Australian Registration Guidelines

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To whom it may concern,

As a first year graduate I was concerned to read the draft guidelines set out by the Chiropractic Board of Australia. It is concerning to newly enter a profession whose board seems to be trying to stifle its progression and the role it can play in a patients health.

It is a shame the condescending tone, as presented in this document, does not end when we graduate from University after 5 years of full time education filled with potential and promise. As a newly graduated student I am familiar with this underlying tone, but I can only imagine how insulting it must be to chiropractors who have serviced their communities for years.

In regard to using new techniques(2.2.2): How does a profession grow and develop and stay in line with current research if their techniques cannot also develop?

In regard to advertising(2.3), " uses testimonials or purported testimonials about the service or business". Patients and students are educated on the benefits of chiropractic in this way all the time, just as other health care professions and drug companies use the same level of advertising. If patients benefit from treatment, whether it be chiropractic or otherwise, the fact that they "benefited from the treatment" is true. Are all health care professions restricted, as chiropractors are, to use this form of truth in their advertising?

The Xray guidelines are restrictive. Xrays are not taken to rip off the patient - and its insulting to assume they are. Many chiropractors use this, with other testing, as a diagnostic tool to not only rule out red flags but consider biomechanical, degenerative, and congenital complications and to guide the most appropriate treatment options for the patient.

Please excuse the brief nature of my response. I found the document quite confusing and repetative and due to the time restriction allocated for consideration of these guidelines I have not been able to address them thoroughly.

Yours in Health,
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