosters a more effective relationship and avoids misunderstandings regarding expectations. Having well understood expectations is anticipated to promote a greater sense of safety and healing.

NSA does not attempt to manually, or by instrument, manipulate spinal fixations structurally (often associated with a snapping or popping sound), nor does it directly treat painful areas of the spine and body. ***Instead, by enhancing my body's awareness of itself and specifically my spine, I understand I can develop new strategies for healing, adapting to stress, and experiencing wellness. These strategies promote spontaneous self-correction and self-regulation of spinal tension patterns and healing.***

NSA consists of gentle touch contacts along the neck and back to achieve greater communication between the brain and body, and new sensory and motor strategies. NSA adopts an approach associated with somatic (body/spinal awareness) training. There is a body of research characterizing NSA care and documenting its unique and significant wellness benefits. I understand I may obtain copies of published research articles and/or abstracts in this office.

I am aware that I will be receiving gentle touch Network adjustments, also called entrainments. Assessments of my progress will include monitoring of my spine and body awareness, responsiveness to inner rhythms, tension, and ease patterns. At regular intervals, following commencement of care, re-assessments will be performed. These will include my personal perception of my wellness and my awareness of my spine and body-mind changes. My chiropractor(s) will report to me the improvement in my spinal and nervous system integrity and my ability to self-regulate tension and to re-organize my spine.

NSA is advanced through a series of Levels of Care. Each Level of Care involves the development of new and unique spontaneous spinal wave motions, other body movements, and oscillations. These waves, which are suggested to be associated with the greater spinal stability, the re-distribution of energy, and the transfer of internal information are also associated with greater wellness, improved quality of life, and increased life enjoyment.

I also understand that, in addition to NSA care and wellness education, my practitioner(s) may perform additional examinations or assessments and offer health/spinal care or advice that is consistent with my individual needs.

Please Read and Sign the Following:

It has been explained to my satisfaction, and I understand that the care offered at this office is not a form of, or replacement for, the diagnosis or treatment of any symptom, disease, or malady. Instead, it is a form of wellness care and self-education that empowers my connection with my body-mind and develops new strategies for spinal and nervous system integrity and wellness. It develops new capacities in my body for the identification of, spontaneous release of, and redirection of tension, including those that are unique to NSA care.

It is common for people receiving NSA care to breathe more deeply and more fully, engaging the spine with their respiration, to spontaneously adapt postures that release or redistribute tension, to bust stress, and to experience more of their inner life energy.

I understand it is common to experience a wider range of motion and emotion during care. It is common, as care progresses, to find new options in the body and in life, which often lead to significant life changes. ***This form of care is NOT suggested for those individuals who wish to remove a symptom or condition without the occurrence of other fundamental changes in their lives. The care in this office often promotes significant changes in health choices, lifestyle, experience of the body-mind, emotion, and consciousness.***

Rather than attempting to simply return me to my previous state minus a symptom, this chiropractor instead chooses to help me achieve new levels of wellness and life potential that I may never have had before.

I have read, or have had read to me, the CONSENT TO RECEIVE NETWORK SPINAL ANALYSIS (NSA) CARE and ***understand that the care in this office is different from what many consumers may expect from chiropractors practicing manipulative therapy. I agree to receive care, which consists of or includes NSA care and wellness education. I understand that I am not passive in this process, but that I am an active participant in my care and in my healing.***

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PRINTED NAME OF PRACTICE MEMBER

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SIGNATURE OF PRACTICE MEMBER DATE

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PRINTED NAME OF WITNESS

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SIGNATURE OF WITNESS DATE

Informed Consent To Chiropractic Treatment

The nature of chiropractic treatment: The doctor will use his/her hands or a mechanical device in order to move your joints. You may feel a “click” or “pop," such as the noise when a knuckle is “cracked”, and you may feel movement of the joint. Various ancillary procedures, such as hot or cold packs, electric muscle stimulation, therapeutic ultrasound or traction may also be used.

Possible risks: As with any health care procedure, complications are possible following a chiropractic manipulation. Complications could include fractures of bone, muscular strain, ligamentous sprain, dislocations of joints, or injury to intervertebral discs, nerves or spinal cord. Cerebrovascular injury, or stroke, could occur upon severe injury to arteries of the neck. A minority of patients may notice stiffness or soreness after the first few days of treatment. The ancillary procedures could produce skin irritation, burns or other minor complications.

Probability of risks occurring: The risks of complications due to chiropractic treatment have been described as “rare”, about as often as complications are seen from the taking of a single aspirin tablet. The risk of cerebrovascular injury, or stroke, has been estimated at one in one million to one in ten million, and can be even further reduced by screening procedures. The probability of adverse reaction due to ancillary procedures is also considered “rare”.

Other treatment options that could be considered may include the following:

- *Over-the-counter analgesics*. The risks of these medications include irritation to stomach, liver and kidneys, and other side effects in a significant number of cases.
- *Medical care*, typically anti-inflammatory drugs, tranquilizers, and analgesics. Risks of these drugs include a multitude of undesirable side effects and patient dependence in a significant number of cases.
- *Hospitalization* in conjunction with medical care adds risk of exposure to virulent communicable disease in a significant number of cases.
- *Surgery* in conjunction with medical care adds the risks of adverse reaction to anesthesia, as well as an extended convalescent period in a significant number of cases.

Risks of remaining untreated: Delay of treatment allows formation of adhesions, scar tissue and other degenerative changes. These changes can further reduce skeletal mobility, and induce chronic pain cycles. It is quite probable that delay of treatment will complicate the condition, and make future rehabilitation more difficult.

I have read the explanation above of chiropractic treatment. I have had the opportunity to have any questions answered to my satisfaction. I have fully evaluated the risks and benefits of undergoing treatment. I have freely decided to undergo the recommended treatment, and hereby give my full consent to treatment.

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Printed name	Signature	Date