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Chiropractic Association Of Australia

Re: Chiropractic Board of Australia Code of Conduct

Please incorporate these principles into the Code's laws.

- "Scientific" and "medical" are not interchangeable terms. As chiropractors we must have the right to use any scientific information available, whether it conforms with current medical opinion or not. As alternative practitioners the public expect us to have alternative techniques, science and views. We serve the public, not officialdom.

  For example:
  1) Many journals compare different modalities; why can't we quote them?
  2) Many journals give opposing views to current medical opinion; why should we withhold this information from patients?

- The medical system constantly withholds opposing information from patients. Chiropractors should not be forced to follow medical views especially when patients ask for alternatives. Many patients try years of medicine prior to finding success with chiropractic.

- Chiropractors now need reassurance they can practice their particular technique and improve it, research it and master it without recriminations from a pack of incapable people holding a sham(e) code in their hands.

- Drop the rubbish about cooperation in the Health Care System. There is very little. Maybe the medical code now states doctors must work with chiropractors. That wouldn't work either, as they are ignorant of what we do.

- Each rule must be logical, cost effective, practical and possible. Much of what I have read is illogical, cost prohibitive, impractical and impossible.

  Basically it is an academic viewpoint which will not work in a practical setting.

- Please prove the level of training in SMT held by medical doctors or physiotherapists comes close to that of a chiropractor or osteopath. If not, the Code must restrict physiotherapists and medical doctors.

- If the above is not possible, then the following is imperative.

- This Code of Corruption the CBA has been influenced to write, needs to be taken head on by the CAA, chiropractors and patients Australia wide. Legal action and raised public awareness need to be undertaken to prevent a gross injustice.

Yours sincerely,

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