

## Chiropractic is a team approach

Safe and Natural

to better health. As you enjoy natural chiropractic care. integrity of their spines and and better health by restoring the Explain how millions enjoy relief results, tell those you love. nervous systems with safe and Johnstone Chiropractic 515 SR 9 NE, Suite 105 Lake Stevens, WA 98258 (425)334-1874



## Fortunately, to Safe,

Sciatica Often Responds Natural Chiropractic Care

Those suffering from sciatica are often in their 40s and 50s. It usually begins as an acute pain in the lower back and then it extends down the back of either leg. The pain usually worsens with long periods of sitting or standing.

Like a large river created by smaller streams, five pairs of nerves exit the spine in the lower back to form the two sciatic nerves. The soft, pulpy disc between each spinal bone is often involved. While a disc can't "slip," it can bulge, herniate or rupture. This can put direct pressure on the nearby nerves.

The result? Swelling. Inflammation. Pain when coughing, sneezing or with other kinds of movement. Sciatica often worsens with extended bed rest.



Pain pills or muscle relaxers are unable to correct the nerve

Like the visible part of an iceberg, symptoms are obvious. Yet there can be years of hidden and undetected spinal

merely exercises the unstable joints.
Surgery often involves cutting away disc tissue or removing bone to make room for the

nerve. Fortunately, sciatica often responds to safe, natural chiropractic care. Improving joint motion with a series of chiropractic adjustments has produced results for millions.



How do you get sciatica?

It's easy to trace some spinal problems to an event, such as a car accident. Yet, sciatica is often the result of cumulative damage. Years of bad posture

poor muscle tone, excess weight or countless ofther causes set the stage. Then, something simple like bending over to tie your shoes, can trigger an episode.

the space normally reserved for the nerve.

on the sciatic nerve roots, arthritic bone spurs can intruce into

disc thinning that puts pressure

Spinal decay can be another culprit. Instead of

sciatica?

Can anything else cause



Can chiropractic cure sciatica?

Actually, chiropractic doesn't cure anything! Only your body can do that. The chiropractic approach to sciatica (and other health problems) is to help restore the way your spine is to help restore the way your spine.

is to help restore the way your spine works, reducing nerve irritation and revitalizing your own healing ability.

"Before" and "after" images of the lower back often show improved disc height and spacing. Many patients report that they can resume their lives and that their symptoms have disappeared without drugs or surgery.

Your chiropractic doctor is uniquely skilled to evaluate and reduce the most common cause of sciatic nerve pain.

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It's the natural approach to relief

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## How long will I need chiropractic care?

with the results they get after several weeks or months of care. Naturally, this varies from patient to patient. Many discover that years of negleci have produced spinal instabilities that never fully heal. These patients elect to continue with periodic chiropractic checkups. It's up to you.