# **Be Informed About the Informed Consent**

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Informed consent for treatment requires clear communication about choices. Informed consent is not a signature on a form; it is a communication process in which patients are given information about their options for tests, treatments, or procedures and the opportunity to participate in informed decisions. Proper documentation is essential to avoid litigation. Dr. Mario Fucinari will define the standard of care and clarify the components and delivery of appropriate informed consent.

### **Biography:**

Dr. Mario Fucinari is a Palmer Davenport graduate. He is uniquely qualified as a seasoned practitioner, nationally recognized speaker, author, and instructor. Dr. Mario has decades of experience in compliance, coding, and documentation. He is a member of the Carrier Advisory Committee for Medicare, a Certified Professional Compliance Officer (CPCO), a Certified Physician Practice Manager (CPPM), and a Certified Insurance Consultant (CIC).

# **Learning Objectives:**

- Apply information to the policies, procedures, and protocols of informed consent
- Learn the consequences of an improper informed consent
- Learn about patient's rights to choose their care
- Discover "informed consent" and how to apply this to chiropractic care.
- Apply knowledge to design a treatment plan that shows the rationale for care
- Learn the common errors in documentation that lead to denials

#### Hour 1

- The Standard of Care
- Informed Consent and the Consultation
- The Informed Consent and your Treatment Plan
- The Diagnosis
- Legal Requirements to Provide Risks, Benefits, and Alternatives to Chiropractic Treatment
- The consequences of not delivering a proper informed consent
- When does the established patient need an informed consent?

#### Hour 2

- The Reasonable Standard Law
- Avoid "Shrouded Importance"
- The Components of the Informed Consent
- Specific State Informed Consent Guidelines
- Clear Communication of the Informed Consent

- What is meant by inherent or foreseeable risks?
- The "Process" of informing the patient
- Special Circumstances Informed ConsentQuestions and Answers