



WFC POSITION STATEMENT

Chiropractors support and promote quality of care

WHEREAS the World Health Organization (WHO) states that “Quality of care is the degree to which health services for individuals and populations increase the likelihood of desired health outcomes and are consistent with evidence-based professional knowledge” and that quality of care is comprised of seven primary components: effective, safe, people-centered, timely, equitable, integrated, and efficient.

AND WHEREAS the lack of quality care substantially burdens individuals, health systems, and societies by contributing to increased morbidity and mortality, elevated direct and indirect costs, and lost productivity.

AND WHEREAS the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) is committed to a world where all people, of all ages, in all nations may access quality care and that chiropractors contribute to the well-being of people in their communities.

AND WHEREAS as contributors to the public's health, chiropractors are responsible for providing

- effective and evidence-based healthcare services to those who need them;
- safe chiropractic care that avoids harmful methods or practices;
- people-centered care that focuses on the best interests of individuals, taking into account their preferences, needs, and values;
- timely care, either directly or in collaboration with other providers, to reduce waiting times and avoid harmful delays;
- equitable care that serves patients regardless of their traits such as sex/gender, ethnicity, geographic location, or other diversity or socio-economic traits;
- integrated and collaborative care within healthcare systems so that patients may access the appropriate health services throughout their life course; and
- efficient care that maximizes available healthcare resources and at the same time avoids waste.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS THE POSITION THAT the WFC endorses quality of care constructs of WHO and further recognizes that chiropractors have a role and responsibility to contribute to quality of care.

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Explanatory notes:

Quality of Care

https://www.who.int/health-topics/quality-of-care#tab=tab_1

Model of Care

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00586-018-5720-z>