

## Chiropractic in *Military Medicine* Journal

Chiropractic services are offered at several United States military bases and veterans healthcare locations; however some healthcare providers are not aware that chiropractic services are available or when to refer patients for chiropractic care. An article in the June 2009 issue of the journal *Military Medicine* addresses these issues in an effort to increase awareness and improve interdisciplinary collaboration. *Military Medicine* is the official journal of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States.

The article titled, "Chiropractic in US military and veterans' health care" by Drs Bart Green, Claire Johnson and Anthony Lisi provides a brief overview of chiropractic services and helps to inform readers and health care providers who may be unfamiliar with how chiropractic services are utilized within the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) healthcare environments.

Also published in this issue of *Military Medicine* is an article titled "A cross-sectional analysis of clinical outcomes follow-

ing chiropractic care in veterans with and without post-traumatic stress disorder" authored by Drs. Andrew Dunn, Steven Passmore, Jeanmarie Burke and New York Chiropractic College student David Chicoine. This article investigates clinical outcomes for 130 veteran patients with neck or low back pain complaints at the VA Center of Western New York. The study found that patients with post-traumatic stress disorder had significantly lower levels of improvement than those without post-traumatic stress disorder on self-reported outcome measures of neck and low back disability.

For these articles to be published in this prestigious journal is a big step forward in establishing doctors of chiropractic as meaningful providers in the US military and VA settings.

### COLLEGE ROUND-UP

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#### NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

Bloomington, Minnesota

##### New Provost named at Northwestern

Michael Wiles, DC, MEd, has been named as the Provost of Northwestern Health Sciences University. Dr. Wiles has been serving as interim Provost, and since 2005 has been Dean of the College of Chiropractic.

Dr. Wiles will oversee the academic programs including Northwestern College of Chiropractic, The Minnesota College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, The School of Massage Therapy, and The College of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies. The Wolfe-Harris Center for Clinical Studies and Northwestern's clinic system will also be under the leadership of Dr. Wiles.

Dr. Wiles graduated in 1983 with a Masters in Education from Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, and earned his Doctor of Chiropractic in 1976 from Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto, Canada, where he served in numerous leadership positions. For more than three decades he has been involved in higher education in a range of roles including teaching, scholarship, administration and leadership. He was awarded one of the first earned Fellowships in the College of Chiropractic Sciences of Canada. Dr. Wiles joined Northwestern Health Sciences University as Dean of the College of Chiropractic in 2005.

##### Memories shared at Founder's Day celebration help document the history of college

Alumni of Northwestern Health Sciences University gathered on campus the evening of June 2 to celebrate Founder's Day. Alumni who attended the University in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s shared recollections, anecdotes, and Northwestern memorabilia, and spent part of the evening helping to identify the era, location and people in historical photos.

Guests also viewed a multi-media biography of the University's founder and first President, John B. Wolfe, DC, and the early days of Northwestern College of Chiropractic (NWCC), founded in 1941. The program was presented by Dr. Wolfe's son, John Wolfe, DC, JD, who is

the University's compliance officer.

Dr. Wolfe is assisting in the process of documenting the history of the institution, with the hopes that new information can be added to the work of former president John Allenburg, DC, who has been writing a history of the institution, expanding on the work of NWCC alumnus David Hinz, DC, class of '87, who published a brief history of NWCC in 1987. Eventually, a history of the University in book form will be published.

##### Research Team from Wolfe-Harris Center write grant proposals for multiple studies

The clinical research division at Northwestern, the Wolfe-Harris Center for Clinical Studies, recently submitted five grant proposals that would fund potential studies. Three were submitted to the US Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and two to the National Institute of Health.

Proposals to the HRSA were titled, "Chiropractic and Exercise for Spinal Dysfunction in Seniors;" "Chiropractic and Exercise for Low Back Pain in Adolescents;" and "Chiropractic, Exercise and Stress Management for Tension Headache."

The proposals submitted to the National Institute of Health are in collaboration with the University of Minnesota. Of those studies, one will investigate the effects of different therapies on spinal motion; and the other will look at functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI) of the brain to see if there are changes in the brain for patients suffering from low back pain, according to Roni Evans, DC, MS, Northwestern's dean of research.

"It is part of our mission as an educational institution to promote natural approaches to health through education, research, clinical services and community involvement. Research is part of our core value as an institution," says Mark Zeigler, DC, president of Northwestern. Dr. Zeigler notes that Northwestern has received more than \$10 million in federal funding for research on campus in the last decade.

According to Dr. Evans, all patients, whether they see a complementary and alternative medicine practitioner or a medical doctor, deserve to be cared for with diagnostic and treatment approaches that have been shown to be effective. "Research is important to natural health care in the same way that it is essential

for allopathic approaches," she said. "It provides the underlying evidence that clinicians can use to make good choices regarding the care they provide."

### LIFE CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE WEST

Hayward, California

##### Life West student-inspired event expands to become national competition

The Nu Chapter of the Delta Sigma Chi fraternity is working to promote inter-scholastic participation at the upcoming national "Talk the 'Tic" speaking competition at Life Chiropractic College West. Judges will select the best lay lecture (or patient-education lecture) about chiropractic.

Life West, Life University, Northwestern University of Health Sciences, Southern California University of Health Sciences, and Palmer College of Chiropractic (Davenport) will each send the winning representative of their college-level competitions to Life Chiropractic College West on July 10 for the national championship. Prizes will include a complete paperless practice management software package from CoAction Software valued at \$9,000, along with other prize donations.

On May 30, Max Lippman, an 11th quarter intern from Eureka, California was chosen from among six finalists to represent Life Chiropractic College West at its college-level speaking competition at the Pleasanton (Calif.) Marriott. He was given the "Gerard W. Clum, D.C. Award" for his exceptional performance. In addition to the competition presentations, the day-long event included lectures by guest speakers including Drs. Leslie Hewitt, Shawn Dill, Troy Dreiling, Michelle Arietta, and Maia James.

The competition's conception, development and expansion were a direct result of the efforts of Life West students. In November 2006, Erik Van Slooten, along with his Delta Sigma Chi fraternity brothers, created "Talk the 'Tic" to encourage chiropractic students to develop their presentation skills. Inherent in the position of chiropractor is the ability to explain technical concepts, educate the public, and convey the tremendous value of chiropractic care. It is imperative to the growth of the chiropractic profession that students develop the skills to present complex ideas in a simple and effective manner.

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