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*The patients we serve are the ultimate beneficiaries of our willingness to share and to support one another in the hard work of licensing / registration, examinations, education, accreditation, and discipline.*

*Welcome* to the to the International Chiropractic Regulatory Society

These periodic alerts will bring you the latest news of the ICRS. But more important, we will present interesting and **current** concepts in chiropractic regulation, all of which arise from publicly available materials. We hope that you will find the format to be to the point and useful in sparking discussion.



## WHAT WOULD YOU DO? SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS

The regulatory board may learn about possible misconduct by a licensee or registrant by way of a complaint or sometimes through a media article.

- At what point should the board temporarily remove the practice privilege pending more thorough investigation?
- Does your board have guidelines for imposing a temporary or summary suspension? Or are circumstances so individualized that they are difficult to place into guidelines?

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## WHAT WOULD YOU DO? SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS – *Continued*

- Should there be other interim options, such as practice monitors or restrictions while still enabling the chiropractor to practice? Or is the potential danger to the public sufficient to warrant “time out”?
- How much information should be available on the board's public website?
- How does the board balance the public interest against the probable impact on a doctor's practice?
- How do the agency's resources enter into these decisions?



### Recent news stories where boards have issued **immediate suspensions** pending the full disciplinary process:

#### AUSTRALIA

##### Chiropractor Jesse Thurlow charged with alleged rape, chiro license suspended

Updated: 21:03 BST, 12 June 2019

A buff chiropractor whose clients included ‘the Bachelor’ Tim Robards has been charged with rape and has had his practising license suspended. [MORE](#)

#### MICHIGAN – USA

##### More than two dozen new charges brought against Grand Blanc-area chiropractor

Updated Jun 5, 2019; Posted Jun 5, 2019

GRAND BLANC TWP, MI – A Grand Blanc Township chiropractor is facing dozens of new charges after being accused of inappropriately touching patients. Charles Arthur Jackson, 66, was originally charged with two counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct. .... Jackson's license to practice was suspended on April 19, according to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. [MORE](#)

#### CALIFORNIA – USA

##### Moreno Valley chiropractor arrested on suspicion of sexual battery

Updated September 13, 2019

A Moreno Valley chiropractor was arrested this week on a sexual battery allegation in connection with an incident that occurred in his office in July. Sam Khumoro, 52, of Eastvale, was taken into custody Tuesday and booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center with a bail of \$5,000. The Riverside County Sheriff's Department said the alleged assault occurred July 25 at Khumoro Chiropractic in the 23000 block of Alessandro Boulevard. ... the Board of Chiropractic Examiners can petition for an interim

suspension order of a chiropractor's license if evidence is discovered that suggests allowing the licensee to practice would place the public in danger. [MORE](#)

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA CANADA

##### 'Brain balancing' B.C. chiropractor suspended amid 3 investigations

##### Daniel Sullins' claim to practice 'board certified functional neurology' is dangerous, doctor says

CBC News · Posted: Jun 20, 2019 7:00 AM PT

Daniel Sullins was a chiropractor in Texas before moving his practice to North Vancouver. (mybrainscore.com). Just 18 months after he arrived in B.C., Dan Sullins is already facing three investigations into his "brain balancing" chiropractic practice on the North Shore. The College of Chiropractors suspended Sullins' registration on Tuesday, stating that the public could be at risk if he continued practising. [MORE](#)

#### WASHINGTON STATE - USA

##### Chelan County Based Chiropractor Has License Suspended While Pending Legal Action

Posted August 9, 2019

Washington Department of Health sent a press release Friday morning, announcing Christie Collier, Chelan County chiropractor, had her license suspended based on charges that she is allegedly unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

Her chiropractor practice in Washington is halted until the charges are resolved. According to the press release, she has 20 days to request a hearing to contest the charges along with the suspension. [MORE](#)

These stories are presented for discussion. No guilt or innocence is implied. Please search the internet for updates.



## GUTEN TAG, REGULATORS & FRIENDS!

### ICRS MEETS IN CONJUNCTION WITH WFC / ECU CONGRESS

With a nod to our gracious hosts from the World Federation of Chiropractic and the European Chiropractors Union, the ICRS held its 11th Annual Educational Forum in Germany's beautiful capital city.

#### The agenda was split into three parts:

**Educational program** with presentations by the German Chiropractic Association, World Federation of Chiropractic, International Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board, Association of Chiropractic Malaysia, European Chiropractors Union, Council on Chiropractic Education Canada, World Congress of Chiropractic Students, Councils on Chiropractic Education International, Fédération Internationale de Chiropratique du Sport, and an in-depth look at the United Kingdom's General Chiropractic Council.

**Second Annual General Meeting** of the membership since ICRS was incorporated as an international nonprofit organization based in Canada.

**Open Session: Issues Raised by Media Coverage**  
The timely issue of chiropractic care for children was raised by recent Australian media coverage.

Pre and Post Licensure Examinations Around the World	<b>2019 TOPICS</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum</b> <b>Berlin</b>	Canadian Chiropractic Examinations
Perceptions of Regulation by Students / Recent Graduates		Challenges of New Legislation: The Malaysia Experience
The European Perspective: Regulation & Legislation		Perspectives from the World Federation of Chiropractic
Focus on the United Kingdom's General Chiropractic Council		Does Accreditation Guarantee Educational Equivalence?
	Regulatory Issues Relating to Treating Athletes	
	Accreditation in Canada	
	Regulatory Concerns in Germany	

[CLICK HERE for the full Forum Proceedings](#)

[CLICK HERE for Annual Meeting Minutes](#)



[CLICK HERE for Berlin Photos](#)



In addition, ICRS Chair Dr. Lisa Richard and Executive Director Donna M. Cohen presented a well-attended interactive workshop as part of the WFC/ECU educational program on its Ethics track:

#### THE PERILS OF BAD BEHAVIOUR: WHY MISCONDUCT TAINTS US ALL

To view the introductory PowerPoint presentation, [CLICK HERE](#)



## The General Chiropractic Council:

- Registers chiropractors - find a chiropractor on our [homepage](#)
- Publishes [The Code](#) covering the standards of chiropractic practice and professional conduct that all chiropractors must meet
- Sets educational standards for individuals training to [become chiropractors](#)
- Takes action if a chiropractor fails to meet our standards. We will remove a chiropractor from our register if they are found to be unfit to practise following investigation. Find out how to report [concerns about a chiropractor](#)

*Information courtesy of the General Chiropractic Council Website*

**[www.gcc-uk.org](http://www.gcc-uk.org)**



**General Chiropractic Council**



On July 5, the chiropractic regulators in the United Kingdom celebrated two **noteworthy milestones**:

- **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Royal Assent**, the finalization of the adoption of legislation to recognize and regulate the chiropractic profession
- **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chiropractic Register**

**Ian Hutchinson DC, Registrant 00001, recounts the lively story of the 19-year battle:**



The long journey towards statutory regulation began in 1975 when the BCA applied, unsuccessfully, for chiropractors to register under the Professions Supplementary to Medicine Act.

[For the rest of this brief and engaging story, CLICK HERE](#)

**Coinciding with GCC's birthday year events, the organization has also streamlined and updated its website. From the GCC:**

On the new-look website it is now much easier to access:

- our **searchable database** of all registered chiropractors in the UK on the [homepage](#)
- helpful **information for patients and members of the public** about chiropractic, including [what treatment involves](#)
- a link to a **bespoke portal for registered chiropractors** where registrants can [update their CPD and complete their annual retention application](#)
- information on our role, structure and **standards, including the Code**
- a comprehensive section covering [education and registration](#)
- practical advice on what to do if you have [concerns about a chiropractor](#).
- a section [specifically for chiropractors](#)

To visit the website of the **General Chiropractic Council** and its public resources, please click [HERE](#)



## At-risk advertising by Australian chiropractors and physiotherapists

by J. Keith Simpson

*Chiropractic & Manual Therapies* volume 27,  
Article number: 30 (2019) Published 13 June 2019

Excerpt from Abstract:

“The aims of this research were to determine the frequency, type and nature of at-risk advertising by Australian chiropractors and physiotherapists and whether there is a correlation between professional association membership and advertising guideline compliance.”

Link to article: <https://chiromt.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12998-019-0247-x>

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## The chiropractic workforce: a global review

by Mette Jensen Stochkendahl, Mana Rezai, Paola Torres, Deborah Sutton, Peter Tuchin, Richard Brown and Pierre Côté

*Chiropractic & Manual Therapies* volume 27, Article number: 36 (2019) Published 24 July 2019

Excerpt from Abstract:

“The world is faced with a chronic shortage of health workers, and the World Health Organization (WHO) has estimated a global shortage of 7.2 million health workers resulting in large gaps in service provision for people with disability. The magnitude of the unmet needs, especially within musculoskeletal conditions, is not well established as global data on health work resources are scarce.”

Link to Article: <https://chiromt.biomedcentral.com/track/pdf/10.1186/s12998-019-0255-x>

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## Australian Report: Chiropractic spinal manipulation of children under 12

This 228 page independent study was released October 30, 2019, and is available for download in PDF or WORD format.

Excerpt from the government website:

The report includes the findings and recommendations into a review of spinal manipulation on children performed by chiropractors.

On 8 March 2019, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Health Council (CHC) noted community concerns about the practice and agreed there was a need to consider whether public safety was at risk.

The Victorian Minister for Health, the Hon. Jenny Mikakos MP, instructed Safer Care Victoria (SCV) to undertake an independent review.

This report was provided to the Minister for reporting to the CHC in October 2019.

**DIRECT LINK TO DOWNLOAD:**

<https://www.safercare.vic.gov.au/reports-and-publications/chiropractic-spinal-manipulation-of-children-under-12>

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**OHIO** – June 18, 2019

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### **Local lawmakers propose more protections for sexual assault victims of doctors**

<https://www.dispatch.com/news/20190618/local-lawmakers-propose-more-protections-for-sexual-assault-victims-of-doctors>

A group of Franklin County lawmakers wants to increase protections for sexual assault victims in Ohio.

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The legislation comes in wake of the conviction of Ryan Smith, a former Clintonville chiropractor. Smith faced allegations of sexual assault from 43 of his former patients. The statute of limitations had run out on several of the accusations, so he faced charges relating to 22 of the women, ranging between 14 and 74 years old. Smith pleaded no contest in January to 66 counts of sexual imposition and was sentenced to 180 days in jail, to be served over 60 consecutive weekends, plus five years of probation.

**NEW JERSEY** – March 4, 2019

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### **Requires certain health care practitioners to disclose criminal and disciplinary history to patients. Includes podiatrists, dentists, medical doctors, chiropractors**

<https://legiscan.com/NJ/text/A3521/id/1752093>

SENATE, No. 3521 | STATE OF NEW JERSEY | 218th LEGISLATURE

**ARIZONA** – September 1, 2019

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### **With sweeping new law, Arizona aims to reset national standards for license portability**

<http://www.professionallicensingreport.org/with-universal-license-recognition-law-arizona-aims-to-reset-national-standard-for-portability-of-all-out-of-state-licenses/>

...the Arizona legislature and governor will make moving to Arizona a much easier process for licensed professionals who want to work there.

The new law, taking effect September 1, is the first of its kind in the nation. It is simple in concept but sweeping in effect. MORE

**WEST VIRGINIA** – June 8, 2019

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### **Waives initial occupational licensing fees for military and low income families (adjusted gross income below 130% of the federal poverty line)**

[http://www.wvlegislature.gov/Bill\\_Status/bills\\_text.cfm?billdoc=SB396%20SUB1%20ENR.htm&yr=2019&sesstyp e=RS&billtype=B&houseorig=S&i=396](http://www.wvlegislature.gov/Bill_Status/bills_text.cfm?billdoc=SB396%20SUB1%20ENR.htm&yr=2019&sesstyp e=RS&billtype=B&houseorig=S&i=396)

## General Chiropractic Council – changes to advertising section of the Code

October 25, 2019

<https://www.gcc-uk.org/news/entry/amendment-to-the-code-b3>

At its September meeting, the Council approved an amendment to the Code. This follows a consultation period.

The purpose of amending the Code is to provide greater clarity for Registrants by referencing the ASA and relevant guidance as a result of the advertising cases.

The amendment is made at B3 and is as follows:

**You must:**

**ensure your advertising is legal, decent, honest and truthful as defined by the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) and conforms to their current guidance, such as the CAP Code**

## New Zealand Chiropractic Board – Adopts Cultural Competency Standards

<https://www.chiropracticboard.org.nz/Portals/12/Standards%20of%20cultural%20comptence%20policy%20adopted%20Nov%2017.pdf?ver=2017-12-13-120216-347>

Among other responsibilities set out in section 118 of the Act, it is the Chiropractic Board's (the Board's) role:

“to set standards of clinical competence, cultural competence and ethical conduct to be observed by health practitioners of the profession.”

These Standards of Cultural Competence set out the obligations of all chiropractors to practise in a culturally competent manner.

## Oregon Board USA - Offers guidance to those seeking approval for ETSDP (Examinations, Tests, Substances, Devices, and Procedures)

<https://www.oregon.gov/OBCE/pdfs/ETSDP.pdf>

Regulatory authorities are often asked by chiropractors whether certain aspects of practice are permitted. The Oregon Board has a standard review process that focuses on fairly and consistently evaluating these questions.

## Chiropractic Board of Australia

### Advance copy of revised CPD Guidelines published - effective December 1

<https://www.chiropracticboard.gov.au/Codes-guidelines.aspx>

The Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board), along with four other National Boards, has published an advance copy of its revised continuing professional development guidelines (CPD guidelines). Click on the link above for this and other codes and guidelines available in both PDF and WORD format.

### New guide for social media

<https://www.chiropracticboard.gov.au/Codes-guidelines/Social-media-guidance.aspx>

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and National Boards have published a new guide to help registered health practitioners understand and meet their obligations when using social media. [MORE](#)

# People News



**Association of Chiropractic, Malaysia**  
**Persatuan Kiropraktik Malaysia**



The newest member of the ICRS is the **Association of Chiropractic of Malaysia**.

**Dr. Wong Yi Kai, President**, offered an excellent presentation at our 2019 Berlin Forum, focused on the chiropractic profession's rapid growth and progress in governmental recognition.

Please visit the ACM website at <https://chiroacm.org> or email [president@chiroacm.org](mailto:president@chiroacm.org)



**The Chiropractic Board of Australia** announces the appointment of its new Executive Officer, **Ms Kirsten Hibberd**. The CBA is a Regulatory member of ICRS.

Ms. Hibberd is an AHPRA staff member with a wealth of regulatory experience and has held policy and project positions with the Dental Board of Australia and the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. Email: [Kirsten.Hibberd@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:Kirsten.Hibberd@ahpra.gov.au)



The **National Board of Chiropractic Examiners** announces the election of its new president, Daniel M. Côté, DC.

Dr. Côté is also president of the International Board of Chiropractic Examiners and has been a welcome presenter at ICRS. The IBCE is a Partner Member of ICRS.  
Email: [dcote@nbce.org](mailto:dcote@nbce.org)



ICRS appreciates the service of retiring **World Federation of Chiropractic** President and Council member, **Dr Laurie Tassell**, from Australia.

He has been a strong proponent of international regulation and mobility for qualified practitioners.



At the same time, we welcome the WFC's interim president, **Dr. Vivian H.E. Kil** of the Netherlands. Dr Kil is not only the first woman to serve in the top leadership role of the WFC, she is also the youngest chiropractor to hold this position.

Please contact Dr Kil through the WFC Secretariat: [info@wfc.org](mailto:info@wfc.org)

## 2020 ICRS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

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CHIROPRACTIC REGULATORY SOCIETY



... for those interested in chiropractic regulation, registration / licensure, discipline, practice requirements, accreditation, education, examination, continuing professional development, travel to teach or treat

Membership in the ICRS is open to qualifying organizations throughout the world. There are no individual members. There are three categories:

- Regulatory Members - \$1,000 USD
- Partner Members - \$500 USD
- Associate Members - \$500 USD

[For more information about the ICRS goals, governance, and membership categories, please click here.](#)

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**2020**  
**Wednesday**  
**28 October**

#### SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA – USA

In conjunction with WFC / ACC  
Educational Conference



**2021**  
**Wednesday**  
**12 May**



#### TOKYO, JAPAN

In conjunction with the WFC's  
16<sup>th</sup> Annual Biennial Congress

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