# Dittsworth Chiropractic Centre

#### **CLINIC HOURS:**

Tuesday	2.00pm - 6.00pm
Wednesday	2.00pm - 6.00pm
Thursday	2.00pm - 6.00pm
Saturday	8.00am - Close

We listen carefully, examine thoroughly, report so you understand, provide personalised chiropractic care and monitor results.

### **Knee Injuries**

Knee pain or knee injuries are extremely common, and there are many causes. The knee needs to function properly to provide flexible mobility while bearing considerable weight. While walking down the street, our knees bear three to five times our body weight. Many jobs, sports and recreation activities, getting older, or having a disease such as osteoporosis or arthritis increase the chances of having a knee problem.

Sudden (acute) injuries may be caused by a direct blow to the knee or from abnormal twisting, bending the knee or falling on the knee. Overuse injuries occur with repetitive activities or repeated or prolonged pressure on the knee. Activities such as stair climbing, bicycle riding, jogging, or jumping stress joints and other tissues and can lead to irritation and inflammation.

It is important to make an accurate diagnosis of the cause of your knee pain or injury so that appropriate treatment can be directed at the cause. Our approach of assessing and treating the knee includes the evaluation of the other joints and muscles relating to the knee. This is for several reasons:

- Firstly, pain can be referred from other structures in the low back, pelvis and hip into the knee, in certain conditions.
- Secondly, if other joints in the lower limb are not working correctly they can put increased stress on the knee joint, resulting in injury over time. Therefore to resolve the knee pain chiropractors may also treat other areas, to maximise long-term improvement.

Your Chiropractor will discuss the injury with you and estimate the time it will take to recover. Chiropractic care for patients with this condition is vital to hasten the healing process, ensure an optimal outcome and reduce the likelihood of injury recurrence.

#### Chiropractic treatment of knee pain

We would normally modify the treatment to suit each patient and their specific conditions. So the type of treatment that is most appropriate for one person is not necessarily right for another.



- Reduce joint inflammation and reduce pain

   Avoidance of aggravating factors, use of a support, sports tape
  - Ice to reduce inflammation, muscle spasm and pain
- Normalise joint function
  - Specific chiropractic adjusting techniques to areas of restricted movement in the knee and surrounding joints, to increase movement, improve the function and reduce pain as well as adjustments to the lower back & pelvis.
- Rehabilitation exercise program
  - When appropriate we introduce exercises to improve strength, endurance and stability. We also work on improving your balance and your sense of joint position (proprioception). This will help you to return to normal and also prevent new injuries.

#### USE IT OR LOSE IT by December 31st!

Did you know that you lose private health fund benefits each year? Most of our patients are unaware of this, so we thought we should let you know.

NOW is the time to use your entitlement before it's lost forever for treatment in our practice! Choose to use your health fund entitlement

today.

Most health funds allow extras claims only for the duration of 12 months, usually from January till December.

Unused claims generally DO NOT carry over to the next year or, so this means...

#### IF YOU DO NOT USE IT...YOU LOSE IT!

With HiCaps<sup>®</sup> instant rebates on the spot, you can use your health fund benefit to achieve a pain free life, get a check up, recover from injury, get back into your rehab classes, and simply be as healthy as you can be!

The CHOICE is yours but as I have mentioned earlier - you must USE IT or you will LOSE IT by 31st December!

## Don't miss out on the rebate you pay for! Call our practice today to schedule an appointment and take advantage of the funds still available to you before they run out. Call now!

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