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Guidelines proposals for Chiropractors

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Dear Board members,

I am writing to you as a registered chiropractor in the state of NSW. I has come to my attention the National Board is proposing several guideline suggestions that I believe are not in the best interest to the chiropractic profession or its clientele.

In particular these are 2.10.7 that suggests that regular care of asymptomatic children is not suggested by the board. In our practice we see many families on a regular basis. They love having chiropractic as a regular part of their health regime. They often comment that they do not get sick as often that their general health is improved by regular adjustments. The other benefits is that we are able to detect any structural or growth problems as they are occurring. These may include scoliosis, postural and muscular imbalances.

There is a move in the Government to promote preventative health care. The chiropractic profession should be at the forefront of this debate and movement.

2.6.2 suggests that xrays should only be used when red flag pathology is suspected. This will limit the use of plain film that chiropractors have used over the years to help to determine that structure and condition of the spine. They enable us to give a better prognosis to the patient. They enable us to give more specific, accurate, safer and more effective care to our clients. I am in a practice that have been using xrays since 1970. We have over 19000 patients on file, the majority of them with xrays. We have never thrown any out. It is amazing when someone has not been in for thirty years how their spinal degeneration started when they first were in and where the problems developed.

It is also amazing how frequently I find serious pathology such as a pneumothorax or cancer in the spine in cases that on the surface appear normal and run of the mill. I beseech the Registration Board to continue encourage chiropractors to use x-ray analysis as a regular part of their examination.

Please note my objection to the above proposed guidelines.

Yours sincerely,

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