

Chapter 12

Presentation, Implementation, Future Updates

Presentation

As with any new suggested guidelines, there is the need to present all relevant updates and modifications to the groups who originally reviewed them. In our case, it is the members of the International Chiropractors Association (ICA) in particular and the whole Chiropractic community in general. To accomplish this presentation of the ICA Best Practices and Practice Guidelines, we will start by redistributing access to:

- 1) the ICA Board members,
- 2) the ICA State Representative members,
- 3) all state and provincial boards,
- 4) all state and provincial associations,
- 5) all foreign Boards,
- 6) all foreign associations, and
- 7) all chiropractic colleges' academic deans, clinic directors, and presidents world-wide.

The first version of this guideline was distributed to each of the bodies mentioned above between the years 2007-2012. Presentation and general dissemination was thorough and remains a continual process, due to the turnover of leadership within each entity. With this 2012/13 update mass redistribution will be performed once again. Additionally, press releases announcing the updated guidelines with web access will be sent to as many chiropractic outlets as possible.

Implementation

We continue to have confidence that most members of the ICA already practice close to these guidelines. We also strongly believe that the majority of non-ICA member Doctors of Chiropractic practice very similar to these guidelines as well. We believe this because by following our methodology we have included every clinical paper ever written by chiropractors, regardless of where it was published or the clinical methods described. Therefore this document is the most accurate representation of a broad cross-section of clinical practice.

We will focus once again on educating doctors on the benefits of implementing clinical practice guidelines. There remains an obvious disconnect between clinicians and research. We hope to bridge that gap through our continued dissemination and education efforts.

Future Updates

Regular meetings of the ICA's Guidelines Committee occurred throughout each year from 2007-2012 to discuss the dissemination, implementation and review of the guidelines. For the review component, several physical meetings were held where articles were reviewed and added into the database. At these meetings, committee members read and rated papers from literature searches done in the previous year. Dr. Leonard Siskin (NJ) has been responsible for organizing these meetings with assistance from Drs. Stephanie and Tom Chaney. Since it is suggested that guidelines be updated at least every 5 years, in 2013, we will re-submit all the information in 12 chapters of these guidelines (2018, 2023, and 2028) to the National Guideline Clearinghouse and any other relevant organizations.