



**Palmer Chancellor Crawford to retire**

Michael E. Crawford, chancellor of the Palmer Chiropractic University System since its inception in 1991, announced on October 21 that he will be retiring effective July 1, 2003. Vickie



Michael Crawford

Palmer, chairman of the Palmer Board of Trustees, also issued a statement saying that the Trustees had accepted, though with considerable regret, Crawford's request to retire and thanked the chancellor for his "tremendous contributions to the cause of Palmer Chiropractic and the development of the Palmer Chiropractic University System."

"Mr. Crawford," said Ms. Palmer, "has demonstrated a passionate commitment to both educational excellence and the chiropractic mission." She added that she and the Executive Committee would be working on a plan to name a successor before Mr. Crawford's retirement date.

Crawford was hired when Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, and Palmer-West in San Jose, Calif., were brought together under a single Board of Trustees in 1991. The creation of a new campus in Florida, which opened its doors on October 7 this year, was a logical extension of the Board's original multi-campus vision for the University System.

While declining to speculate on possible Board directives regarding organizational structure for the three campuses once he retires, Crawford said he had "no doubt" there will continue to be a connected and integrated system of colleges. "My retirement in no way signals that the Board is changing its commitment to expanding a unified Palmer Chiropractic speaking with a single voice through the Palmer Chiropractic University System," he said.

**HIV/AIDS patients' quality of life improves with chiropractic care**

An article published in the September 11, 2002 issue of online *Up & Coming Magazine* reveals that clinical studies indicate that chiropractic helps HIV/AIDS patients live a better quality of life. The article cites studies indicating that chiropractic can 1) boost immune system function, 2) help with secondary symptoms, and 3) address quality of life issues by reducing stress as well as prevention of disease and symptoms.

The article also notes that chiropractic can help with secondary symptoms associated with HIV/AIDS. The article closes with a powerful chiropractic endorsement: "Chiropractic is an alternative that will work with HIV/AIDS patients. It has broadened the view of chiropractic as mind/body therapy. Its role in healthcare is increasing everyday. If you aren't under chiropractic care, then you aren't allowing your body to

perform at 100 percent."

(Readers may also be interested in another article on this topic: Fallon, JM. Chronic Hyperemesis in Siblings with AIDS. *ICA Review*, Summer 2002, ICA, Arlington, VA.)

**Occupational accident insurance available to DCs in the USA**

After months of searching the insurance market nationwide and tough negotiations with one of the nation's

top carriers, ICA recently announced the availability of a new occupational accident insurance program that will provide DCs throughout the United States with much needed injury coverage and disability income benefits in the event of any work-related accident. AIG, one of the nation's AAA rated carriers, is offering doctors of chiropractic a new policy that will provide up to \$2000 per month in disability income and up to \$500,000 in health care expenses. This program, which is exclusively for chiropractors offers: accident health care expenses — up to \$500,000; disability income — up to \$500 per week; accidental death benefit — \$50,000 lump sum; survivor income benefit — \$100,000 (\$1000 per week); paralysis benefit — \$150,000 (lump sum).

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**Kids using more prescription drugs, especially antibiotics**

A recent story originating from the Associated Press and reported online by Intellihealth on September 20, should be cause for concern for parents as well as all health care professionals. According to a new study, the use of prescription drugs by children is growing faster than among seniors and baby boomers, the two traditionally high drug usage consumer groups.

According to a survey by Medco Health Solutions, a Franklin-based pharmaceutical company in New Jersey, spending on prescription drugs for children under 19 grew 28 percent last year. During that same time period, drug spending for adults between 35 and 49 increased by 23 percent and for senior

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