

ICA POLICY STATEMENT ON

Surface Electrode Paraspinal Electromyography (EMG)

The ICA acknowledges that analysis of the vertebral subluxation and its effects on the human body is paramount to chiropractic practice. The ICA acknowledges that surface EMG studies are a part of the practice of chiropractic when used to evaluate the muscular changes associated with the vertebral subluxation complex. Surface electrode paraspinal electromyography (EMG) is a non-invasive diagnostic technique used to measure the electrical activity in the muscles surrounding the spine. Such information may be presented as numerical values, or used to create an image.

Protocols and normative data for paraspinal EMG scanning in chiropractic practice have been published in refereed, peer-reviewed journals. Furthermore, courses in the use of paraspinal EMG scanning have been offered and are being offered under the aegis of CCE accredited chiropractic colleges.