



WFC POSITION STATEMENT

Core elements of chiropractic health care, health promotion, and public health practices

WHEREAS chiropractors serve their patients and communities as high value, trusted health professionals, thus, their actions have an impact on individuals and the public.

AND WHEREAS *beneficence* is the practice of doing what is in the best interest of health and wellbeing for patients and their communities, especially within the context of individual beliefs, community cultural values, and public health needs.

AND WHEREAS *non-maleficence* is the practice of doing no harm, including biological, psychological, and social aspects, a balance must be sought between best outcomes and least harm to individuals and the public.

AND WHEREAS *autonomy* is giving people the freedom to choose the interventions that they receive and to be informed about options and effects; that there must be consideration of all aspects of how interventions impact the individual and the community.

AND WHEREAS *justice* ensures fairness for all people, which includes that patients are given fair treatment regardless of their individual traits, including but not limited to race/ethnicity, religion, ability, sex/gender, or any other personal characteristic, thus health care providers should communicate and act with compassion, dignity, and respect.

AND WHEREAS *professionalism* includes a combination of knowledge, skills, behaviors, and attitudes that demonstrate competency in a profession, which are essential to the public's trust; and that providing best possible chiropractic care uses evidence-based practices, which is the integration of clinical expertise, best available scientific evidence, and the values and preferences of individuals; and that chiropractors are important members of the healthcare team which requires effective and respectful intraprofessional and interprofessional approaches to facilitate optimum outcomes for individuals and the public.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS THE POSITION THAT the World Federation of Chiropractic recognizes the combined traits of beneficence, non-maleficence, autonomy, justice, and professionalism are essential to chiropractic health care, health promotion, and public health practices, and that chiropractors have the responsibility to provide ethical, professional care and uphold good conduct in all practices.

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