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WFC POSITION STATEMENT

Claims of effectiveness, cure or prevention made by chiropractors

WHEREAS we maintain that chiropractic practice includes the promotion of better health and the wellbeing of our patients and communities and we acknowledge that the role of chiropractic care is to enhance function, improve mobility, relieve pain and optimize wellbeing;

AND WHEREAS we support chiropractic practices that are evidence-based, people-centered, interprofessional and collaborative, at the same time we advocate that public statements and claims of effectiveness for chiropractic care are honest, legal, decent and truthful;

AND WHEREAS as health professionals, since patients and the public look to and trust chiropractors as credible sources of health information, chiropractors need to be especially careful about recommendations or claims about the outcomes of chiropractic care;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the public's health that chiropractors share accurate and scientifically sound information with patients and the public;

THEREFORE the World Federation of Chiropractic hereby states that for reasons of patient welfare and public health, chiropractors should refrain from making unsubstantiated claims of effectiveness, cure or prevention to their patients or the public in their communications, which includes broadcast and non-broadcast media.

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