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Dear Sir,

Whilst I appreciate the good intentions of the new national board and can only imagine the workload and complexity of writing the guidelines, I share a number of concerns that have been well articulated by other respondents. Notably Peter Cowie's reply makes a number of points for the board to consider. I am a board member of the Gonstead Chiropractic Society (Aust) and endorse the response by Andrew Stevensen. I agree with the CAA and Mark Postles that the tone of the guidelines is in part condescending and covers areas that I believe are beyond its charter.

Whilst I share some apparent (judging by the tone of the intent) concern's with the board over such behaviours as over servicing generally and over adjusting of children, I feel the wording of the document risks curtailing the implementation of best practice chiropractic. Such mistakes as commenting on immunization is certainly beyond the charter of the document. Practicing evidence based care leaves you so far behind the cutting edge waiting for the peer reviewed documentation of the evidence to catch up that we do an unforgiveable disservice to our community and our profession (and what has allowed our profession to withstand the test of time). In short the document needs to be viewed from a chiropractic paradigm and not written from a medical paradigm, just because this is the dominant political force in health care.

I hope my comments are helpful and wish you well in this challenging task.

Kind Regards,

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