

THE NCAHF BULLETIN BOARD

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CHIROPRACTIC MANIPULATION AND STROKES

The May-June, 1994 *NCAHF Newsletter* reported on the abstract of a Stanford Stroke Center study on injuries to patients by chiropractic neck manipulation. It was noted that the study was to be published in late 1994. The study appears in the June *Neurology* (1995;45:1213-15). 55 strokes, 16 myelopathies, and 30 radiculopathies occurred in DC patients within 24 hours after neck manipulation over a two-year time period in California.

WOMAN'S DAY ARTICLE

DESCRIBES CHIROPRACTIC DANGERS TO CHILDREN

Woman's Day magazine publicized the many of the dangers of chiropractic health care in an article entitled "The well-adjusted child" (6/27/1995, pp.77-80). Among the problems covered are deafness and a neurological disorder stemming from a failure to properly treat middle ear infection; delayed treatment for cancer due to inability of DCs to recognize many diseases; excessive worry over bogus diagnoses of "crooked backs" in need of regular chiropractic care; paralysis due to inappropriate manipulation of the neck; unnecessary x-ray exposure; anti-immunization attitudes of DCs and misinformation on the risks and benefits of childhood vaccination; inappropriate treatment of learning disorders (the debacle at Del Norte School in Crescent City, California); and the potential problems that can arise when DCs divert children from qualified pediatric care to their own totally unproven notions about "subluxations" and other pseudomedicine. The article treats the subject accurately and fairly acknowledging the rarity of the most severe kinds of dangers. Among the severest critics of DC care for children are Charles DuVall and Ron Slaughter, both practicing DCs. DuVall says that DCs have no business treating children because they lack qualifications and there is no evidence that DC treatments work for childhood ailments. Slaughter says that there "is no such thing as pediatric chiropractic." A response by a defender of "chiropractic pediatrics" was very telling. Claudia Anrig Howe, DC, who is billed as "an authority on chiropractic pediatrics," stated that DuVall or Slaughter had done no research in the area of chiro pediatrics. At first, her words sounded like an answer a scientist who had done research might use, and seemed to be headed toward some concrete evidence or useful research on chiropractic pediatrics. Instead, quickly and without warning, her language switched to chiropractic's "last ditch position" of freedom of choice that DCs parrot when they have no legitimate answers. Here is her statement in its entirety.

I can't help but question the credentials of Drs. Slaughter and DuVall. As far as I know, they have never published any research studies, contributed to the body of knowledge nor taught any graduate courses in this field of care. As this is our centennial year, we must all realize the need to educate the public regarding the benefits of chiropractic care from the pediatric to the geriatric. This is a freedom of choice issue. Parents have

the right and responsibility to choose the best health care for their children. It is chiropractic's responsibility to take the stand of our forefathers to insure that freedom of choice is protected. As chiropractors, we need to be the advocates of the children. Making erroneous or inaccurate statements regarding chiropractic pediatrics is tantamount to withholding necessary health care. (*Dynamic Chiropractic*, 6/5/95, p.44)

What an incredible statement! NCAHF challenges Ms. Howe, or anyone, to provide scientific evidence that chiropractic offers "necessary health care for children." Of course neither Drs. Slaughter nor DuVall have contributed to the "body of knowledge" of chiropractic pediatrics--no scientific body of knowledge exists as Howe pretends that it does. *Dynamic Chiropractic* published the address, telephone and fax numbers of *Woman's Day* so that public relations minded DCs could storm them with complaints. We predict that this will be all heat and no light, ie, no scientific evidence will be put forth to show that the article was inaccurate. It will be just the usual name-calling and unsubstantiated testimonials on the value of chiro care, and threats of boycott. *Woman's Day* is located at 1633 Broadway, 42nd floor, NY, NY 10019; fax: 212-767-5610; phone: 212-767-6000.

FORMER INDIAN PRIME MINISTER PASSES

Former Indian Prime Minister Morarji Desai, who was cited in the March-April, 1995 *NCAHF Newsletter* as attributing drinking his own urine being responsible for reaching 99 years of age, died on April 10. [For more on odd attributions for great age see "Road to longevity," *Washington Post*, 6/14/95]

NEW HAMPSHIRE TO LICENSE NATUROPATHS

New Hampshire became the 10th state to license naturopathy. What else would one expect from a state with "Live Free or Die" on its license plates! Perhaps anti-immunization naturopaths will change the "or die" to "and die" for some of New Hampshire's children. The others are: Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut, Florida*, Hawaii, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and the District of Columbia license naturopaths. Based upon a controversial court ruling, Idaho permits NDs to practice as long as they don't prescribe drugs or engage in procedures specifically assigned by law to Medical Doctors. Utah issues no new licenses but allowed naturopaths who were in the process of obtaining licenses in 1981 (the year the practice act expired) to obtain and practice with Oregon licenses.

*No new licenses issued after 1959, but present NDs may renew; as of 1995 only 14-15 licenses are active. For some unexplained reason NDs do not have to carry malpractice insurance, or post that they don't carry it, as do other health care providers. (Personal communication. Mike Oliver, *Orlando Sentinel*, 5/12/95).

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NCAHF AVAILABLE RESOURCE MATERIALS (ARM) LIST

The sixth edition of the NCAHF ARM list itemized over 500 articles. While developing the seventh edition, it became apparent that it was no longer feasible to list every article available from NCAHF in a single pamphlet. The NCAHF ARM list, is being revised as a catalog of topics. Inquirers will receive consumer health information monographs headlined "**Information For Prudent Consumers From The National Council Against Health Fraud.**" The monographs contain concise descriptive information along with NCAHF's insights and criticisms. Many include a bibliography. Statements will be revised as information becomes known to NCAHF. Each statement will be copyrighted and dated.

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- ☐ Health Spas
- ☐ Homeopathy

- ☐ Interior Design Nutritionals (NuSkin)
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