

AHCPR Releases Report on Chiropractic

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The latest report on chiropractic has just been published by the U.S. Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR). The monograph, *Chiropractic in the United States: Training, Practice and Research*, is a collaboration of scholars, researchers, and practitioners. The contributors are either chiropractors, or esteemed professionals familiar with the chiropractic.

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The report does a good job of covering chiropractic from an unbiased point of view. Upon initial review, most see it as a fair, informative work that will help educate the public about chiropractic. The fact that it is published by an agency of the U.S. federal government will lend it great credibility. The sections covered are:

- A Brief History of Chiropractic
- Chiropractic Belief Systems
- Chiropractic Training
- Supply, Distribution, and Utilization of Chiropractors in the United States
- Licensure and Legal Scope of Practice
- Insurance Coverage of Chiropractic Services
- Chiropractic in the Health Care System
- Content of Practice
- Chiropractic Research
- Biological Rationale for Possible Benefits of Spinal Manipulation
- Benefits and Risks of Spinal Manipulation
- Synopsis, Research Priorities, and Policy Issues

The 130-page report can be ordered from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) at a price of \$31. They have a toll-free number (1-800-553-6847). But if you have Internet access, you can download the document free from Dynamic Chiropractic's website, ChiroWeb. Go to [url=<http://www.chiroweb.com/archives/uschiro>]<http://www.chiroweb.com/archives/uschiro>[/url] to access the report.

There are few federal documents that present chiropractic as well as this one. Chiropractors and chiropractic organizations are encouraged to review this report and consider making it available to legislators and other interested parties. If you have a website, you can link to the document and provide greater exposure and distribution of the report.

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