Fri, 9 April 2010

NationalChiropractic Board

To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Guidelines

I wish to register my objection to the proposed guidelines. In particular, I object to the guideline which states: "frequent chiropractic checks or treatment of children without symptoms or signs has not been supported by current available evidence and is currently not recommended…"

The evidence does exist which indicates that fixations/subluxations in the spine which remain in place longer than two weeks are associated with structural/degenerative changes. And given the obvious fact that the greatest growth in the spine occurs in childhood it becomes imperative that dysfunctions in the spine be checked and corrected on a regular basis - like dental cavities and decay, the dental profession no longer operates on the notion of waiting for dental pain before assuming that there are dental issues, preventive measures, ie, good dental hygiene and regular check ups, are an essential aspect to good dental health.

And as for signs and symptoms …. they appear a long way down the continuum from health to overt disease, the accumulation of layers of adaptation and compensation, each layer expressing increasing dysfunction and progressive loss of health. Long before such medically recognised signs and symptoms there are indicators of dis-ease and dysfunction that we as chiropractors are trained to recognise and understand their significance in relation to good health.

What an appalling lack of understanding of the essence of Chiropractic care and its ramifications for whole body health is revealed by some of the proposed guidelines.

What is very clear is that the proposals represent a minority and very narrow view of Chiropractic, however even more disturbing is that these views indicate a degree of ignorance of new scientific understanding of the intricacy and synergy of the human nervous system and the role it plays in health and wellbeing.

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