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Advancing Futures is our best hope at accomplishing a collaborative, organized movement to research subluxation. We stand behind these principles:

- The body is a self-regulating, self-maintaining organism;
- The nervous system controls and coordinates all functions of the body;
- The spine and vertebrae house and protect the nervous system;
- Vertebral subluxations can occur and interfere with the function of the nervous system;
- Reducing and/or correcting vertebral subluxations allows the nervous system to function better and allows the fullest expression of life.

This research agenda seeks to validate the profession and position chiropractic as a vitalistic, scientific, evidence-informed clinical practice. The more research, the greater the chance the profession will have of gaining a higher degree of respect, understanding and acceptance in the health care marketplace, the scientific community and among the patients it serves. It is imperative to make these new research advancements available to the public, other health professions, and to legislators in order to promote and to systematically advance the field of subluxation centered chiropractic through the initiation of favorable public health policy.

Current evidence suggests that vertebral subluxation is detrimental to human health and function and as such chiropractors who manage subluxation feel an ethical and moral obligation to screen and educate the public on what it believes is a significant public health threat. To that effect this agenda also includes the marketing of the agenda itself and the results of its research endeavors in an effort to increase utilization of vertebral subluxation screening and management.

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A MESSAGE FROM CHRISTOPHER KENT DC, JD

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FOUNDATION FOR VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION

A void in research conducted by chiropractic institutions are investigations focused specifically on vertebral subluxation. The chiropractic research agenda developed by the Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation addresses this challenge. The Foundation seeks to improve the practice of chiropractic by producing clinically relevant research. Evidence- informed chiropractic practice requires quality research addressing the reliability and validity of chiropractic analytical methods, efficacy and effectiveness of chiropractic adjusting techniques in reducing indicators of vertebral subluxation, and evaluating the health benefits and cost effectiveness of chiropractic care. The Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation is committed to developing a cadre of researchers through scholarship programs, and supporting investigations that support evidence- informed practice. The ultimate beneficiaries of the work are those we serve by providing chiropractic services.



A MESSAGE FROM MATTHEW MCCOY DC, MPH

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FOUNDATION FOR VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION

We are at a crossroads in chiropractic. A time where we may lose our identity or forge forward with chiropractic leading the new paradigm of health and well-being. As practitioners, we see the evidence of chiropractic adjustments every day in our practices. To us, it is undeniable. But in terms of substantiating ourselves with the value and recognition we deserve, we are in dire need of a Research Agenda to forge forward and gain our rightful position: leaders in the location, analysis and correction of vertebral subluxation.

There are so many things we could focus on. The question is what should the focus be? We believe the focus should be on the role of vertebral subluxation and the result of its correction/ reduction on health. Through basic and clinical science research, advocating for favorable policy, revising educational standards and service we seek to place vertebral subluxation at the forefront.

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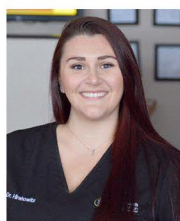
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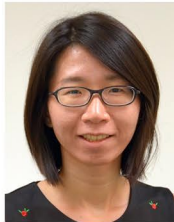


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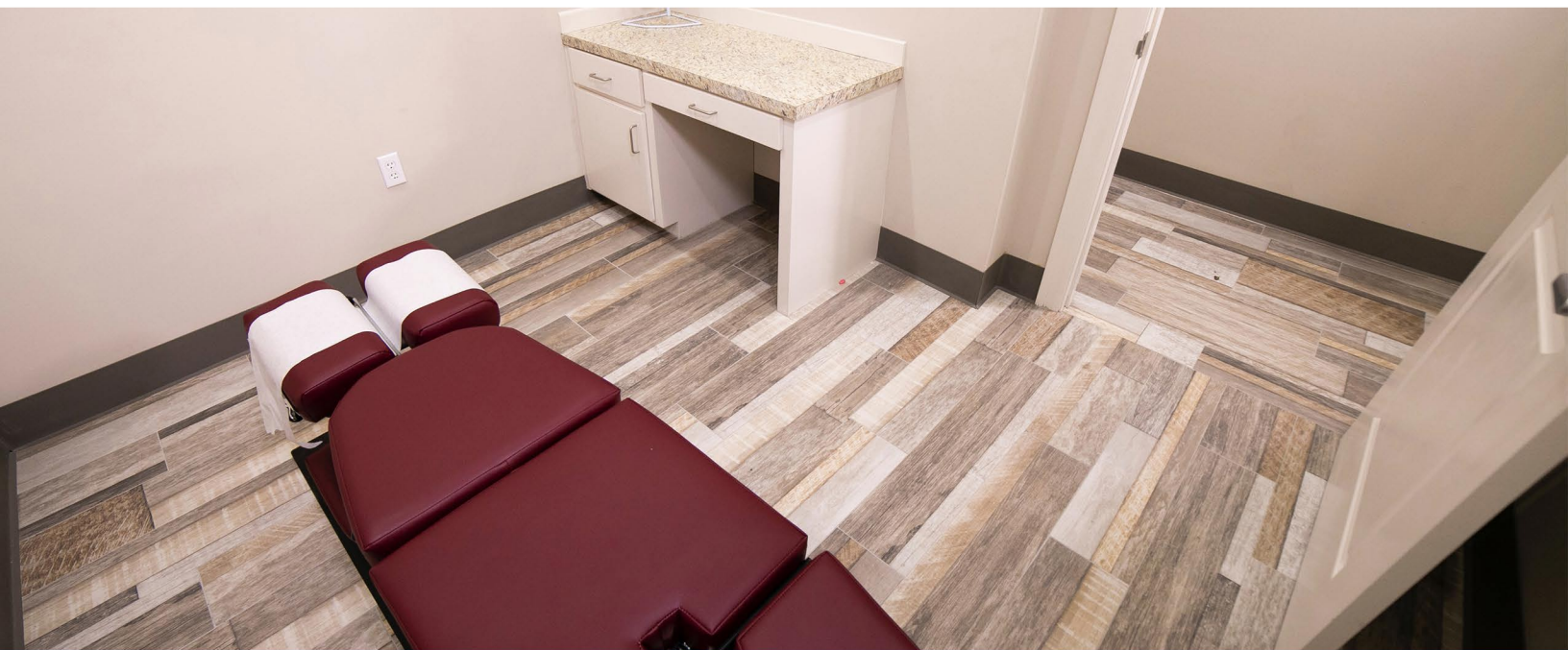


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CHRISTOPHER KENT DC, JD **PRESIDENT**

Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation

Dr. Kent's passion for facilitating human empowerment led him to the chiropractic profession, where he has served as a practitioner, educator, author, lecturer, and researcher following his graduation from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, IA, in 1973.

Following graduation, Dr. Kent joined the Palmer faculty. While at Palmer, he was elected president of the faculty senate and worked as a principal investigator in the research department. Dr. Kent left Davenport and moved to Florida to practice full-time. He qualified as a specialist in chiropractic diagnostic imaging, was named a Fellow of the College of Chiropractic Imaging, and completed visiting fellowship programs in magnetic resonance imaging. He also served as an associate professor at Palmer-West in California.



Acknowledged as one of the brightest minds in chiropractic, Dr. Kent returned to New Jersey in 1990 to continue the in-depth research on surface EMG that he had started several years earlier. His vision was to develop technologies that would objectively demonstrate manifestations of nerve interference and ultimately provide certainty for chiropractors and their patients. Along the way, Dr. Kent was recognized as “Chiropractic Researcher of the Year” in 1991 by the International Chiropractors Association (ICA). He was also named ICA’s “Chiropractor of the Year” in 1998. In June 2001, Dr. Kent was elected Chair of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Health Committee, the first chiropractor to hold that office. The NGO Health Committee is in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. He served as a member of the Executive Board of the UN Health Committee from 2000-2007. Dr. Kent also served as a Representative to the Department of Public Information affiliated with the United Nations from 1999-2008.

In 2007, Dr. Kent was honored with the first Lifetime Achievement Award bestowed by Life University. He is a co-founder of the Chiropractic Leadership Alliance, Co-Founder of On Purpose, Founder of Advanced Subluxation Training, Founder of ChiroStrokeMyth, and the author of Chiropractic Insights. He is the author of over 38 peer reviewed scientific research papers, three books and four book chapters and over 100 articles in chiropractic trade publications. For over 35 years, Dr. Kent has been committed to developing improved clinical strategies, and securing the future of chiropractic. An attorney as well as a chiropractor, Dr. Kent is a member of the California bar. Dr. Kent's ability to integrate the philosophy and science of chiropractic is legendary.



VERONICA GUTIERREZ DC **SECRETARY & BOARD MEMBER**

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Dr. Gutierrez received her Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1963 and did post-graduate work at Cleveland College of Chiropractic. She is the recipient of numerous awards and has served on numerous boards and commissions for chiropractic.

Active in health policy for decades, Gutierrez was a member of the United Chiropractors of

Washington and the Chiropractic Society of Washington, making valuable contributions to each. In 1993, she was appointed to the Washington State Chiropractic Examining Board and from 1994 to 1998, she was a member of the State Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission, serving as its chairperson from 1995 to 1996. She also served on the Washington Governor-Elect's Health Care Advisory Committee.

Dr. Gutierrez was the only chiropractor to serve on the United States White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy during the Clinton Administration. She made numerous presentations regarding that work as well as her work and advocacy on behalf of women's health issues.

She has worked tirelessly on managed care issues, health care reform, public policy and standards of care for subluxation-centered chiropractic. She was a founding Board Member of the Council on Chiropractic Practice - the first chiropractic standard of care guidelines to be included in the National Guideline Clearinghouse and served on the Standards of Care committee for the Washington State Chiropractic Association. She served on the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services/DSHS Interdisciplinary Advisory Committee member and the Center for Health Statistics, 1980-1981.

Dr. Gutierrez has represented chiropractic internationally in such places as Russia, Costa Rica, Croatia and Peru and has presented at the United Nations on chiropractic. She has received numerous awards in her profession, including those from the Chiropractic Society of Washington, the Straight Chiropractic Academic Standards Association (SCASA), and the International Chiropractic Association. Dr. Gutierrez served on the Board of Directors, Chairwoman of the Board and President of SCASA.



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Kent C. Testimony before the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity. December 2012.

Kent C. Public Session: Presentation at Council on Chiropractic Education Public Comment Hearing. 2012.

Kent C. Public Testimony at Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine. Board Legislative Workshop. Orlando. June 2015.

Gerdel A. Chiropractic's History and Future: Implications of the Council on Chiropractic Education's Revised Standards. Journal of Philosophy, Principles & Practice of Chiropractic. Volume 2011. Issue 3. Pages 70-76.

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Kwon C, McCoy M. Educating, Mentoring and Nurturing Chiropractic Practitioner/Scientists: The Development and Implementation of a Research Track within a Doctor of Chiropractic Program. Sherman College of Chiropractic International Research and Philosophy Symposium (IRAPS) 2015 Platform Presentation.

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Medicare Task Force/Coalition 2016. Members included: The International Federation of Chiropractors and Organizations (IFCO), The Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation (FVS), The Chiropractic Society of Texas (CST), The Florida Chiropractic Society (FCS), The Palmetto State Chiropractic Association (PSCA), The Chiropractic Fellowship of Pennsylvania (CFOP), the Sustainability Group (SG). Developed proposal for revised legislative language in Medicare.

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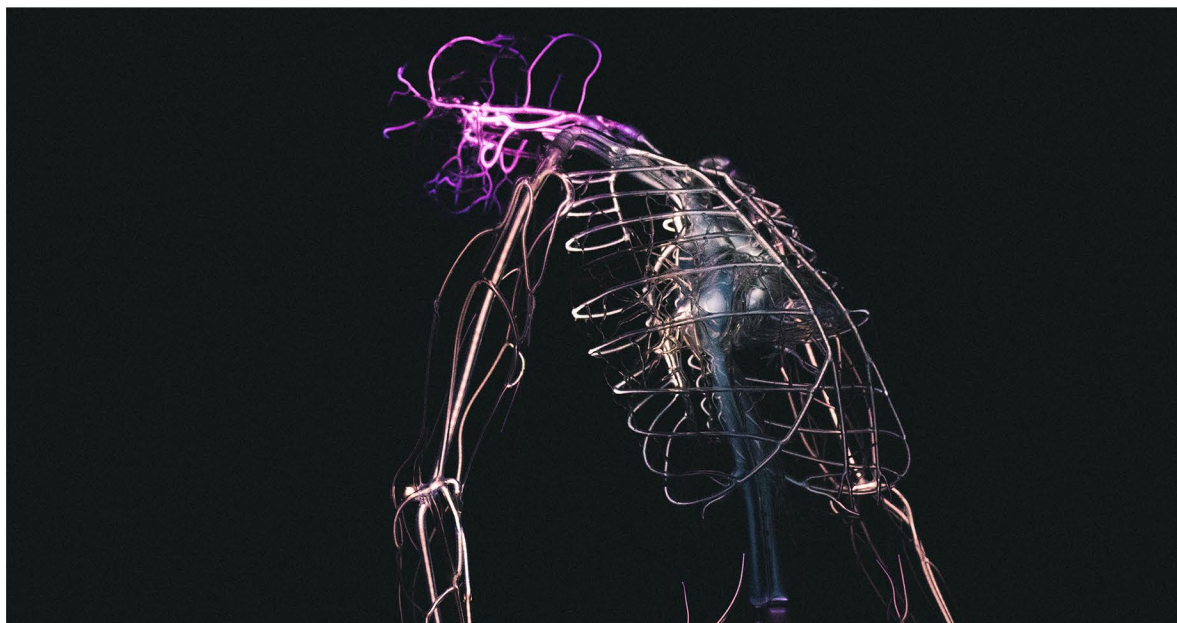
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KWON AWARDED PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP BY FOUNDATION FOR VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION

FOCUS ON PUBLIC HEALTH, PREVENTION SCIENCE & VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION

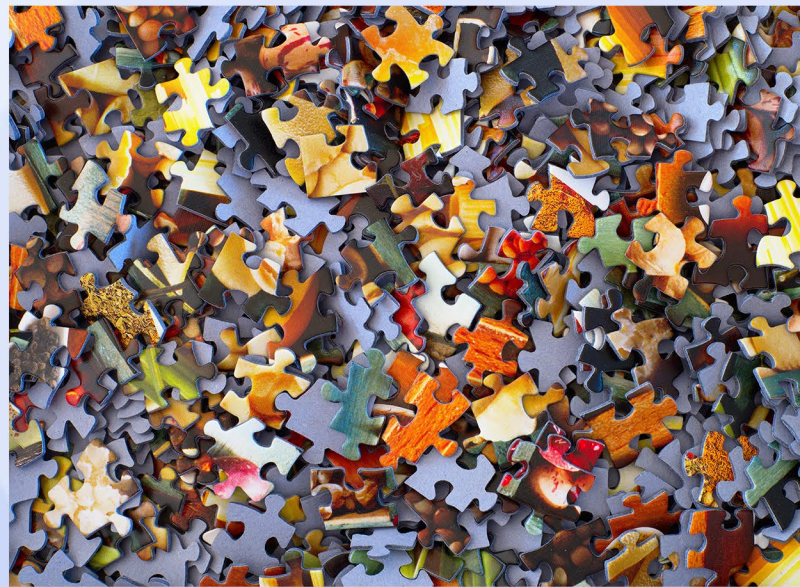
Christie Kwon DC, MS was recently awarded an Advancing Futures Research Scholarship by the Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation (FVS) to complete her Master's in Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Kwon, who is a chiropractor and also holds a Master's Degree in Biomedical Engineering, stated "Emory's focus on health promotion and prevention fits perfectly with the Foundation's research agenda. I look forward to obtaining additional skills to more effectively study the nature of subluxation and its role in health and well-being, and I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity to do so."

Remarking on the awarding of the Advancing Futures Scholarship, Dr. Christopher Kent DC, JD President of the FVS, and Professor and Director

"I COULD NOT BE MORE EXCITED THAT DR. KWON WAS AWARDED THIS SCHOLARSHIP AND FOR THE CRUCIAL WORK OF THE FOUNDATION THAT SHE WILL BE ADDRESSING. DR. KWON EPITOMIZES EVERYTHING WE NEED TO SECURE A FUTURE FOR CHIROPRACTIC RESEARCHERS WHO FOCUS ON THE VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION WITHOUT THE COMPROMISE SO MANY OTHERS HAVE GIVEN IN TO."

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of Evidence Informed Practice at Sherman College of Chiropractic stated: "Christie Kwon is an underappreciated polymath. Her commitment to chiropractic is steadfast. This scholarship will enable Dr. Kwon to be even more effective in securing the future of chiropractic research."

Vice President of the FVS, Matthew McCoy DC, MPH commented on the awarding of the scholarship to Dr. Kwon stating "I could not be more excited that Dr. Kwon was awarded this scholarship and for the crucial work of the Foundation that she will be addressing. Dr. Kwon epitomizes everything we need to secure a future for chiropractic researchers who focus on the vertebral subluxation without the compromise so many others have given in to."

Dr. Kwon anticipates that the program will create tremendous opportunities for knowledge and the building of new, professional relationships for exploring subluxation research.

THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION

WHAT IS THE INCIDENCE & PREVALENCE OF VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION?



SUBLUXATIONS POSE A HINDRANCE TO THE FULLEST EXPRESSION OF LIFE

All too often, chiropractic is criticized as an “unscientific” discipline, lacking empirical research to validate the assertion that vertebral subluxations have an adverse effect on the human nervous system, on general health and well-being and by extension, society as a whole.^{1,2}

It is the extension to society as a whole where subluxation has been theorized to have its most detrimental effects. If this is true, then this is also where its elucidation holds the greatest promise for influencing and affecting communal expression.^{3,4}

The systematic study of the epidemiology and global burden of vertebral subluxation should be carried out by individuals and groups with a worldview towards chiropractic that is consistent with the theory that subluxations pose a hindrance to the fullest expression of life.⁵

The results of this type of research can then be used to drive policy, not only in health care, but in education and other sociocultural arenas.

Epidemiology of Vertebral Subluxation

It is a well-entrenched belief within the community of chiropractors who practice the clinical science and art of locating analyzing and correcting vertebral subluxations that vertebral subluxations are in and of themselves a detriment to the fullest expression of life and as a result are a significant public health threat.⁶⁻⁸ This threat includes the widespread belief among certain segments of the chiropractic profession that vertebral subluxations lead to increased morbidity and mortality and that it represents a serious burden because it effects a large proportion of the world’s population. Indeed, some go so far to suggest that everyone is susceptible

beginning at an early age. Additionally, it is a long standing philosophical tenet of the profession that vertebral subluxations develop as a failure of the body to adapt to physical, chemical and emotional challenges.⁹

Global Burden of Vertebral Subluxation

One of the premises in this whole discussion is that vertebral subluxation is in fact a pathophysiological process that can be measured, quantified and characterized. Given this, vertebral subluxation also has an epidemiology. It has rates of occurrence, distribution, determinants, and incidence rates. Because of this, it is possible to relate the incidence and prevalence of subluxation to such things as genetic and environmental factors.

IT IS A WELL-ENTRENCHED BELIEF WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF CHIROPRACTORS WHO PRACTICE THE CLINICAL SCIENCE AND ART OF LOCATING ANALYZING AND CORRECTING VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATIONS THAT VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATIONS ARE IN AND OF THEMSELVES A DETRIMENT TO THE FULLEST EXPRESSION OF LIFE AND AS A RESULT ARE A SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT.

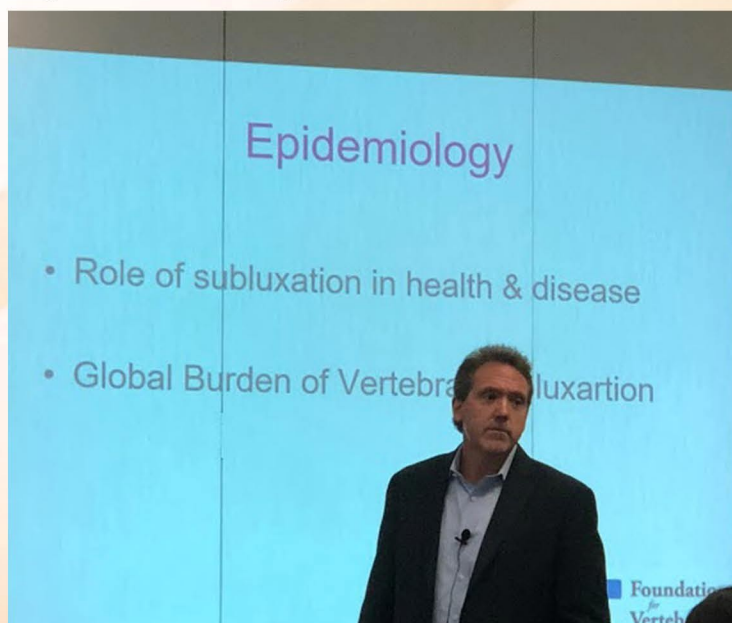
Unfortunately, the chiropractic profession has not systematically studied the epidemiology of vertebral subluxation by collecting and analyzing the necessary statistical data. While some attempts have been made in chiropractic as well as osteopathy to determine the prevalence of vertebral subluxation and somatic dysfunction, a great deal more needs to be done.¹⁰⁻¹² Minimally, the chiropractic profession has not studied how many people have vertebral subluxation, who gets specific types of subluxations and what factors (such as environment, occupation, family patterns, and personal habits, such as smoking and diet) play in the development of vertebral subluxation.

A multitude of internal and external factors have existed to thwart the profession from engaging in such a systematic study. These include internal cultural issues within certain factions of chiropractic where research and science are not valued as they should be and they include factions with chiropractic worldviews in which subluxation is not viewed as a pathophysiological process.

External factors include the historical struggles the profession has faced in regards to legitimization, licensing, insurance equality, the AMA boycott and a host of other issues that vied for scant resources. However, these factors can no longer be used as excuses for developing and implementing the infrastructure needed to elucidate the epidemiology of vertebral subluxation. The profession has run out of time to answer these questions.

Operational Models of Vertebral Subluxation

In the now famous McDonald study, 687 randomly selected chiropractors in the United States, Canada and Mexico were surveyed in 2003.¹³ The report revealed that in spite of differences in scope of practice (broad scope, middle scope and focused scope), adjusting technique and philosophy, as a group chiropractors are surprisingly homogeneous. In particular, 88.1% agree that the term Vertebral





Subluxation should be retained, 89.8% state that adjustments should not be limited to musculoskeletal conditions and rate the subluxation as a significant contributing factor in 62.1% of visceral ailments.

Despite the widespread agreement on fundamental issues related to vertebral subluxation, some detractors still argue that vertebral subluxation cannot be measured directly, that there is no agreement on a definition of vertebral subluxation or that there are too many different techniques within chiropractic to conduct large health outcomes studies. However, this is simply not the case.

The notion that there is no agreed upon definition of vertebral subluxation is false. Common to all models of vertebral subluxation are TWO components:^{6,7,14}

1. NEUROLOGICAL (Dysautonomia and Dysponesis)
2. BIOMECHANICAL (Dyskinesia, Kinesopathology, and Misalignment)

The notion that the subluxation cannot be measured using valid and reliable means is also false. The following are just some of the OBJECTIVE, VALID and RELIABLE outcome measures for the BIOMECHANICAL (Dyskinesia, Kinesopathology, and Misalignment) component of subluxation:^{6,7,14}

1. X-ray (static, flexion/extension etc)
2. Videoflouro
3. MRI
4. CT scan
5. ROM using inclinometers

The following are just some OBJECTIVE, VALID

and RELIABLE outcome measures for the NEUROLOGICAL (Dysautonomia and Dysponesis) component of subluxation:

1. SSEP's
2. DEP's
3. Auditory & Visual Evoked Potentials
4. Thermal scanning
5. SEMG (static and dynamic)
6. HRV
7. Algometry
8. Computerized muscle testing

In addition there are health related quality of life surveys such as the SF 36 and/or condition specific surveys that are objective, valid and reliable and can be used to measure health outcomes following interventions to reduce or correct vertebral subluxations.^{6,7}

Discussion

In the field of public health, large networks are established for syndromic surveillance and newly conceived systems for tracking possible bioterrorism outbreaks. Once a disease is identified as reportable, such as cancer or STDs, this information is transmitted immediately by emergency room personnel or practice-based physicians to these computerized networks. Similarly, medical insurance companies and managed care organizations maintain large centralized patient databases to: monitor costs, comply with reporting requirements to regulatory agencies, and conduct market forecasting. In many instances, they use these powerful data sets to influence health policy reform. For example, tainted food (mad cow disease) or drugs with severe adverse effects (Thalidomide) have been recalled by public health authorities as a result of such an oversight process involving

ACCORDING TO THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE STUDY ON THE TOPIC, 88.1% OF CHIROPRACTORS AGREE THAT THE TERM VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION SHOULD BE RETAINED, 89.8% STATE THAT ADJUSTMENTS SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED TO MUSCULOSKELETAL CONDITIONS AND RATE THE SUBLUXATION AS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN VISCERAL AILMENTS.

centralized databases.

Chiropractic has no such similar surveillance data, nor infrastructure to gather it, in regards to the very clinical entity for which it exists to manage. As a result, the profession does not know the incidence, prevalence, distribution, occurrence and determinants of vertebral subluxation - while at the same time believing that it is a significant public health threat.

The monitoring of public health threats, practitioner outcomes, choice of outcome measures, favorable and adverse events are the concern of all health professions because such monitoring allows the field to evolve newer strategies, procedures and technologies while maintaining the highest assurance of quality in patient care. In an age of evidence-based health care the need for central data repositories and linked clinical research sites is quickly becoming a standard that the profession must embrace.

Conclusion

The community of chiropractors focused on vertebral subluxation is encouraged to develop models for surveillance of vertebral subluxation on a large scale. Data should be gathered from several geographical locations around the world to determine the global burden of vertebral subluxation and depending on the magnitude of the burden institute public health policy to address it as

an important public health issue.

These data are necessary to develop an evidence informed, worldwide, public health communications plan centered on the need for screening and management of vertebral subluxation. This includes the development of a related training program in public health communications for practicing chiropractors.

The writing of policy on the federal and state level is needed that explicitly includes and protects the management of vertebral subluxation as an important public health issue. This will involve assisting health policy experts to implement health policy related to vertebral subluxation.

The provision of this evidence in regulatory environments will help ensure the adoption of regulations that support subluxation centered practice and the public health and to repeal regulations that are detrimental to subluxation centered practice and the public health.

Beyond developing and compiling epidemiological and clinical evidence regarding vertebral subluxation and its perceived detrimental effects on populations, these efforts could provide the evidence needed to develop and provide information and resources for chiropractors, trade organizations and associations to communicate the necessary public health messages for a vertebral subluxation public health agenda in an evidenced based model.⁵

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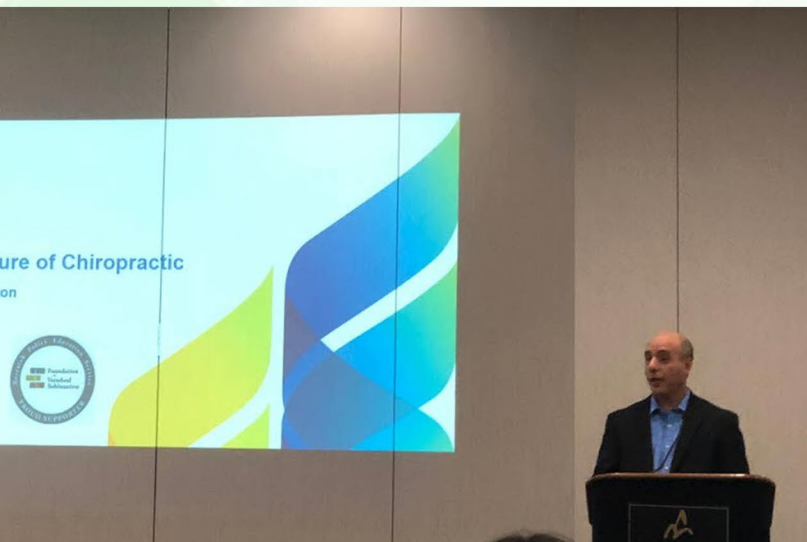


SIMON SENZON AWARDED ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP BY FOUNDATION FOR VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION

FOCUS IS ON ERRORS IN LITERATURE REGARDING VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION

Simon Senzon MA, DC, a prolific historical researcher on the chiropractic profession, has been awarded an Advancing Futures Scholarship by the Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation (FVS).

The scholarship is for Dr. Senzon to complete a Ph.D at Southern Cross University located in Australia. The focus of his scholarship and dissertation will be correcting the errors in the



literature regarding vertebral subluxation placed by numerous “subluxation deniers” who have peppered the scientific and historical literature with unreferenced and unsupported statements regarding the nature and historical issues surrounding vertebral subluxation.

According to Matthew McCoy DC, MPH Vice President of the FVS, “Many chiropractors do not realize how inaccurate the anti-subluxation rhetoric actually is in the peer reviewed literature and this has been allowed to continue for too long.”



McCoy added, “All these subluxation deniers purposely inject anti-subluxation statements into their papers and then journal editors within the profession practice professional birth control by publishing those false statements. Then those papers are used against subluxation chiropractors in regulatory board and malpractice actions - never mind in the popular press to tarnish the whole profession.”

The main plan for Senzon’s dissertation is to contribute to knowledge by exploring the professionalization of chiropractic by developing a new understanding of how intellectual fields develop. This will be conducted by using eight

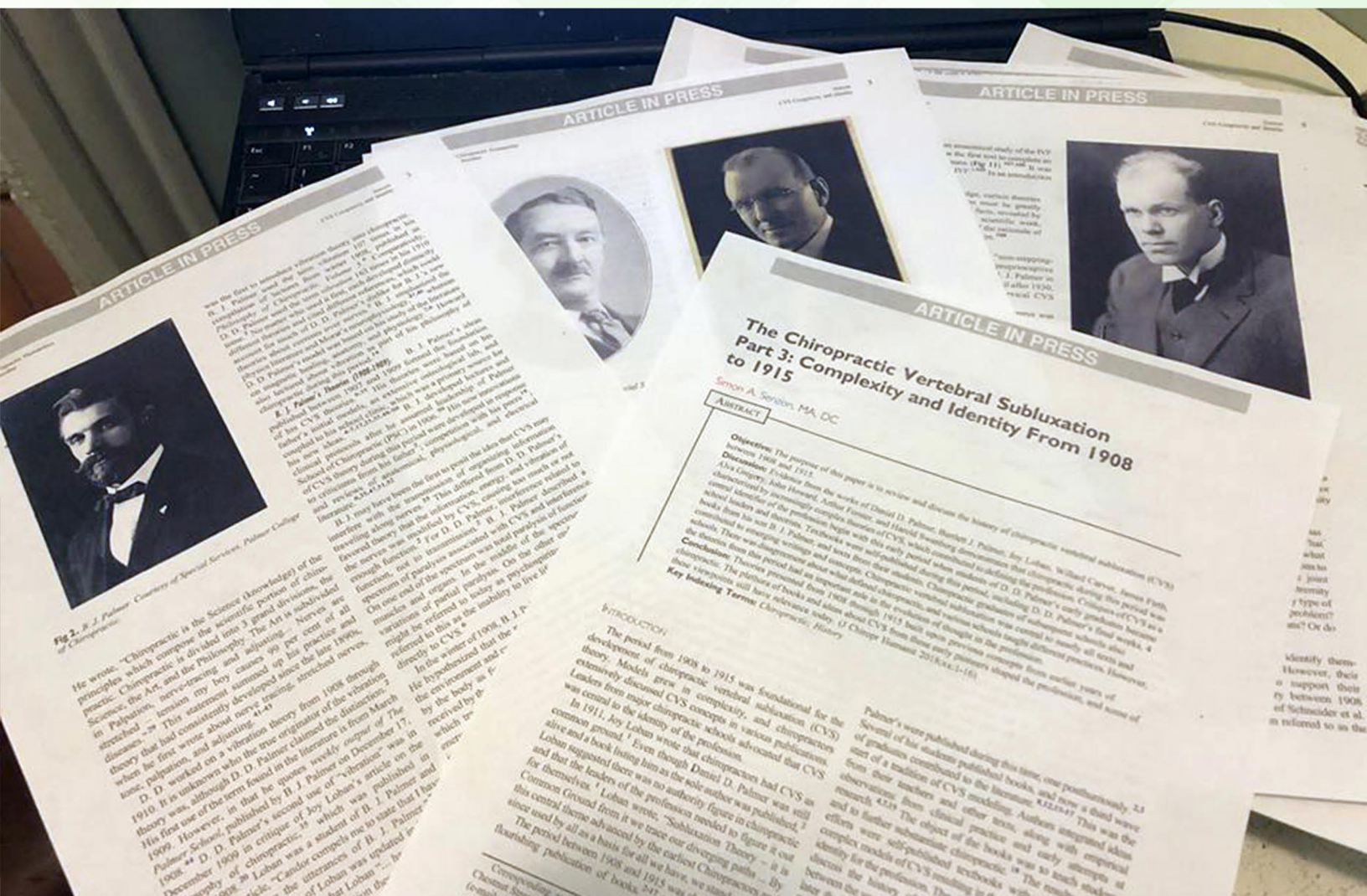
SENZON’S WORK WILL EMPHASIZE HISTORICAL AND SCHOLASTIC ERRORS IN THE LITERATURE AS WELL AS SOCIAL SCIENCE VIEWS OF THE PROFESSION. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION TO KNOWLEDGE WILL ESTABLISH A NEW FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH INTO CHIROPRACTIC, THE CHIROPRACTIC SUBLUXATION, HEALTH CARE, AND PROFESSIONALIZATION.

perspectives along with an in-depth literature review. The review will emphasize historical and scholastic errors in the literature as well as social science views of the profession. It is hoped that this unique contribution to knowledge will establish a new foundation for research into chiropractic, the chiropractic subluxation, health care, and professionalization.

The President of the Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation, Christopher Kent DC, JD, expressed his excitement at “. . .the prospect of righting the wrong that has been committed in the scientific and historical literature on chiropractic” adding “There is no one better than Dr. Senzon with his in-depth

knowledge of the literature and its historical underpinnings to shine a bright light on those who have perpetrated this historical injustice on the chiropractic profession.”

Dr. Senzon stated he was “. . .thrilled to finally be embarking on this endeavor as fixing this issue has been something I have wanted to do for some time and while I have been lecturing and writing about some of it, we need to formalize it and correct the literature once and for all.”





UAC RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT

Beginning in 2011 a group of dedicated, committed and successful chiropractors got together to discuss some of the challenging issues involving research facing the chiropractic profession. They sought to add to the literature base and at the same time to support students with an interest in research and scholarly activity.

These 12 members of the UAC committed to providing \$2500.00 scholarships to students in exchange for completing case study research papers on their practice members who had experienced positive health outcomes as a result of chiropractic care.

Funding for the scholarships was donated to the Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation and a group of 10 chiropractic students enrolled at Life University received all funds related to these scholarships totaling \$30,000.00. These students completed a total of 12 case study research papers with these doctors.

We highlight this project to show what can be done when a committed group of chiropractors puts their heads together to support chiropractic research and chiropractic students with an interest in research

Here is the result of that effort.

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FOUNDATION FOR VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION ESTABLISHES PERMANENT BEST PRACTICES INITIATIVE

PROJECT WILL SEARCH, GATHER, REVIEW & COMPILE VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION RESEARCH ON ONGOING BASIS

Several years ago the Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation (FVS) embarked on an ambitious effort to develop a clinical practice guideline/best practices project that would search, gather, compile and review the scientific literature going as far back as January 2007. The FVS saw a crucial need to develop this project because other practice guidelines that included the management of vertebral subluxation were about to become outdated leaving chiropractors who practice in a subluxation model vulnerable in malpractice claims, regulatory board witch hunts and the insurance industry.

That project involving twelve topic areas is nearing completion and the Guidelines Committee is beginning the next steps of developing Best Practices Recommendations based on that review. The review involves over 4000 research papers and covers the following topic areas:

- History and chiropractic examination
- Instrumentation
- Radiographic and other imaging
- Clinical impression, assessment and recordkeeping
- Reassessment and outcomes assessment
- Modes of adjustive care
- Duration of care for correction of vertebral subluxation
- Chiropractic care for children
- Maternal chiropractic care
- Vertebral subluxation and well being
- Behavioral and mental health issues
- Patient safety, privacy and advocacy



According to FVS President Christopher Kent DC, JD “This was a Herculean task accomplished by a team of dedicated researchers and we are forever grateful for their service in carrying out this project.”

FVS Board Member Veronica Gutierrez DC, who worked on practice guideline development along with Kent and McCoy in the 90’s, praised the work of the team. “They have done an outstanding job and anyone that has ever suffered through guideline development knows all too well the pain and personal sacrifice it brings with it. But they also know the satisfaction that comes with being involved in such important work.”

As the project came together the FVS realized that this was no longer the way to manage guideline development for subluxation management. Matthew



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McCoy DC, MPH Vice President of the FVS related his experience in guideline development going back to the early 90's. "The guideline development projects myself and Dr. Kent had been involved in, along with other efforts, basically involved killing oneself every five years by starting over where the last iteration left off and digging through five years of research all over again. We realized this is not sustainable."

Over the past several months the FVS has held a series of conference calls and meetings to discuss a long term solution and that has resulted in a plan laid out during this years' IRAPS at Sherman College to develop a permanent and ongoing best practices initiative. In addition to being FVS President, Dr. Kent is the Director of Evidence Informed Curriculum and Practice at Sherman College. He will provide additional oversight of the project.

At this point in time a team has been established to oversee this ongoing initiative. To accomplish this, several Research Fellowship Scholarships have been developed in order to staff the initial team and their training.

Anquonette Stiles DC, MPH has been granted a Research Fellowship and accepted the role as Project Manager. Dr. Stiles has already begun working with two students from Sherman College of Chiropractic who were awarded Research Fellowships from the FVS for their participation.



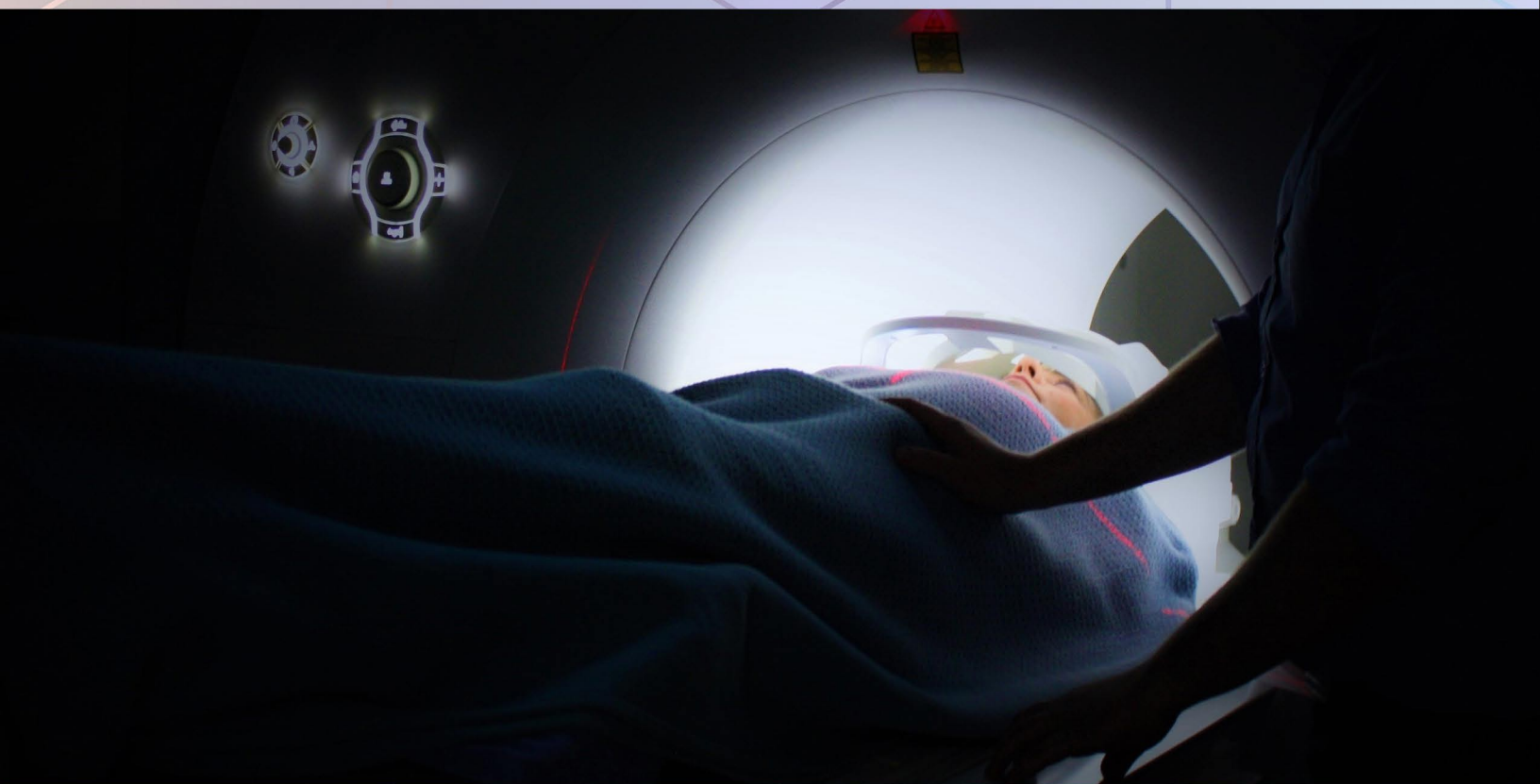
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PRESIDENT - FOUNDATION FOR VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION**

Those recipients are Kathryn Heidt MS and Hui Zhen Lim. Christie Kwon MS, DC, who was the Project Manager for the initial project that began in 2015 will remain involved and provide oversight and guidance to the developing team.

"We are taking a train the trainers approach moving forward with the intention that we will establish a permanent team with ongoing expertise in best practices work" stated Kwon. "The profession desperately needs people who are committed to the development of these guidelines given the upheaval currently going on in the profession."

The FVS intends to make all of its work available to the profession and is currently addressing legal and technical issues relate to copyright, reproduction issues, database and website development. Once that is complete the team will produce an ongoing monthly update of all the scientific literature published. This means the FVS will have the most current evidence impacting subluxation management. Then every five years the FVS will update the Recommendations based on the literature. The five year process will be made much easier because the literature is being searched, gathered and reviewed on a regular basis instead of just every five years.



KWON AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP FOR ADVANCED IMAGING FELLOWSHIP

FVS DEVELOPING ADVANCED IMAGING RESEARCH AGENDA

Christie Kwon DC, MS was recently awarded a scholarship by the Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation (FVS) to participate in a Functional MRI Visiting Fellowship through Harvard University. The Fellowship resulted in a flurry of activity and excitement at the FVS because of the potential this holds for subluxation research.

It's been known for almost 100 years that neural activity causes localized changes in blood flow and researchers have demonstrated that neural activity causes localized changes in blood oxygenation. Physicists, radiologists, and neuroscientists have now demonstrated that blood flow and blood oxygenation can be detected by the noninvasive technology of MRI. This has led to a dramatic increase in functional brain imaging work with humans. Because this noninvasive technique permits

many repetitions of experimental procedures on a single subject, it is rapidly becoming the method of choice for neuroscience research in functional brain mapping.

In addition to her other work overseeing the FVS's Practice Based Research Network (PBRN) and several studies that fall under it, Dr. Kwon has developed a keen interest in advanced imaging and its role as an objective assessment of vertebral subluxation.

While there are a few folks in chiropractic that have been making the seminar rounds showing pre and post advanced imaging studies from their practice - very little of anything has actually been studied or published on some of the most valuable tools available to chiropractic for researching the



the subluxation.

“We plan on changing that” stated Matthew McCoy DC, MPH Vice President of the FVS. McCoy continued “Chiropractors have long utilized plain film imaging as an objective means of analysis, and in recent times, some practitioners have incorporated the use of advanced imaging methods such as CT, MRI and fMRI. Through the development of an Advanced Imaging Research Agenda the FVS plans on being at the forefront of this.”

Dr. Kwon, who is a chiropractor and also holds a Master’s Degree in Biomedical Engineering, stated she is “Excited to be able to explore these untapped resources for researching vertebral subluxation. For example, functional MRI technology allows researchers to observe hemodynamic responses by imaging changes in blood flow which represent changes in neural activity.” Kwon went on “Another example is task-oriented physiological responses and flow of cerebrospinal fluid which can also be measured utilizing MRI.”

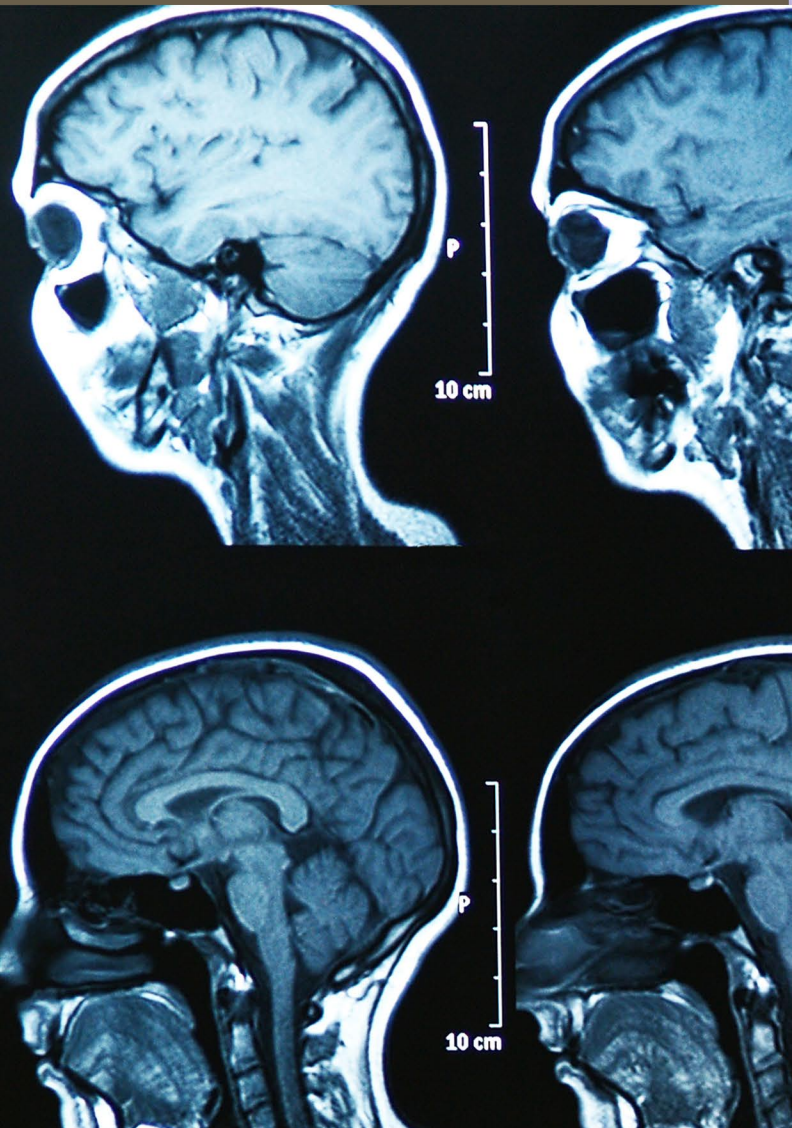
The Fellowship Program was intensive and included several guest lecturers and visiting instructors adding to the wealth of information shared. The Fellowship included a group project where each group was assigned a project to design an fMRI research project. These were presented on the last day.

According to Kwon this experience demonstrated the complexity of fMRI as well as the wealth of information that can be obtained from small numbers of scans. Kwon cautioned “With so many considerations in research design, every decision in an fMRI study comes with implications for other factors of the study.”

One of the most exciting topics covered was resting state functional connectivity and we particularly look forward to applying this information to FVS' research agenda on Advanced Imaging. Even more exciting were presentations on utilizing EEG and fMRI simultaneously. Measuring brain function has become the newest craze in chiropractic even though none of

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CHRISTIE KWON MS, DC – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

the work being promoted even uses subluxation terminology or objective, valid and reliable methods to measure whether or not a subluxation even existed at the time of intervention.

Even worse is that the researchers in these studies equate spinal manipulation with adjustment and joint dysfunction with vertebral subluxation even though these terms are not synonymous.

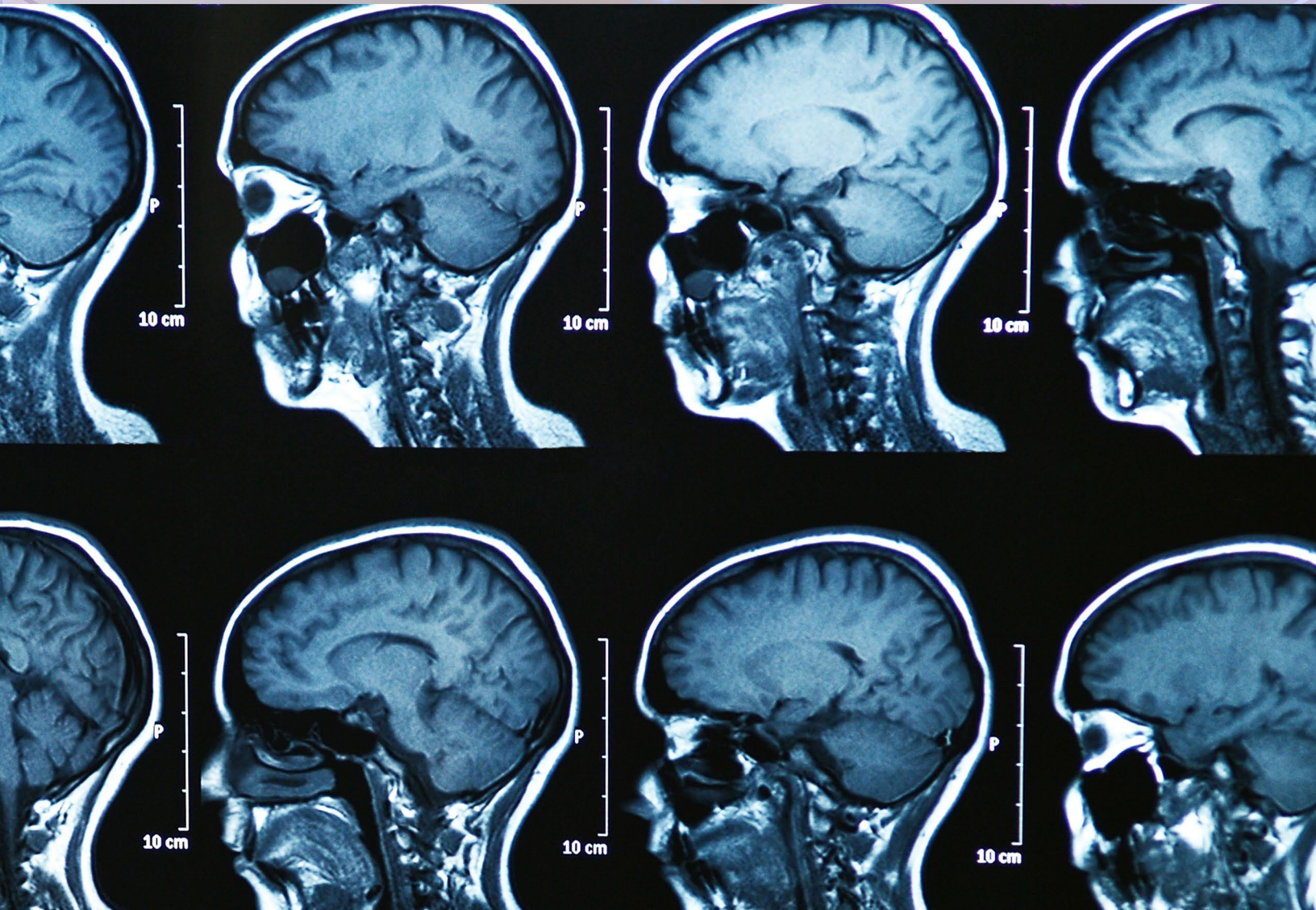
According to Dr. Christopher Kent DC, JD President of the FVS, and Professor and Director of Evidence Informed Practice at Sherman College of Chiropractic:

"The Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation is

committed to utilizing chiropractic's unique methods and lexicon in its research as these are the only things that separate us from other purveyors of spinal manipulation."

Dr. Kwon along with Kent and McCoy has developed a document titled: An Advanced Imaging Research Agenda for the Evaluation of Vertebral Subluxation and Clinical Outcomes Related to its Management.

This Agenda will be presented at various conferences and the roll out of specific projects related to the agenda will be announced as they are implemented.





AN ADVANCED IMAGING RESEARCH AGENDA FOR THE EVALUATION OF VERTEBRAL SUBLUXATION AND CLINICAL OUTCOMES RELATED TO ITS MANAGEMENT

FOUNDATION'S LEADERS DEVELOP CRUCIAL PLAN

The Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation (FVS), in its commitment to research pertaining to the vertebral subluxation, will engage a research agenda focused on means to detect and observe outcomes of subluxation-corrective care utilizing advanced imaging. The Agenda was developed by Christie Kwon MS, DC, Matthew McCoy DC, MPH and Christopher Kent DC, JD.

Chiropractors have long utilized plain film imaging as an objective means of analysis, and in recent times, some practitioners have incorporated the use of advanced imaging methods such as CT, MRI and fMRI. The scientific understanding of the nature of the vertebral subluxation suggests that there are effects to the central and peripheral nervous system and the physiology of the body. Functional MRI technology allows researchers to observe hemodynamic responses by imaging changes in blood flow which represent changes in neural activity. Task-oriented physiological responses and flow of cerebrospinal fluid can also be measured utilizing MRI.¹⁻¹³

Methodology related to the agenda will be project specific and initially will include formal training in the area of functional MRI (fMRI) and other advanced imaging for researcher(s) through the Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation.

Pilot and feasibility studies will also be designed and conducted including task-oriented imaging, pre-/post chiropractic care in healthy populations



and the use of a Practice Based Research Network for multi-site studies.

This agenda's work will serve as an opportunity for collaboration with institutions such as Emory University, Harvard University, and the Veterans' Administration. Outcomes of this research will influence patient management, quality and scope of legislation and policy related to utilization of advanced imaging modalities by the chiropractic profession.

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OBJECTIVES INCLUDE:

- To elucidate the nature of the vertebral subluxation, and its location, analysis, and correction via the chiropractic adjustment
- To explore the feasibility and usefulness of MRI, CT, Cone Beam CT, PET scanning and other imaging modalities in measuring components of vertebral subluxation and outcomes related to chiropractic care.
- To improve means of subluxation-correction outcomes assessment
- To observe outcomes in healthy populations under subluxation care
- To observe outcomes in special patient populations undergoing management of vertebral subluxation including:
 - o Military veterans
 - o Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
 - o Traumatic Brain Injury
 - o Neurodevelopmental Disorders
 - o Neurodegenerative Disorders
 - o Dysautonomia
 - o Depression
 - o Cardiac Sympathetic Disorders/Cardiac Coherence

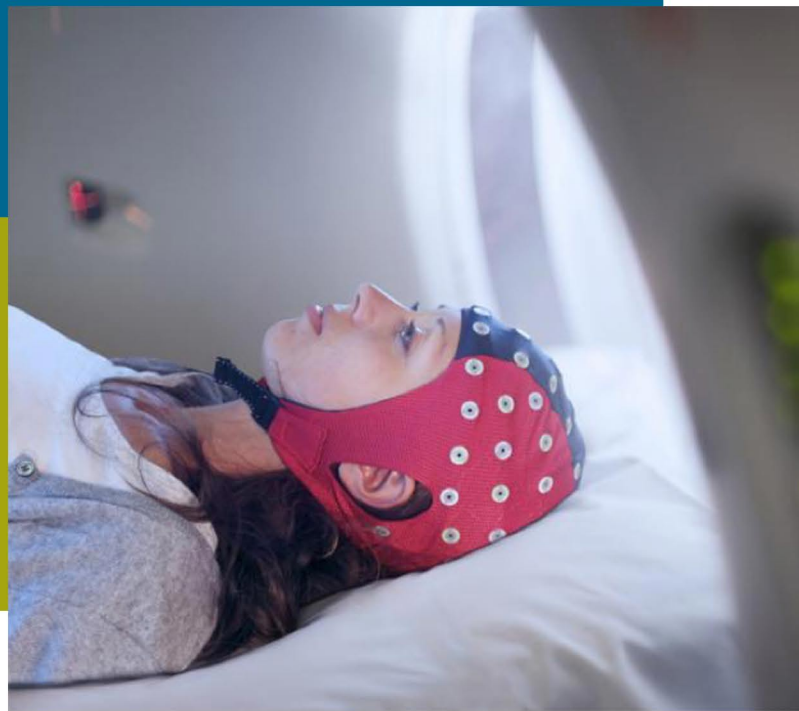
NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1. Funding for fMRI scan time
2. Research time and resources
3. Determination of the variables to be measured
4. Development of study designs

OUTCOMES

This agenda is intended to inform:

1. Chiropractic practitioners
2. Chiropractic researchers
3. Other health care providers
4. Education
5. Policy and legislation



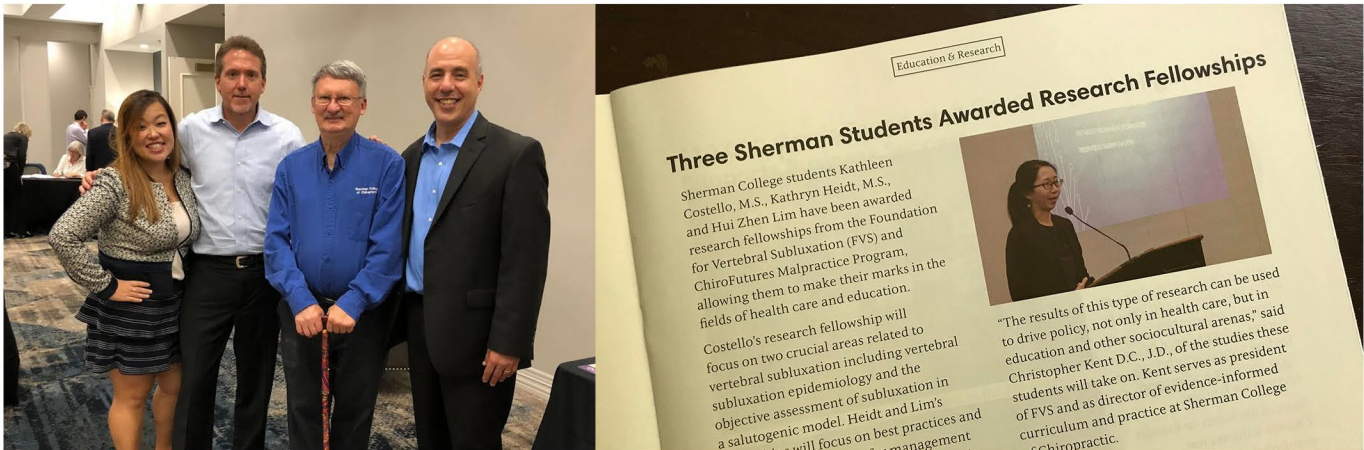


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IN RESPONSE TO SOCIAL THREATS TO ITS EXISTENCE, CHIROPRACTIC HAS ACCEPTED THE MATERIALIST WORLD OF THE ALLOPATHS. IT HAS DONE SO IN FEAR OF BEING LABELLED QUACKERY AND THIS WAS UNDOUBTEDLY A GOOD STRATEGY TO FOLLOW AT ONE TIME. THE PUBLIC KNOWS NEXT TO NOTHING OF CHIROPRACTIC PHILOSOPHY OF HEALING AND ITS MECHANISMS.

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EA MORINIS - MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGIST



Christie Kwon MS, DC: The Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation provided a scholarship for a three month internship at the United Nations Health Committee in New York. The Health Committee is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) working with the UN. Dr. Kwon worked with Dr. Christopher Kent who was Chair of this Committee. Dr. Kwon is currently an Advancing Futures Research Fellowship Recipient working on her Masters in Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta Georgia with a full scholarship from the Foundation. Dr. Kwon was also awarded a Scholarship for a Functional MRI Visiting Fellowship through Harvard University. She is the Project Manager for the Foundation's Best Practices/Guidelines initiative on the management of vertebral subluxation.

Anquonette Stiles DC, MPH: Dr. Stiles received a Research Fellowship for completion of her Practicum in fulfillment of her requirements for a Master in Public Health. Her project was the development of a guidelines development process. Dr. Stiles is currently an Advancing Futures Research Fellowship Recipient for the Development of Guidelines for the Management of Vertebral Subluxation and is the Director of this initiative.

Simon Senzon MA, DC: Dr. Senzon has been awarded an Advancing Futures Scholarship by the Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation (FVS). The scholarship is for Dr. Senzon to complete a Ph.D at Southern Cross University located in Australia. The focus of his scholarship and dissertation will be correcting the errors in the literature regarding vertebral subluxation placed by numerous "subluxation deniers" who have peppered the scientific and historical literature with unreferenced and unsupported statements regarding the nature and historical issues surrounding vertebral subluxation.

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Aryn Gabai DC: The Foundation for Vertebral Subluxation provided scholarship funding for Dr. Gabai's participation in the World Health Organization's Internship program in Geneva.

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Eric Zielinski DC: Dr. Zielinski was the recipient of a Research Fellowship through the Foundation and completed numerous research projects, presentations and papers during his tenure.

Nikki Hirshowitz DC: Dr. Hirshowitz was the recipient of a Research Fellowship through the Foundation with her work focused on the epidemiology of vertebral subluxation.

Robert Comer DC: Dr. Comer was the recipient of a Research Fellowship through the Foundation with his work focused on the epidemiology of vertebral subluxation.



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