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Summit V in Washington, DC Focuses on National Health Care Reform

In an historic fifth general session, the nearly 40 organizations that comprise the Chiropractic Summit gathered in Washington, DC on May 14th to focus on national health care reform, presenting a united front on behalf of chiropractic patients and the chiropractic profession to federal policy makers.



A Chiropractic delegation meets with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and key Congressional leaders during Summit V held in Washington, D.C on May 14th. (Left to right) Dr. Gary L. Walsemann, ICA President, Dr. Lewis Bazakos (ACA), Senator Harry Reid (D-NV), Dr. Stephanie Youngblood, ICA Board Member, Dr. Jerry DeGrado COCSA Immediate Past President, Senator John Ensign (R-NV), Dr. Frank Nicchi, ACC President and Dr. Michael McLean, ICA Legislative Committee Co-Chair.

Dr. Dan Murphy Named ICA's 2009 Chiropractor of the Year

Dr. Daniel J. Murphy was honored as ICA's 2009 Chiropractor of the Year at the Association's 83rd Annual Meeting held recently in Washington, DC. A long-standing ICA member, leader and powerful mentor to chiropractors around the world, Dr. Murphy served as ICA Vice President for the past six years and has been an active leader, educator and spokesperson for the ICA for several decades. "No one has ever brought more distinction to the ICA than Dr. Murphy," said ICA's 2008 Chiropractor of the Year Dr. Marshall Dickholtz who announced the award at a gala banquet on May 15th.



Dr. Murphy

A Distinguished Fellow of the ICA, Dr. Murphy was the first ICA Lifetime Member. He has received numerous other awards from the ICA over his many years of service, including the "Chiropractic Educator of the Year" award in 1987 and 1991, and "Researcher of the Year" in 1995. He has also been recognized with numerous clinical science faculty awards

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The ICA Best Practices and Practice Guidelines Accepted by National Guideline Clearinghouse

The International Chiropractors Association (ICA) is pleased to announce that the landmark 640-page *ICA Best Practices and Practice Guidelines* have now been accepted for inclusion in the National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC). The National Guideline Clearinghouse is a comprehensive database of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and

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New Chiropractic Summit Policy Paper Highlights Profession's Important Potential in National Health Care Reform



The Path to Change in the US Health Care System: The Chiropractic Perspective. This landmark statement of chiropractic principles, definitions and aspirations in healthcare reform has been specifically designed for use in direct communications with state and federal legislators and other national policy makers. Firmly anchored in the research record, this historic advocacy document strongly stresses patient choice, competition and chiropractic's unique record of clinical and cost effectiveness, in the context of runaway health care costs and the looming health care provider shortage.

This powerful advocacy paper was prepared by the Government Relations Working Group of the Chiropractic Summit over a period of months during which dozens of extensive telephone conference calls, hundreds of hours of independent research and thematic development, as well as extensive dialogue took place to craft language that best captured

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