WFC PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE POSITION STATEMENT

OPIOID OVERUSE

The World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) supports a non-drug, non-surgical first line approach to back pain, neck pain and other neuromusculoskeletal disorders.

Opioid prescription for non-cancer pain has become a complex public health crisis. It can have devastating consequences for individuals, families, and communities. These include addiction, overdose, and death.

The WFC advocates an integrated approach to the opioid crisis. Chiropractors provide non-pharmaceutical care options in the management of back pain, neck pain and other neuromusculoskeletal disorders for which opioids are often prescribed.

The WFC supports initiatives involving partnerships between chiropractors and other health care professions, funders, governments, and other stakeholders to address the opioid abuse crisis in a collaborative and evidence-based manner.