



# *Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors*

## *Standards of Practice: Informed Consent*

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### **Informed Consent**

- A.** Members will obtain from every patient or the guardian of the minor patient, Informed Consent before commencing any examination, diagnostic procedure or treatment.
- B.** The informed consent must disclose to the patient or the guardian of a minor patient, the nature of the proposed treatment or procedure and any potential risks including those that may be of a special or unusual nature.
- C.** Chiropractors must provide patients the opportunity to ask questions concerning the risks involved and should answer those questions to the patient's satisfaction.
- D.** In view that the best record of consent is one that is objectively documented, informed consent must be given in writing. Once written Informed Consent has been obtained, this grants permission for future treatments, however there is a continuing obligation to keep patients informed and to advise them of any new or changed material risk.
- E.** Specific Informed Consent is required for acupuncture treatment. This may be combined with your Chiropractic Informed Consent and does not require a separate form.