

We Get Letters & E-Mail

Congratulations, Dr. Golden

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your story in the December 14th issue of *Dynamic Chiropractic* in recognition of Dr. Lorraine Golden. It is not only refreshing to see a female doctor get any praise, but is extra special to see one receive such a high honor as "Chiropractor of the Year."

As vice president and office manager of a very busy chiropractic office, with only a female doctor and an almost totally female staff, I am well aware of the challenges of female doctors. I cannot even find Christmas cards that don't have a male doctor pictured on them.

Thanks again and congratulations to Dr. Lorraine Golden.

*James F. Dinardi
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"... an excellent chiropractor ..."

Dear Editor:

I was delighted to see your article on the approval of hospital privileges for Dr. Bradley Weiss in Vermont ("Vermont's Largest Hospital Gives Limited Access to Chiropractic," *DC*, December 1, 1998). I was an intern in the New York Chiropractic College clinic at the same time as Dr. Weiss. I found him to be an excellent chiropractor and a generous, compassionate person. In my opinion, we are lucky to have him representing our profession at Fletcher Allen Health Care in Vermont.

Congratulations, Bradley.

*Steven L. Tray, DC
Brooklyn, New York*

"... stop trying to make me and other DCs feel guilty for not helping to elect Dr. Ferguson and the others to Congress"

Dear Editor:

I can no longer stay silent on this issue. When is your paper going to stop trying to make me and other DCs feel guilty for not helping to elect Dr. Ferguson and the others to Congress? I for one do not feel guilty at all for not donating money to his campaign, mainly because he is a Democrat.

I am a conservative Republican. As a Democrat, he is in the party that wants to uphold the barbaric procedure of abortion, the ultimate killing of innate. Maybe he is against abortion, and I hope he is, but if he is against abortion then he should switch to the party that is against it. I support life first. Supporting candidates just because they are in your profession is no way to cast a vote.

Daniel V. Radack, DC
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Editor's note: Two of the three chiropractic candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives were Republicans: Drs. Meredith Bakke (Wisconsin) and Paul Phillips (Washington).

"We May Have Just Shot Ourselves in the Foot"

Editor's note: This letter is written in response to "Outrage at Advice from MD Columnist," which appeared in the We Get Letters section of the December 14th, 1998 issue of *DC*.

Dear Editor:

I understand Dr. Cocilovo's concern, but I feel we are discussing two completely different types of problems. Paul Donohue, MD, appears to be addressing the treatment of chronic torticollis, which is quite different from acute torticollis. This is more than likely the type of case Dr. Cocilovo is referring to when he states he has treated numerous cases. I personally have only seen one case of chronic torticollis in my office in 21 years of practice, but I have helped numerous cases of acute torticollis.

This brings me to a possible suggestion. It may be helpful to have a panel of reviewers for letters to the editor. I realize this may be difficult, but it could be very beneficial to our profession as a whole. If several doctors who read this letter respond in an unkind manner (never a chiropractic response?) while not fully appreciating the situation, it could leave a very bad mark on our profession. Ask yourself this question. If you were verbally attacked by many from a profession which you did not even mention in an article, what do you think you would later print if you were asked to write a story regarding that profession? We may have just shot ourselves in the foot.

It may have been advisable for *DC* to suggest that Dr. Cocilovo contact Dr. Donohue in a friendly manner and inquire as to whether he was limiting his discussion to acute or chronic torticollis, or if he had even considered chiropractic when writing his remarks. With some of the bad publicity we get today, we don't need to make enemies out of others who did not intend to cause us harm in the first place. Dr. Cocilovo even stated he usually agreed with Dr. Donohue's advice. I would recommend that Dr. Cocilovo at least attempt to contact Dr. Donohue and try to repair the bridge that may have been burned. Possibly we can gain an ally rather than make an enemy.

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