



CHIROPRACTIC NEWSLETTER

Many people would rather die than think and many do. Please network this newsletter with some of the thinkers that you know.

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After having subluxations adjusted, patients may experience a reduction or cessation of symptoms. For them, this experience validates the effectiveness of chiropractic care.

Repeated validation creates a rock solid awareness that chiropractic works.

Many validated patients have become chiropractic ambassadors who will encounter medical disinformation about chiropractic.

For example, you may need to answer: Why does the WA government deny hospitalised patients access to chiropractic care?

How about getting those who are responsible to explain this restraint of trade?

Denial of hospital visiting rights is a state issue.

The reason for denying those hospitalised patients access to chiropractic care is not patient

Should Hospitalised Patients Be Able To Access Chiropractic Care?

“The Sun-Herald has also seen evidence that chiropractors have been entering Sydney hospitals, including neo-natal intensive care wards and surgical wards, to treat patients without the required permission.

“.. the Australian Medical Association NSW says the behaviour is "outrageous". NSW Health has warned that any chiropractor working in a hospital without permission could put patients at risk.”

Regarding medical “patients at risk”: *“This fully referenced report shows the number of people (in the USA) having in-hospital, adverse reactions to prescribed drugs to be 2.2 million per year. The number of unnecessary medical and surgical procedures performed annually is 7.5 million. The number of people exposed to unnecessary hospitalization annually is 8.9 million.*

The most stunning statistic, however, is that the total number of deaths caused by conventional medicine is an astounding 783,936 per year. It is now evident that the American medical system is the leading cause of death and injury in the United States. (By contrast, the number of deaths attributable to heart disease in 2001 was 699,697, while the number of deaths attributable to cancer was 553,251.5)” http://www.lef.org/magazine/mag2004/mar2004_awsj_02.htm

In the Year that investigative journalist. John Archer guesstimated Australia’s iatrogenic death toll to be around 50,000 the death toll due to chiropractic was zero!!

Let us put “risk” in perspective. The Tiananmen square civilian death toll could be as many as 1,400. In the USA: *“the total number of deaths caused by conventional medicine is an astounding 783,936 per year”*

Chiropractic care is an appropriate management of choice for Australia’s hospitalised public patients who have subluxation related disorders. Substituting medical management may unnecessarily exposed those patients to the real risk of iatrogenic harm and that is *“outrageous”*.

Is Cost a Justification?

Let’s look at one example where chiropractic Care Results in 1/10th the Cost.

This 1991 study assessed the total cost per case of chiropractic claims and medical claims for conditions with identical diagnostic codes. The sample consisted of 3062 claims or 40.6% of the 7551 estimated back injury claims from the 1986 Workers’ Compensation Fund of Utah. For the total data set, cost for care was significantly more for medical claims, and compensation costs were 10-fold less for chiropractic claims.

Jarvis KB; Phillips RB; Morris EK. Cost per case comparison of back injury claims of chiropractic versus medical management for conditions with identical diagnostic codes. J Occup Med. 1991 Aug; 33(8):847-52.

ANOTHER STUDY PROVIDED PROOF OF CHIROPRACTIC'S COST-SAVING IMPACT ON MEDICARE PROGRAM

Another study of US Medicare cost data completed by the well-known Washington, DC-based firm Muse & Associates helps prove the cost-saving impact that chiropractic care has on the current federal Medicare program.

safety,
effectiveness or
cost
effectiveness.

Let us assume
that both political
parties have
sound evidence
based justification
for denying those
public patients
who have
subluxation
related disorders
access to
chiropractic care.

Please consider
asking for that
evidence.



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Please share their
replies with your
chiropractor.

"The results strongly suggest that chiropractic care significantly reduces per beneficiary costs to the Medicare program. The results also suggest that Chiropractic services could play a role in reducing costs of Medicare reform and/or a new prescription drug benefit." The study specifically found that:

- Beneficiaries who received chiropractic care had lower average Medicare payments for all Medicare services than those who did not (\$4,426 vs. \$8,103); That is a 46% reduction!
- Beneficiaries who received chiropractic care averaged fewer Medicare claims per capita than those who did not; and
- Beneficiaries who received chiropractic care had lower average Medicare payments per claim than those who did not.

Costs Down, Patient Satisfaction Up With Chiropractic Care.

Article From WebMD

The study comes from American Specialty Health Plans Inc. of San Diego. The company provides employers with health insurance coverage for complementary medicine, including chiropractic care and acupuncture.

The company compared four years of back pain claims from two groups: 700,000 health plan members with chiropractic care coverage and 1 million members with the same health plan without chiropractic care coverage. It's the largest study yet of how chiropractic care affects the cost of health care, Compared with doctor-only health plans, the study found that:

- Chiropractic care cut the cost of treating back pain by 28%.
- Chiropractic care reduced hospitalizations among back pain patients by 41%.
- Chiropractic care reduced back surgeries by 32%.
- Chiropractic care reduced the cost of medical imaging, such as X-rays or MRIs, by 37%.

The report appears in the Oct. 11 issue of Archives of Internal Medicine.

Although the researchers did not look at patient satisfaction in this study, Dr. Metz says company studies show that 95% of chiropractic care patients are satisfied with the care they receive.

Chiropractic Care Saves Money

OBJECTIVE: To compare the health care costs of patients who have received chiropractic treatment for common neuromusculoskeletal disorders with those treated solely by medical and osteopathic physicians.

DESIGN: Retrospective statistical analysis of 2 year of claims data on various categories of utilization and insurance payments for a large national sample of patients.

SETTING: Ambulatory and inpatient care.

PATIENTS: A total of 395,641 patients with one or more of 493 neuromusculoskeletal ICD-9 codes.

OUTCOME MEASURES: Hospital admission rates and 10 categories of insurance payments.

RESULTS: Nearly one-fourth of patients were treated by chiropractors. Patients receiving chiropractic care experienced significantly lower health care costs as represented by third party payments in the fee for-service sector. Total cost differences on the order of \$1,000 over the 2-yr period were found in the total sample of patients as well as in subsamples of patients with specific disorders. The lower costs are attributable mainly to lower inpatient utilization. The cost differences remain statistically significant after controlling for patient demographics and insurance plan characteristics.

CONCLUSIONS: Although work is in progress to control for possible variations in case mix and to compare outcomes in addition to costs, these preliminary results suggest a significant cost-saving potential for users of chiropractic care. The results also suggest the need to re-examine insurance practices and programs that restrict chiropractic coverage relative to medical coverage.

Stano M. A comparison of health care costs for chiropractic and medical patients. J Manipulative Physiol Ther. 1993 Jun;16(5):291-9.