MD's Comments on Chiropractic

Many members of the medical profession have made open-minded investigations of chiropractic.

M.E. King, MD, in Therapeutic Review, "Why Chiropractors Should Be Recognized by the Medical Profession": "There was a time when I looked at chiropractic through a pair of bifocal lenses, the upper part-prejudice, the lower part lack of investigation. But because medicine, ... had failed to reach the complicated ailments of my invalid wife; I, like a drowning man, grasped for anything in sight. I learned of chiropractic through a friend of mine. I went at once to a school of chiropractic, and to my surprise, they were actually getting results on the cases that were hopelessly incurable from the standpoint of medicine. I soon saw that the theory they were working on was plausible and met the approval of common sense. All of this opened up a new field of thought to me which had never been presented through the study of medicine. The sooner the medical profession recognizes the work of a chiropractor, the better."

K. Gutzeit, MD, in The Spine as Causative Factor of Disease: "We find in the case of hypertension a drop from 25 to 30mm Hg right after the adjustment is given."

Dr. Harold T. Hyman, professor, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, in American Journal of Medical Science: "From personal experience alone, I am of the opinion that many patients suffer from some type of dislocation of the vertebral structures. There is no doubt that the consciousness of the orthopedic surgeon was aroused originally by the success of bone-setters, the early manipulators, and more recently the chiropractors. The latter group has undoubtedly performed their miraculous cures in individuals who have been misdiagnosed and mistreated by the practitioner or internist."

H.B. Gotten, MD, in Journal of Tennessee Medical Association, "Internists' Problem of Lower Back Pain: "It is better that the chiropractor treat (the patient), than to have them treated by a physician who thinks only in terms of surgery."

R.F. Allendy, MD, in "Orientation Des Idees Medicales: "Irregularity in the vertebrae, spinal nerves at their exit from the spine, (and) can have considerable effects (on the organs)."

Dr. K.R. von Roques, Berlin, in an article in Naturalmedizin: "We must recognize that many ailments or diseases are (improved) by spinal therapy.

Freimut Bedermann, MD, in Medical Research Group for Chiropractic: "Indisputable value."

Dr. A.A. Hockfield, in Zeitschrift fur Arztliche Fortbildung, a journal of medical education: "Chiropractic gives astonishing success quickly and painlessly."

W.B. Parsons, MD, in Canadian Medical Association Journal: "The reason we took up manipulation was an interest in backache, with the early discovery that many patients who failed to respond to routine medical treatment went to a (chiropractor) and received immediate relief."

D.A. Hachenburg, MD, addressing chiropractic seminar: "In Germany, the chiropractic techniques are receiving more and more recognition from the medical profession. German doctors are inclined to a more natural course of healing, and many of the general practitioners are specializing in drug-less treatments. The orthopedic residents of the teaching university hospitals attend special courses to learn chiropractic techniques which they use in the clinics of these hospitals. The people of Germany are going by the millions for chiropractic treatment."

H. Jackson Burrows, MD, and W.D. Coltart, MD, in Treatment by Manipulation: "The (medical) profession has been charged with neglecting manipulative treatment. It has long been known that the agonizing pain and severe stiffness (lower back pain) could be relieved by manipulation."

James Mennell, M.C. in Manipulation, 3rd Edition: "The percentage of recovery, sufficient to go back to full work would be considerably improved if more use were made of (chiropractic) manipulation."

Albert Cramer, MD, in Hippokrates: "Chiropractic cuts across all medical disciplines, broadening, unifying, and enriching them."

W.J.S. Melvin, MD, president of Ontario Medical Association, in an address to Manitoba College of General Practice: "Chiropractors make a lot (of people) better."

Ernst Roscher, MD, in Frankfurter Illustrierte: "Note well, chiropractic does not claim to be an 'all-healing method'! But, if a misaligned vertebra is the cause of the trouble, then this method has proved to be incredibly successful."

Drs. Kemlin, in Hippokrates: "Loss of appetite, headaches, dizziness, insomnia, and heart sensations may be treated through the spine."

James P. Warbasse, MD in surgical Treatment. Volume 1: "Subluxations of the vertebrae occur in all parts of the spine and in all degrees. When the dislocation is so slight as to not affect the spinal cord, it will still produce disturbances in the spinal nerves."

President of the American Medical Association 1972- Dr. Carl A. Hoffman MD, in a speech to the Santa Ana Rotary Club: As a urologist I work very closely with the chiropractors in my area. They refer patients to me and I refer patients to them.

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