



WFC POLICY STATEMENT

Use of Prescription Drugs

Approved by the Assembly of the World Federation of Chiropractic

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WHEREAS the scope of chiropractic practice includes the management of patients with acute and chronic headache, neck pain and back pain and other neuromusculoskeletal disorders;

AND WHEREAS some of these patients may at times benefit from the use of prescription drugs and, as a result, a small minority of chiropractors has advocated seeking an expansion of the scope of chiropractic practice to include rights to prescribe drugs;

AND WHEREAS the art, philosophy and science of chiropractic have always emphasized the inherent recuperative power of the body to heal itself without the use of drugs or surgery and the legal scope of practice of chiropractic in all jurisdictions is based upon that premise;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that there be international consistency in the essential components of the practice of chiropractic;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED by the World Federation of Chiropractic that for reasons of chiropractic principle, patient welfare and interdisciplinary cooperation the practice of chiropractic does not include the use of prescription drugs, and chiropractic patients who may benefit from prescription drugs should be referred, where appropriate, to a medical doctor or other suitably qualified health care practitioner.