AUSTRALIAN CHIROPRACTORS ASSOCIATION

Member Update

Dear chiropractor

The Australian Chiropractors Association (ACA) and the Australasian Institute of Chiropractic Education (AICE) Paediatrics Group acknowledge members concerns regarding the Chiropractic Board of Australia's (CBA) reinstatement of the Interim Policy on Spinal Manipulation for children under 2 years of age.

This policy “advises chiropractors to not use spinal manipulation to treat children under two years of age, until further consultation with Health Ministers can allow for developing a final position.” For the purposes of cervical manipulation, the National Law defines it as “moving the joints of the cervical spine beyond a person’s usual physiological range of motion using a high velocity, low amplitude thrust.” The advisory applies to the whole spine in children under 2 years of age.

It is essential to emphasise that chiropractic care is provided by qualified professionals and is tailored to meet the unique needs of patients throughout their entire lifespan. Chiropractors adapt their techniques to ensure safe and appropriate care for each patient. Spinal care must be modified for the age and developmental stage of the child. Chiropractic care consists of a range of suitable techniques and advice for this age group.

The ACA and AICE Paediatrics affirm that various chiropractic techniques can be modified, adapted, or specifically designed for paediatric patients. We advise our members to adhere to the CBA policy guidelines and consistently modify their care and treatment approaches to cater to each patient's age and specific requirements.

To ensure best practices, we encourage all chiropractors to review the **Clinical Practice Guidelines for Best Practice Management of Paediatric Patients by Chiropractors**.

As ACA chiropractors, you understand the importance of accurate and comprehensive record-keeping for all clients. We remind you that your records should clearly document the technique or appropriate modification used by the practitioner for appropriate care across all age groups.

The ACA and AICE Paediatrics Group support the right of chiropractors to care for children of all ages. We will collaborate with the CBA to provide evidence that supports your practice. We are committed to ongoing consultation and collaboration with Health Ministers and the CBA to develop guidelines that promote further research and provide a strong foundation for chiropractic care in all age groups.

Thank you for your dedication to providing the best chiropractic care possible to the community, and we look forward to supporting your efforts in advancing chiropractic care for all ages.

The ACA Board and AICE Paediatrics