Attention: Chair, Chiropractic Board of Australia

Consultation paper on Codes and Guidelines.

I find this document extremely offensive. Significant changes and restrictions of practice are being proposed without consultation with the chiropractic profession, and an extremely short timeframe to prepare objections to these codes and guidelines. This, in itself, is contrary to common practice, and very rude.

I find the general tone of the document insulting, and it seems to presume misconduct is the norm in practice. Eg “Discussing his or her own sexual problems or fantasies”. In 13 years of practice, it has not ever once occurred to me to do this. What sort of people do think chiropractors are, that you feel the need to stipulate this?

“Financial and management plans should not extend beyond 3 months at any time”. Why 3 months? What evidence do you possess that supports this stupidity? I recommend all my patients do range of motion exercises every day of their lives. Does this breach this guideline?

The guidelines for care of children seem to be written with the intention of preventing chiropractic care for kids.

“Diagnostic tools, tests and processes” section, seems to be more about apparent misdiagnosing and exaggeration.

The radiology section seems more about preventing its use.

There are numerous unspecified and unclear “demonstrated acceptable levels”, “evidence informed” and “may be’s”, that seem designed to allow breaches of this document based on the author/s opinion only.

This document, in its entirety, deserves to be dumped, and a fresh codes and guidelines paper developed in consultation with the <u>whole</u> chiropractic profession, “within a context of justice and respect for people’s rights”.

Yours truly,

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