



## USEFUL CONCEPTS IN CHIROPRACTIC REGULATION

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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.

We learned long ago that there is almost always more than one solution to licensing and registration issues. We present these topics to encourage you to share both your questions and your solutions with the community of those dedicated to the protection of the public through chiropractic regulation.

We look forward to receiving your ideas for subject matter as well as supportive references by name or web link.

Nothing in this bulletin is intended to provide legal advice. But we do hope we can put the best of our collective ideas to work to continually improve regulatory processes.

**We are so much smarter together  
than by ourselves.**

INTERNATIONAL  
CHIROPRACTIC REGULATORY SOCIETY

Once a registrant or licensee has been found to be in violation of a board's legal requirements for practice, all boards deal with the unique sanction aspects of an individual case. These include consider **mitigating circumstances**—factors that weigh in the defendant's favor—and **aggravating circumstances**—factors supporting a stiffer penalty, as well as extenuating circumstances.

Round people do not all fit in the same square box. Yet boards also have a mandate to seek consistency to ensure fairness.

Do you have written “sentencing” guidelines that are referenced in all cases?

Do you track and review regularly the types of violations and the sanctions?

Or do you depend on others for “institutional recollection”?

How do your numbers compare with other health care professional boards in your jurisdiction?

How do they compare with other chiropractic regulatory agencies worldwide?

Can discrepancies be clearly explained?

Sexual violations are particularly difficult, and attract media attention. Should the board's sanctions relate in any way to any criminal convictions or are they completely separate?

What is the process for considering previous violations (criminal as well as board actions)?

Do malpractice claims affect the sanction decisions?

What legal options do you have for sanctions? For example, can you impose monitoring? Collect fines? Recover costs? Suspend indefinitely? Is a revocation permanent or are there consistent conditions including timeframes) imposed where a person who has lost the privilege of practice may reapply?

**[READ MORE: CLICK HERE](#) for some recent news stories involving various sanctions**



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

**Educational program** with presentations by the ECU, European Academy of Chiropractic, World Federation of Chiropractic, World Congress of Chiropractic Students, and an in-depth look at the Chiropractic Board of Australia

### **BUDAPEST ON THE DANUBE**

### **ICRS MEETS IN CONJUNCTION WITH ECU ANNUAL CONVENTION**

With a nod to our gracious hosts from the European Chiropractors Union, the ICRS held its 10th Annual Educational Forum in Hungary's beautiful capital city.

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

**Invitational Open Session** to learn more about the challenges facing associations in Europe as they move toward professional chiropractic regulation.

## Some of the Budapest Topics:

Securing chiropractic legislation and title protection in unregulated jurisdictions	Preparing for growth in European chiropractic: new programs	WCCS students: Future registrants and regulators
Research and legislation	CPD requirements	Diagnostic imaging
International accreditation and practitioner mobility	Spotlight on Australia's regulatory system	Chiropractic conduct, performance, and ethics

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

[CLICK HERE for Annual General Meeting Minutes](#)



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## ICRS OFFICERS ELECTED

The first formal elections of the newly incorporated ICRS resulted in two-year terms for the following officers:

### CHAIR

Dr Lisa Richard  
(Federation of Canadian Chiropractic)

### VICE CHAIR

Dr Kristin Grace  
(New Zealand Chiropractic Board)

### SECRETARY / TREASURER

Mrs Penny Bance (General Chiropractic Council of the United Kingdom)

Also, Ms Donna (Liewer) Cohen was named volunteer Executive Director for the ICRS.



*Vice Chair Kristin Grace, Chiropractic Board of New Zealand; Chair Lisa Richard, Federation of Canadian Chiropractic; Executive Director Donna (Liewer) Cohen; Secretary / Treasurer Penny Bance, General Chiropractic Council - United Kingdom*



## SPOTLIGHT ON THE CHIROPRACTIC BOARD OF AUSTRALIA

At the recent Budapest Forum, Dr Wayne Minter presented a helpful overview of the structure of the **Chiropractic Board of Australia** and the functions of this unique partnership between national and state governments.

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## CHIROPRACTIC BOARD OF AUSTRALIA: Highlights



Australia has more than 700,000 registrants, including over 5,000 chiropractors.

Established under the 2009 national law, the Chiropractic Board of Australia (under the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency) is essentially a national system where individual states also retain regulatory authority. Functions among the various national regulatory boards are standardised to the degree possible.

Professional regulation is increasingly data driven, giving rise to new areas of research. More data also means concomitant requirements for data collection, storage, and access policies.

The complaint process is dedicated to the humane and timely handling of complaints, with a focus on complainant involvement in accordance with established protocols. Monitoring of compliance with assigned disciplinary conditions is also key.

For a more complete report of Dr Minter's presentation, please click [HERE](#)  
- see page 4 of the Proceedings.

To visit the website of the Chiropractic Board of Australia and its public resources, please click [HERE](#).

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## ICRS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE



... 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](#).

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## 11TH ANNUAL FORUM BERLIN WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2019

Please join us in Berlin for our all day Forum, **Wednesday 20 March 2019**. The Forum is in conjunction with EPIC2019, the annual conventions of the WFC and ECU.

Click [HERE](#) to register for the ICRS Forum

Click [HERE](#) to for EPIC2019 program and accommodations



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