

# Chiropractic News

June 2006

From the Chiropractic Fellowship of PA



## Fellowship Responds to the CCPGG

1. We strongly disagree that the document addresses the clinical issues most commonly seen in our practices.
2. We strongly disagree that the document provides information to form a rational basis for clinical case management.
3. We disagree somewhat that the document addresses specific clinical issues.
4. We strongly disagree that the document has adequate broad-based chiropractic representation.
5. We disagree somewhat that the process used to gather and rate the evidence was thorough and appropriate for the stated objectives.
6. We disagree that the process used to develop the actual conclusions from the evidence appears to be appropriate for the stated objectives.
7. We disagree somewhat that the language is clear, easily comprehended and easy to use.
8. We strongly disagree that the recommendations are made independent of any outside influence.
9. We strongly disagree that the literature-based recommendations reflect conclusions based on the available evidence, rather than beliefs or opinions of individuals within or outside of the process.
10. We strongly disagree that in the absence of adequate evidence, the consensus process was fair and independent.

The Chiropractic Fellowship of Pennsylvania comments and concerns on the draft of the CCGPP's document for low back pain

After sitting in on the district one conference calls with the CCGPP and reviewing comments by other national and state associations the Fellowship agrees that there are numerous problems with the content of the first draft that need to be addressed. Rather than enumerate on these the Fellowship's comments will address two of the fundamental flaws we see with the document. One is that the CCPGG has chosen low back pain as the initial chapter and another is this chapter does not properly address supportive and long-term care.

The initial chapter of a document that is suppose to represent an entire profession should be based on the most common use of Chiropractic care. The majority of our profession adjusts the spine for the well being of their patients. Whether that is for the alleviation of symptoms or the correction of a vertebral subluxation for the improvement of the body's performance. By beginning the document with low back pain it places the practice of Chiropractic in a small box rather than the global approach to the human body that Chiropractic is based on.

Supportive and long-term care is a basis for most Chiropractic practices. By not addressing this issue we relegate Chiropractic to a short-term solution when in reality the benefits of ongoing care are just as important.

Scientific and empirical evidence is plentiful within our profession to support both of these issues. If the authors of this document feel that there is not enough research to present this global approach of Chiropractic they should be replaced by the many in our profession who do and are willing to compile the research.

On numerous occasions the CCGPP committee expressed the opinion that this document was not solely for the justification of Chiropractic care to the insurance industry. That it had just as much value for the practicing Chiropractor by using it as a guide for the type and amount of care for our patients. We believe that this document in the real world will be used by insurance companies to reduce or deny Chiropractic care while giving the impression that if Chiropractic care does not alleviate certain symptoms it should be discontinued. It is naive to believe that the insurance industry will use this document to determine fair reimbursement of Chiropractic claims. We see no value for the Chiropractor in this documents current form.

Rather than placing Chiropractic care in the medical arena of treating patients for limited symptomatic relief for the sole purpose of insurance reimbursement, we should be placing Chiropractic in the forefront of health care as a means for improving and maintaining ones health and well being. This is what the public is looking for and they need to know that Chiropractic is a means of achieving this.

## The Cost of Negativity

By Sharon Gorman DC

Negativity is very expensive. Addiction is very negative so I'll bunch it in with negativity. Negativity can run your life. It steals your ability to choose. It becomes who you are. It clouds your life. It takes a hold of you so strong that you can't see the opportunity to choose otherwise. Once and if you wake up from the nightmare you create for yourself then you see how you have wasted your days. You only get a certain amount of days - you know. Once out of the funk you can see how you have spent up your days and have nothing to show for it. When you lose that chunk of your life or even of a day, you can never get it back. It doesn't do you any good. When you live in the funk full of worry and "poor me`s" you aren't serving anyone including yourself. It is self indulgent. It is allowing the tapes of the past and the dark side of life to "run" you. Everyone loses especially you when you sit in it and stew. Only choice can save you. Most of us need to tap into the power greater than ourselves aka God to find the strength to make that choice. It is the choice to have a choice. It is the choice to seek the light instead of wallow in the darkness. Faith will block out fear like light will dismiss the darkness. The worse part of the darkness is you forget that you can choose otherwise. You feel like you are a "victim". How helpless. It takes a resolve. A resolve happens in a split second. You choose - you wake up- you do what it takes to make the changes needed and you don't entertain the negative thoughts that will probably still be occasionally popping up in your head even after you have changed your path. You can't let them in, you can't entertain. You CAN choose to create a life that you love.

**SEMINARS AVAILABLE FOR CE CREDITS WHICH ARE DUE IN  
SEPTEMBER OF 2006! (Listed by Location)**

## Harrisburg

Saturday, July 22, 2006

## Peter Kevorkian, DC

### Children and Chiropractic Practice

Best Western Harrisburg Airport, Rt. 283 (Exit 1B) & the PA Turnpike, 815 Eisenhower Blvd., Middletown, PA –

For hotel information: 717.939.1600

Available for spouses, CA's, and guests for a discounted fee

Saturday/Sunday, July 29-July 30, 2006

## Daniel Murphy, DC

### New Era in Whiplash and Spinal Trauma (Part One)

This is a 2-day Seminar offered by the ICA. Register directly by calling 800.423.4690

Saturday/Sunday, August 12-13, 2006

## Richard Christie, DC, Esq.

### New Era in Whiplash and Spinal Trauma (Part Two)

This is a 2-day Seminar offered by the ICA. Register directly by calling 800.423.4690

# Philadelphia

Saturday, July 8, 2006

## Stephen Marini, DC, Ph.D.

### Optimum Immunity

Fort Washington Holiday Inn - 432 Pennsylvania Avenue, Ft. Washington, PA 19034

(Exit 339 off PA Turnpike), For hotel information: 215.643.3000

Available for spouses, CA's, and guests for a discounted fee

Saturday, July 22, 2006

## Dick Plummer, DC and Judy Campanale, DC

### Chiropractic Principles of Practice and Patient Education

Holiday Inn Select - Bucks County, 4700 Street Road, Treose, PA 19053 (Exit 351 off of the PA Turnpike,

Northeast Philadelphia Region) For hotel information: 215.364.2000

Available for spouses, CA's, and guests for a discounted fee

Saturday, August 19, 2006

## Ken Horup, DC & Bruce Johnson, DC

### Practical Adjustment of the Spine for Sports and Family Practice

Double Tree Club Hotel - Philadelphia Northeast, 9461 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19114 (Exit 351 off of the PA Turnpike) North of Cottman Ave, Rt. 73, For hotel information: 215.671.9600

Saturday, August 26, 2006

## David Smith, DC

### Documenting the Impairment of Vertebral Subluxation in Whiplash

Double Tree Club Hotel - Philadelphia Northeast, 9461 Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19114 (Exit 351 off of the PA Turnpike) North of Cottman Ave, Rt. 73, For hotel information: 215.671.9600

Also approved for 12 CE credits in Delaware and South Carolina

# Pittsburgh

Thursday, July 27, 2006

David Smith, DC

Documenting the Impairment of Vertebral Subluxation in Whiplash

Holiday Inn Monroeville, 2750 Mossdale Blvd., Exit 57 of PA Turnpike, Monroeville, PA 15146 – For hotel information: 412.372.1022

Also approved for 12 CE credits for Delaware and South Carolina

Saturday, August 12, 2006

Dick Plummer, DC and Judy Campanale, DC

Chiropractic Principles of Practice and Patient Education

Crowne Plaza Pittsburgh International Airport, 1160 Thorn Run Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108, For hotel information: 412.262.2400 - Limited Space

Available for spouses, CA's, and guests for a discounted fee

Saturday, August 19, 2006

Gary Trout, DC

Chiropractic X-Ray Basics as Applied to Daily Practice

Radisson Hotel - Pittsburgh, in Monroeville, 101 Mall Boulevard, Monroeville, PA 15146 (Next to Pittsburgh ExpoMart, Across from Monroeville Mall) For hotel information: 412.373.7300

Saturday, August 26, 2006

Stephen Marini, DC, Ph.D.

Optimum Immunity

Hyatt Regency Pittsburgh International Airport – 1111 Airport Blvd. Pittsburgh, PA 15231, for hotel information: 724-899-1234

Available for spouses, CA's, and guests for a discounted fee

# Stroudsburg

Saturday, August 19, 2006

Stephen Marini, DC, Ph.D.

Optimum Immunity

Howard Johnson Hotel - Bartonsville, Rt. 611 & I-80 (Exit 302), Bartonsville, PA 18321 - For hotel information: 570.424.6100

Available for spouses, CA's, and guests for a discounted fee

**SEMINARS AVAILABLE FOR CE CREDITS WHICH ARE DUE IN SEPTEMBER OF 2006! (Listed by Date – See above information for more details on a specific seminar)**

July 22, 2006 (Saturday) – Philadelphia - Dick Plummer, DC and Judy Campanale, DC – Chiropractic Principles of Practice and Patient Education

July 22, 2006 (Saturday) – *Harrisburg* – Peter Kevorkian, DC –  
Children and Chiropractic Practice

July 29-30, 2006 (Saturday & Sunday) – *Harrisburg* – Daniel  
Murphy, DC – New Era in Whiplash and Spinal Trauma (part one) – **ICA Seminar**

August 12, 2006 (Saturday) – *Pittsburgh* - Dick Plummer, DC and  
Judy Campanale, DC – Chiropractic Principles of Practice and Patient Education

August 12-13, 2006 (Saturday & Sunday) – *Harrisburg* –  
Richard Christie, DC, Esq. – New Era in Whiplash and Spinal Trauma (part two) –  
**ICA Seminar**

August 19, 2006 (Saturday) – *Stroudsburg* – Stephen Marini, DC,  
Ph.D – Optimum Immunity

August 19, 2006 (Saturday) – *Pittsburgh* - Gary Trout, DC –  
Chiropractic X-Ray Basics as Applied to Daily Practice

August 19, 2006 (Saturday) – *Philadelphia* – Ken Horup, DC &  
Bruce Johnson, DC – Practical Adjustment of the Spine for Sports and Family  
Practice

August 26, 2006 (Saturday) – *Pittsburgh* - Stephen Marini, DC,  
Ph.D – Optimum Immunity

**NON-CREDIT UPCOMING SEMINARS** Watch for upcoming seminars for your continuing  
education credits. Also, please let us know if you have any suggestions for future seminars.

## **FOCUS PHILOSOPHY NIGHT**

Date: Saturday, August 12, 2006

Time: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Optional Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

FEATURING – **ROB SHIFFMAN DC**

LOCATION:

Howard Johnson

Bartonsville, PA

Route 611 Bartonsville, PA (exit 302 off I-80)

(570) 424-6100 for Reservations (ask for Focus Rate)

Please bring your staff and patients!

COST: Suggested fee is the price of one office visit. We will be passing the hat to cover expenses.

For more information contact Sharon Gorman at (570) 350-4091 [focus2@ptd.net](mailto:focus2@ptd.net)

#### FUTURE DATES

September 9, 2006 – Paula Hedgelon DC and John Hofmann DC

October 14, 2006 – Claude Lessard

November 11, 2006 – Speakers to be Announced!

December 2, 2006 – Speakers to be Announced!

**Mark your Calendar!**

## CLASSIFIED ADS

You are invited to send us any classified notices to be included in this newsletter. That would include selling a practice, looking for a new associate, looking for someone to cover your practice or looking to buy or sell equipment. E-mail notices to: [focus@noln.com](mailto:focus@noln.com) or [maryellen@wannerassoc.com](mailto:maryellen@wannerassoc.com)

**PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATE NEEDED:** Hazleton Area-Associate needed. New Graduates Welcomed. Sugarloaf chiropractic office is looking for a highly motivated, passionate, and principle centered chiropractor to expand her busy referral based wellness practice. Candidate must be proficient in low force techniques and possess desire to learn advanced tonal and cranial techniques. Must have adjunctive procedures certification. On the job training. Competitive Salary. If you are looking for an opportunity of a lifetime, send CV and photo to Dr. Rowena de Jesus [drrowena@lifeexpressionchiro.com](mailto:drrowena@lifeexpressionchiro.com) Fax 570-708-2039

### LOCAL RETIRED DC OFFERING VACATION COVERAGE

Dr. Mel Rosenthal, Saylorsburg, PA is offering to fill-in for DCs within a 45 minute radius of Stroudsburg (Poconos) for vacations and other coverage. Dr. Mel is an adjustment-only practitioner with 35 years of experience in Delaware. He is licensed and insured. Just \$50 per hour, no travel charge, with a minimum of 3 hours. For more information call him at 570-992-8282 or email at [oneoftheone99@yahoo.com](mailto:oneoftheone99@yahoo.com).

**ARE YOU INCLUDED IN SHARON GORMAN'S MONDAY MORNING MESSAGE?** E-mail your request to [focus2@ptd.net](mailto:focus2@ptd.net).

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHIROPRACTIC FELLOWSHIP, call (717) 441-6042 or get membership information at [www.chirofellowpa.org](http://www.chirofellowpa.org).

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