

RESOLUTION #1-21

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Chiropractic Includes the Nervous System

Whereas, the FCLB's mission is to promote excellence in chiropractic regulation with a vision of safe, ethical practice of chiropractic leading to enhanced public protection and that public protection is enhanced through enforcement of rules and regulations which are based on accurate information;

Whereas, the FCLB serves its member state regulatory boards not only as a resource for relevant news and accurate information but also as an educational platform for sharing practical knowledge of chiropractic science and philosophy, leading to better understanding of the unique nature of the profession and its established tenets;

Whereas, 48 member states provide statutory inclusion of nerves in their chiropractic scope of practice and rules;

Whereas, virtually every authoritative source for defining chiropractic includes reference to either the "nervous system" and/or the "neuromusculoskeletal system", and every authoritative definition of subluxation complex in the literature acknowledges a cause and effect relationship between joint structures and associated neural elements such that self-propulsion, active motion and proprioception are dependent upon interaction with the nervous system; and

Whereas, the study of neuroscience is integral to chiropractic education and research;

now, therefore, be it Resolved, that

The Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards hereby affirms that:

1. The nervous system is an essential element in chiropractic practice.
2. That the diagnosis, evaluation, and therapeutic management of patients in a chiropractic practice would be incomplete without including associated components of the nervous system.
3. That conceptual exclusion of nerves from biomechanics in a healthcare setting has limited practical application, and that no evidentiary exclusion of nerves from chiropractic practice exists.
4. That excluding the neural component in the application of chiropractic would be remiss and potentially misleading; and
5. That the nervous system is an integral and necessary component to the musculoskeletal system and subluxation complex, such that the practice of chiropractic necessarily includes and shall not exclude consideration of evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of the nervous system and its components insofar as they pertain to established chiropractic science and philosophy.

Adopted by the Delegate Body

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