

Australian Veterans' Access to Chiropractic Improves

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On July 1, 2002, under a \$93.1 million extension to pensions for Australian veterans and war widows, veterans age 70 or older that served in conflicts following World War II became eligible for the "Gold Card." The Gold Card provides free comprehensive health care to the veterans, including chiropractic services. "Australian veterans of conflicts including the Korean War, the Malayan emergency, Indonesian confrontation, the Vietnam War, Gulf War, and the current war on terrorism will be eligible for this substantial benefit when they turn 70," said Australian Veterans' Affairs Minister Dana Vale.

DC Running for Florida House

Winter Haven, Florida chiropractor Gary Newberry has announced his candidacy for the 2002 election for the Florida House of Representatives, District 66. He will run as a Republican, and says if elected he intends to focus primarily on education, with additional focus on growth management, illegal drug prevention and senior care. "I want to see public education get better," he said. "The quality of teachers is important to how well our kids learn, but we have to pay for that quality." Dr. Newberry, 51, was born in Florida, but raised in the Midwest. He graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1977. His practice is in Winter Haven, where he resides with his wife, Stacy, and three children, Erin, 27, Amy, 23, and Kenny, 19. Both of his daughters are teachers.

Oregon Hospital Grants Privileges to Chiropractic Physicians

PORTLAND, Oregon - Chiropractors have been granted privileges by Woodland Park Hospital, as defined by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations. Under the designation "dependent allied health professional," a chiropractor is allowed to treat patients in the hospital under the supervision of a medical physician. DCs may also make referrals to the hospital's diagnostic services, including imaging, physical therapy and pain management centers. This requires Oregon licensure and certification by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Dr. Timothy Treible, MD, was instrumental in the effort to gain the privileges. "Our medical staff believes in creating professional relationships that benefit our patients, and we have a strong need for chiropractors to assist us in various treatments so patients can return to productive lives," he commented. "This represents a breakthrough in the partnerships we've enjoyed for many years with the medical physicians who practice at Woodland Park Hospital," said Bryce Milam, DC, a local clinic owner and health consultant. Hospital CEO Richard Alley, representing the 200 physicians at the facility, concurred: "With the medical staff's approval in April, we knew this represented an innovative approach for our practitioners to work with chiropractors in the best interest of our patients."

Dr. Kathleen Baumgardner: ACA Sports Council Chiropractor of the Year

The American Chiropractic Association recently honored Dr. Kathleen Baumgardner as "Sports Chiropractor of the Year." She is the medical director of the New Jersey Garden State Games and is active in the Chiropractic Sports Network. Dr. Baumgardner's areas of expertise include exercise; pregnancy; sports injuries; athletic training; pediatric chiropractic; and allergies. "What a wonderful honor to be recognized by my peers," enthused Dr. Baumgardner. "Sports injuries have been my interest since before chiropractic college," she added.

APHA Prepares for 130th Annual Meeting

"Putting the Public Back into Public Health" is the theme of this year's American Public Health Association meeting in Philadelphia, November 9-13. Former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge, director of the Office of Homeland Security, will be a featured speaker at the event. More than 4,000 papers are to be presented, including these chiropractic topics:

- Future Chiropractic Clinical Scientists: How Will They Be Trained? - Cynthia Long, PhD, Cheryl Hawk, DC, PhD, William Meeker, DC, MPH
- Developing Chiropractic Training Programs and Practice Models for Interdisciplinary Geriatric Care - Lisa Killinger, DC, Marie Dusio, RN, DC
- Information Technology in the Chiropractic Office - Monica Smith, DC, PhD, Jon Gindhart, BS
- Implementation of a Wellness Model through a Patient-Centered, Evidence-Based Curriculum - Meridel Gatterman, MA, DC, MEd, John Hyland, DC
- A Randomized Trial of Manipulation versus Mobilization for Neck Pain: Outcomes from the UCLA Neck Pain Study - Eric Hurwitz, DC, PhD, Hal Morgenstern, PhD, Philip Harber, MD, PH, Gerald Kominski, PhD, Fei Yu, PhD, Alan Adams, DC

More information is available at the APHA's chiropractic "Scientific Sessions" link on its website: apha.confex.com/apha/130am/techprogram/program_271.htm.

James Giordano, DC, to be Published in CAM Journal

Dr. James Giordano, associate professor and director of clinical research, Texas Chiropractic College, and Dr. Lew Huff, associate professor and director of clinical services of the campus' Moody Health Center, will be published in the *Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine (JACM)*. The paper, "Blending the Boundaries: Steps toward the Integration of Complementary and Alternative Medicine into Mainstream Practice," is to appear in the October issue of the journal. It was co-authored by Dr. Douglas Boatwright, of the department of health and kinesiology at Lamar University in Beaumont, and Sarai Stapleton, a graduate student associate of Dr. Giordano at the American College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine in Houston.

Biological Sciences Degree Offered at Cleveland Chiropractic College

Cleveland Chiropractic College, with campuses in Kansas City and Los Angeles, announced its new

associate in arts program for biological sciences, to begin this this fall. College President Dr. Carl S. Cleveland III voiced his approval: "The implementation of the accredited AA degree in biological sciences is an excellent complement to the Cleveland undergraduate division, and will assist students with transfer of credits into paraprofessional or related health science degree programs." A bachelor of science in human biology degree is already available at Cleveland, which has graduated doctors of chiropractic for 80 years.

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