



# AUSTIN FUNCTIONAL WELLNESS

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## Informed Consent

Some risk is assumed in all treatment modalities, including chiropractic adjustments.

Manipulation or adjustment of the human frame carries small risk of injury to weakened or hidden pathology of the vertebral artery in the neck causing death or stroke in reported 1 per 400,000 cases to 1 per 10 million cases. Every effort is made to screen for this and use methods with the lowest risk. Your Doctor of Chiropractic is the highest licensed professional for specific and safe adjustment of the human frame.

Other complications may rarely include; strain, sprain, dislocation, fracture, disk aggravation, physiotherapy burns, muscle soreness, aches, or other injury. Please ask your Doctor of Chiropractic if you have any questions.

**Subluxation** is a misalignment and/or "stuck" joint or tissue, which is found to cause nerve impingement. This interferes with any organ, tissue, or blood vessel supplied by that nerve. Your doctor of chiropractic is trained to look for and find these subluxations, and to correct them with an **adjustment**. Please do not "pop" or "crack" your joints using a thrust of any kind, nor have an unlicensed person do it for you. Not only can you be hurt, you most likely will not achieve the correction you are looking for. Proper stretching can be very beneficial, and painless popping sounds may be heard and are normal, as long as no forceful thrust or impulse is applied.

After a specific adjustment some people experience the effects of renewed nerve flow and circulation to impinged areas that were restricted by their subluxation. These historically have been changes in; sweating patterns, increased respiratory capacity, faster bowel transit time, increased bowel movement frequency, shift in center of balance perception, sleep pattern changes, shoe fit and clothing measurements, differences in walking (gait), and various organ function changes. These subside quickly as the tissue adjusts itself to the restored nerve flow, but may be temporarily necessary in order for the tissue cells to excrete stored wastes.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



### For Minor

I understand the informed consent and hereby **consent to treatment of my minor** child named:

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Child's DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian signature:

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Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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