

CIN-BAD Hits the Internet

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The Chiropractic Information Network-Board Action Databank (CIN-BAD) is now online at <http://www.cin-bad.org>.

The Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards began an online computer system in 1990 to compile accurate licensing and credentialing information on doctors of chiropractic. By 1993, the FCLB introduced the Chiropractic Information Network-Board Action Databank (CIN-BAD). The key element of CIN-BAD is its Official Actions Database (OAD), which records the actions of chiropractic licensing boards and the Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement program.

Now CIN-BAD has a presence on the World Wide Web (<http://www.cin-bad.org>). Access to the site is fee-based. Users can subscribe to the site and search for information themselves (averaging about \$2.20 per name), or they can submit a request to the FCLB staff to conduct an online search for \$20. While the system is password-protected, FCLB also maintains an information site about regulation (including CIN-BAD access) at <http://www.fclb.org/fclb>.

More than 65 managed care and credentials verification organizations currently subscribe to CIN-BAD. The National Committee for Quality Assurance recently awarded CIN-BAD "acceptable source" status as an alternative to contacting multiple individual jurisdictions for information about board actions.

Fifty-five regulating boards, six of which are outside the U.S., report their actions to the CIN-BAD system. As of June, a total of approximately 3,900 actions have been logged into the system, involving more than 2,000 doctors. Action dates range from 1954 to the present, with most actions having been reported in the past 10 years.

For more information on CIN-BAD's new website, please contact the FCLB at (970) 356-3500, or send an e-mail message to fclb-fclb.org.

Natural Way Magazine Adds Chiropractic Column

There are hundreds of health-related magazines and newsletters being published. One of the more popular magazines is Natural Way, which was founded in 1995 to provide people with practical, easy-to-read information about improving their health. Recently, Natural Way made an important addition to its repertoire by announcing that Dr. Bob Hoffman would begin writing a new column called "The Chiropractic Lifestyle."

Dr. Hoffman will present readers with strategies and practical tips to help readers improve their health. "We educate our patients to take responsibility for their health and to live what we call the chiropractic lifestyle," Dr. Hoffman said. "We want to help our patients reach their potential as healthy individuals who enjoy an excellent quality of life and good health for as long as they live."

Dr. Hoffman maintains a busy practice in Oyster Bay, New York. He's a well-known speaker, and received the New York Chiropractic Council's first-ever "Chiropractor of the Year" award in 1990. Dr. Hoffman is currently the chairman of the board of the New York Chiropractic Council and is also the chairman of the representative assembly of the International Chiropractors Association.

Chiropractic at the Boston Marathon

On April 21, the city of Boston celebrated Patriots Day with the running of the 102nd Boston Marathon. More than 11,000 runners participated in this year's event, which was won in 2:07:34 by Kenya's Moses Tanui.

Just as many of the world's top athletes spent weeks preparing for the 26.2 mile endurance race, thousands of volunteers spent many hours organizing and preparing for the marathon. Among them was a group of 10 chiropractors led by Dr. Bruce Indek of Quincy, Massachusetts, who welcomed the runners and offered care after they had completed the race.

This year, Dr. Indek's group consisted of Drs. Megan Tabor, Jean Kelly, Joe Kornfeld, Troy Wheelright and Michael Conlon (all from Massachusetts); Dr. Tammy Seed (from Maine); Dr. Jeanette Anderson (from New York); Dr. Benita Battaglia (from New Jersey); and chiropractic assistant Craig Rinkerman (also from New Jersey). If you are interested in volunteering for next year's event, contact Dr. Indek at (617) 472-0661.

Dr. Roberts Joins Florida Spine Institute

Michael Roberts, DC, of Largo, Florida has been appointed to the staff of the Florida Spine Institute in nearby Clearwater. A 1993 graduate of Logan College of Chiropractic, Dr. Roberts maintains a successful practice in Largo and serves on the board of directors of the Pinellas County Chiropractic Society.

The Florida Spine Institute is a nationally-recognized leader in diagnosis, treatment and spinal rehabilitation, and has chosen to make chiropractic a permanent part of the institute.

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