

RESOLUTION # 1-04
of the
Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards

NOTE: This resolution was presented at our fall 2003 regional meetings for discussion and review by our member boards.

Affirming that DCs arrive at a diagnosis prior to commencing treatment

WHEREAS, the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) is an international organization supporting regulatory boards of chiropractic practice in Australia, Canada, Mexico, and United States; and

WHEREAS, chiropractic healthcare is expanding into every country in the world; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards includes the establishment of best practice mechanisms for patients worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the FCLB remains ready to assist member boards and countries with a developing regulatory framework in the area of public protection; and

WHEREAS, the FCLB assumes its responsibility to encourage the best practice of chiropractic healthcare including the area of patient protection; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a patient diagnosis is necessary for the initiation of treatment/therapeutics, case management, referral to other healthcare providers, insurance reimbursement, and reporting to public health authorities; and

WHEREAS, establishment of the patient diagnosis is in the best interest of public protection; and

WHEREAS, the practice of arriving at a diagnosis has been and is a critical component of chiropractic clinical practice; and

WHEREAS, there is confusion regarding the necessity of chiropractic diagnosis in the international community, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the FCLB asserts its commitment to the area of patient protection by affirming its position that doctors of chiropractic arrive at a diagnosis prior to the initiation of treatment, and further

RESOLVED, that the FCLB notify member boards and developing regulatory boards of this position.

Passed, none opposed