

State Assoc's to Hold Guideline's Development Planning Conference

COCSA SEEKS TO BUILD STRONGER AGREEMENT AMONG PRACTITIONERS ON

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The Congress of Chiropractic State Associations (COCSA) is progressing on schedule toward its October 23-24 Guideline's Development Planning Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Seventeen participants have been confirmed. Mr. David Chapman-Smith will facilitate the conference. Mr. Don Petersen Jr., will assist in administration, and Attorney Rob Sherman (executive director of the COCSA) will oversee the organizational details.

Funds are coming in from various groups and organizations in support of the conference. The Congress thanks the following early association contributors for their support:

- * California Chiropractic Association
- * Connecticut Chiropractic Society
- * Florida Chiropractic Society
- * Indiana State Chiropractic Association
- * Kansas Chiropractic Association
- * Maine Chiropractic Association
- * Michigan Chiropractic Council
- * Michigan Chiropractic Society
- * North Dakota Chiropractic Association
- * Ohio State Chiropractic Association
- * Chiropractic Society of Rhode Island
- * Virginia Chiropractic Association
- * Wisconsin Chiropractic Association

The Congress also wishes to thank the Council on Chiropractic Education, Foot Levelers, Inc., Leander Research Manufacturing and Distributing, Inc., and the National Chiropractic Mutual Insurance Co., for their contributions and support.

A recent survey of the conference participants set the formulation of a representative Guideline's Development Advisory Council as the priority-one topic for discussion. This council would oversee the development of chiropractic guidelines. The number two priority is determining the process for revising current guidelines; number three is setting the process for accepting professional input and proposals.

The 17 participants will represent the American Chiropractic Association, International Chiropractors Association, Council on Chiropractic Education, Association of Chiropractic Colleges, National Association of Chiropractic Attorneys, Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards, Congress of Chiropractic State Associations, and the academic, research and clinical practice communities. The participants are as follows:

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ACA - Dr. Jerome McAndrews
ACC - Dr. Gerard Clum
CCE - Dr. Reed Phillips
FCLB - Dr. Meredith Bakke
ICA - Dr. R. James Gregg

COCSA - Dr. Rick McMichael
- Dr. Mario Spoto
Dist. 1 - Dr. Ken Harling
Dist. 2 - Dr. Leonard Suiter
Dist. 3 - Dr. Charles Herring
Dist. 4 - Dr. John Martin
Dist. 5 - Dr. James Petersen

Non-Affiliated

Dr. Al Adams
Dr. Charles Lantz

Dr. William Remling
Dr. John Triano

We are also pleased that Dr. Daniel Hansen has agreed to serve as a resource to the conference.

It should be readily apparent that the profession will be broadly represented at the conference. The academic/research community is strongly represented, as is the clinical practice community. At least 10 of the 17 participants have prior experience in guideline's development.

The Congress seeks to build a stronger agreement among mainstream chiropractic practitioners relative to clinical practice guidelines. Broad representation of the profession, augmented by the academic and research experience of our teachers, administrators and scientists, will insure strong consensus building. The president of the National Association of Chiropractic Attorneys, Mr. Paul Watson-Lambert, will help provide input from the legal community.

This conference promises to be both interesting and productive. It

is our objective to provide a game plan for continuing the process of chiropractic guideline development and consensus building. Current guidelines must be continuously updated and improved. Additional guidelines and practice parameters must be developed as the chiropractic profession progresses into the 21st century.

Comments have begun to filter in from participants, colleges and practitioners relative to the upcoming conference. Your considered comments are encouraged. All comments that have been received as of this date are being packaged for distribution to the conference participants. It is the position of the Congress that guidelines are most effective when the profession at large takes an active part in the development process, and offers considered input into those guidelines that are developed.

The Congress requests your support of this process. Please send your comments, concerns or proposals concerning chiropractic guideline's development to the address below. Conference funding contributions are being accepted as well. Be an active participant in the guideline development process, on whatever level possible, and help us to assure that chiropractic guidelines will be reliable, flexible, logical, and applicable to the clinical practice of chiropractic.

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