# **How to Avoid The 5 Mistakes Most People Make When Choosing A Chiropractor Without Even Knowing It**

If you suffer from chronic pain, have had a sporting injury, been involved in a car crash, or had an illness that has created a lot of pain, then you may have considered visiting a chiropractor. When you suffer from pain day in/day out, you seek to find the best remedies to eliminate pain. Often doctors will simply resort to prescribing medications that only mask the pain, rather than find the reason for it, and remedy it. If you have been considering alternative treatments to addictive drugs with many side effects, or a treatment that doesn’t involve expensive and long recovery time surgeries, then chiropractic care could be the treatment you have been searching for.

There are many reasons why people should choose a chiropractor to treat pain and injuries, however there are also many mistakes that are made early in the course of physical rehabilitation that can play a huge role in your recovery process.

If you have used a chiropractor before, but didn’t get the results you wanted, you may have made one of the ***5 Mistakes Most People Make When Choosing A Chiropractor.***

Chiropractic care was once about pain relief and not much else, however many modern chiropractors have post graduate training in many additional areas of remedial therapy which results in a wide range of options for patients suffering from pain, as well as many other imbalances within the body.

Choosing a chiropractor is the simplest way to create a pain-free life, however making one of the below mistakes can prove costly, and you could suffer physically, financially and emotionally if you don’t make the right choices when seeking a chiropractor.

# **The 5 Most Common Mistakes Most People Make When Choosing A Chiropractor**

# Mistake #1

***Not Getting a Proper Evaluation***

When determining your needs for chiropractic care, you simply must get your spine and nervous system evaluated before starting care. Without the right assessment patients can receive ongoing treatments without finding the root of the problems. Quality chiropractic care should include a full assessment to find the cause of pain, and any underlying issues should be managed accordingly.

A preliminary chiropractic exam will have three parts. The initial consultation will include a meeting between chiropractor and patient to discuss, duration or frequency of symptoms, describing the symptoms, discussing the areas of pain, discussing any methods that have relieved pain, and discussing what makes the pain worse.

The case history will involve the chiropractor asking questions relating to family history, diet habits, previous patient history like treatments or other related medical history relating to the pain or injury, occupation and psychosocial histories, and other questions that will help the doctor to learn about the pain and its source.

The physical examination may include several different methods to work out which areas of the spine require treatment. This can include static and motion palpation techniques using X-rays and MRI as well as using specialized devices that can identify issues by reading temperature variations in the spinal areas. Modern chiropractors have many physical methods to find the source of pain, however if not assessed properly, treatment will be useless.

Part of the crucial mistake that people make is not knowing exactly why they are visiting a chiropractor, and this is also based around proper assessment. Some people visit with the goal of not having to pay for surgery, some visit to try a different alternative to opiates and anti-inflammatory drugs, however the real reason to visit a chiropractor should be to find and eliminate the root cause of pain using natural methods. Chiropractic care goes beyond pain relief and can help to eliminate future health problems.

# Mistake #2

***Opting for The Cheapest Or Closest Chiropractor***

One mistake people often make is not researching for the best chiropractor, and simply booking the nearest one to their home or work or choosing the cheapest one they can find. Unfortunately, this mistake can be costlier in the long run. If these initial treatments fail, further treatments will need to be sourced, and people often turn to prescription drugs for pain relief, causing many other side effects. Instead of finding a reputable chiropractor to begin with, patient recovery time will be long and drawn out. Research is key when finding the right chiropractor.

Although most chiropractors focus on relieving pain, improving your range of motion, and use other simple remedies, a chiropractic practitioner who has further medical and remedial training and skills will concentrate on resolving structural and nerve dysfunctions, offering a far better solution to your problems.

People are always looking for ways to save money, and seeking medical help is no exception. Shopping for the cheapest chiropractor might suit your short-term financial issues, but over time, quality care will almost always save you money in the long run.

# Mistake #3

***Letting Someone Talk You Out Of It***

Another mistake people make when opting for a chiropractor is letting someone talk them out of it. Even though your family member or friend who is trying to talk you out of visiting a chiropractor may have had a bad experience doesn’t mean you will too. They probably made at least one of these 5 mistakes we are currently outlining. Like all professionals, there are good and bad experiences had by different people. Don’t let this discourage you, do your research and get recommendations from people who have had good experiences, and seen quality results.

Chiropractic is one form of treatment that over the years has received a lot of criticism, however modern chiropractors have some of the highest educational requirements of any health care professional. Chiropractic is one of the most regulated alternative medicine professions in the world, and patient satisfaction is very high. Make your decisions based on your own research, and how much you truly want to be free of pain.

# Mistake #4

***Not Continuing Treatment When You Start to Feel Better.***

Like other treatments, chiropractic must take its due course to ensure a full recovery is achieved. Just like taking heart medication or wearing a cast for a broken leg, you wouldn’t take away the fix for an issue until the problem is fixed, just because you are feeling better, and the same should apply for chiropractic care. When it comes to the spine, the key to rehabilitation is strengthening the muscles around the spine to a point where the original issue is weaker than the muscle around it. Chiropractic care not only repairs the source of the issue, but it ensures the issue does not return due to lack of continued care. This is why it is so important to continue receiving treatment long after you are relieved of the pain. Just because the pain subsides, does not mean it won’t come back if you stop treatment.

# Mistake #5

***Procrastination***

Procrastination in any form is one of the biggest problems we can make, especially when it comes to injuries and pain. Waiting too long to begin treatment after an injury can mean the difference between a full recovery and a lifetime of pain. When it comes to your spine, the longer you wait for treatment, the worse the problem gets. Like any medical issue, there is the potential for things to worsen if they aren’t treated within a short amount of time. Stop procrastinating now.

# **How to Avoid These Most Common 5 Mistakes**

1. Speak to your physician for a chiropractic recommendation. Have a quality chiropractor perform a complete assessment.
2. Research when looking for a chiropractor near you. Always look for recommendations from people you know.
3. Even if people try to talk you out of visiting, it may just be an indication to stay away from the chiropractor they had a bad experience with.
4. Continue the course of treatment that your chiropractor recommends. After all, they are the ones with the medical training.
5. As soon as you stop reading this eBook, start researching. It’s important that you do your research to find a quality chiropractor. Check online resources, ask your friends and family, and always read online reviews and testimonials.

The key to good health is a great practitioner, so choose wisely.