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The Chair
Chiropractic Board of Australia

I am writing in response to the proposed code of conduct with particular concern about the following sections.

"frequent chiropractic checks or treatment of children without symptoms or signs has not been supported by current available evidence and is currently not recommended..." 2.10.7

"The need for X-rays is supported in cases where "red flags" (suspected pathology) are elicited from the clinical history and examination" 2.6.2

Recommending taking X-rays only when red flags are present is not in the best interests of the patient. If the taking of X-rays is likely to alter or determine the care of that case it should be determined clinically appropriate.

Re: 'Regular chiropractic checks or treatment of children without symptoms or signs... is not currently recommended.'

Common sense identifies the need for prevention and early detection of all health conditions, including the function of the spine, nervous system and associated structures.
How would we be able to maintain a population with reasonable dental hygiene without promoting regular non-symptomatic dental check-ups? How is chiropractic any different to dentistry in this sense, other than the areas of the body we specialise in?

These guidelines are not in the interests of a healthy population. I hope that you can take the time to review and consult our profession about these inappropriate guidelines to ensure the health of our communities is preserved.

Thankyou,

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