

NEWS DIGEST

Life University hosts Georgia legislators on Marietta campus

Life University, the Georgia Council of Chiropractic (GCC), the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the Georgia Chiropractic Association (GCA) recently hosted Georgia legislators at the campus of Life University to discuss legislation that would modify the scope of practice for chiropractors in the state of Georgia. The proposed bill is a consensus document developed by GCC, the Georgia Board of Examiners, GCA and Life University.

"There is a revolution in how health care is delivered and consumers are demanding a health care system that reflects their values," said Life President Dr. Guy Riekeman. "Consumers

want health care that is truly preventative and cares for them as an entire person, not just an ear, nose or throat," he said.

The current legislation in Georgia was written in 1921. "The chiropractic profession has developed in ways that no one could have anticipated 85 years ago," said Dr. Jim Anchors, chairman of the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners. "Students graduating today are prepared to care for the health needs of patients as direct access, portal of entry physicians. This legislation reflects the depth and breadth of care chiropractors are educated to provide."

Dr. Brad Pizza, vice president of the GCC and also ICA Assembly Representative for Georgia, agreed, explaining further that technology (like the use of

MRI) that is now commonplace for chiropractors was not invented in 1921. "Legislators need to be modernized to include these tools so that chiropractors can provide appropriate care for their patients," he said.

NIH awards Western States College \$700,000 grant

The National Center for Alternative and Complementary Medicine of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) recently awarded Western States Chiropractic College (WSCC) a grant of \$700,000 to focus on incorporating evidence-based medicine into the teaching curriculum and faculty development of the institution. Oregon Health & Sciences University will partner on the project.

The principal goal of the grant is to train chiropractors to have the knowledge, skills and attitudes to implement scientific research into practice. Specifically the program will target four areas of interest: curriculum development,

faculty training, protocol development, and program evaluation. To accomplish this goal, WSCC will refine the chiropractic curriculum and give advanced training to the faculty in evidence based teaching methods, clinical protocol development, literature synthesis, and discovery research.

Thimerosal legislation introduced in New Jersey, co-sponsors needed.

Senator Ciesla of the 10th Legislative District has introduced S2801 in the New Jersey State Senate. The proposed bill provides for a ban of the use of the preservative thimerosal in the State of New Jersey. This legislation, as introduced, is the most aggressive legislation so far in the United States as it provides for a total phasing out of the use of the preservative in all vaccines, including the flu vaccine, for children and adults in the state of New Jersey by 2009. Under this legislation, the administration of vaccines containing mercury would be phased out as follows:

Beginning January 1, 2007 health care providers would be prohibited from administering flu vaccines containing more than 0.5 micrograms of mercury per 0.25 milliliter dose to a child under three years of age, and any other vaccine that contains more than a trace amount of mercury; beginning January 2008, health care providers would be prohibited from administering any vaccine, to any person, that contains more than a trace amount of mercury; beginning January 2009 health care providers would be prohibited from administering to any person, a vaccine that contains ANY amount of mercury.

Assemblymen Wolfe and Holpfapel are also planning on introducing corre-

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Are You a WHIZ at Whiplash?

THEN, answer the 10 QUESTIONS below and show your stuff. If you fail, then you can't miss these seminars. If you know an answer or two, you need to attend to fill the gaps with what you don't know: New knowledge!

- 1. What** tissues are primarily affected by a chiropractic spinal adjustment?
- 2. Why** do some patients have ongoing pain after all possible tissue healing has occurred, and can we help them?
- 3. How** can a D.C. explain, to the insurer or jury, how the patient was injured when the car wasn't damaged?
- 4. What** are the biomechanical reasons for both acute and chronic pain, and how can we manage them nutritionally, without our patients having to resort to drugs?
- 5. Is** there a model based on Guyton's Textbook of Medical Physiology that can help me find, collect and correlate evidence of soft-tissue injury?
- 6. Are** there randomized clinical trials comparing chiropractic adjusting to the drugs Celebrex and Vioxx in the management of chronic spine pain, and how well did chiropractors do?
- 7. If** injured soft-tissue heals without any treatment, is there a model that shows why chiropractic care should be sought?
- 8. What** diagnostic testing best shows the injuries we manage as chiropractors?
- 9. Why** is the history the most important part of the examination?
- 10. Why** would an insurer find chiropractic compared to medicine or physical therapy the treatment of choice?



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pain relief and avoid these potentially catastrophic events?]

- Most pain from whiplash injury (50 to 65%) arises from the cervical zygapophysial joints. The treatment approach of giving an advice and mobilization instructional video to whiplash-injured patients "may not be appropriate for neck pain arising from joint structures."
[Important]
- Whiplash with chronic pain syndrome "actually exists."
[IMPORTANT]
- Giving the whiplash-injured patient a video that provides reassurance and advice, is not the solution to preventing chronic whiplash symptoms.

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