

Informed Consent

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A chiropractic physician is legally and ethically obligated to obtain informed consent from his patients prior to the start of treatment. Consent cannot be considered informed unless, at a minimum, the physician orally explains the risks associated with the proposed course of treatment, answers any questions the patient may have, and obtains the patient's permission to treat.

The physician shall note in the patient's clinical record the date of the informed consent consultation, the matters discussed, and the authorization to treat given by the patient. A standardized form may be used only as a written acknowledgment by the patient that the consultation occurred, and that consent was given. A form cannot replace the face-to-face discussion between the DC and patient.

If the patient is a minor or an incompetent adult, the informed consent consultation shall include the patient's parent or legal guardian.