



14 May 2010

Dear Mr Grant

CHIROPRACTIC VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION COMPLEX

When I wrote to you on 7 April 2010, I explained that the Council would be considering advice from the Education Committee on the research base for the chiropractic vertebral subluxation complex.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the advice, which was considered at the meeting of Council held on 12 May 2010.

In the light of this advice, the answers to the first three questions set out in your letter of 28 March 2010 are as follows.

1. There is no clinical research base to support claims that the chiropractic vertebral subluxation complex is the cause of disease or health concerns.
2. The GCC does not intend to seek any further advice on the claims made.
3. Within the next week or so the GCC intends to issue guidance to the profession on claims made for the chiropractic vertebral subluxation complex, a copy of which will be sent to you.

On your fourth question, the word 'subluxation' is a synonym for terms such as joint misalignment, joint dysfunction, facet syndrome and articular derangement.

I hope that all of the above is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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