COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.

CHIROPRACTIC INFORMED CONSENT

I hereby give my consent to the performance of diagnostic test and procedures and chiropractic treatment or management of my condition(s).

I understand that the treatment I receive at this clinic may be performed by advanced chiropractic interns under the supervision of a licensed Doctor of Chiropractic. I also understand that this is a teaching clinic and that student observers may be present during treatment.

Chiropractic treatment or management of conditions almost always includes the chiropractic adjustment, a specific type of joint manipulation. Like most health care procedures, the chiropractic adjustment carries with it some risks. Unlike many such procedures, the serious risks associated with the chiropractic adjustment are extremely rare. Known risks include temporary soreness, increased symptoms, or pain after the first few treatments. The following are symptoms of chiropractic services:

Dizziness / Nausea / Flushing: These symptoms are relatively rare. It is important to notify the chiropractor if you experience these symptoms during or after your care.

Fractures: When patients have underlying conditions that weaken bones, like osteoporosis, they may be susceptible to fracture. It is important to notify your Chiropractor if you have been diagnosed with a bone weakening disease or condition. If your Chiropractor detects any such condition while you are under care, you will be informed and your treatment plan will be modified to minimize risk of fracture.

Disc Herniation or Prolapse: Spinal disc conditions like bulges or herniations may worsen even with chiropractic care. It is important to notify your Chiropractor if symptoms change or worsen.

Stroke: A certain extremely rare type of stroke has been associated with chiropractic care. Although there is an association between this type of stroke and chiropractic visits, there is also an association between this type of stroke and primary care medical visits. According to the most recent research, there is no evidence of excess risk of stroke associated with chiropractic care. The increased occurrence of this type of stroke associated with both chiropractic and medical visits is likely explained by patients with next pain and headache consulting both doctors of chiropractic and primary care medical doctors before or during their stroke.

Bruising: instrument assisted soft tissue manipulation may result in temporary soreness or bruising.

I understand that the practice of chiropractic, like the practice of all healing arts, is not an exact science, and I acknowledge that no guarantee can be given as to the results or outcome of my care.

I understand the information provided to me in this informed consent document. I have discussed or been given the opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns with my chiropractor and have had these answered to my satisfaction prior to my signing this informed consent document. I have made my decision voluntarily and freely.

Patient Name (Print)	Patient Signature	Date