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Mercy Center Conference Seeks Your Input

FIVE MORE PARTICIPANTS ADDED -- CONFERENCE LOGO CREATED

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Preparations for the Mercy Center Conference (Quality Assurance Conference) are on target. The conference, which will be held in San Mateo, California (just south of San Francisco) on January 25 - 30, 1992, is being held to establish comprehensive guidelines for chiropractic practice. It has drawn almost universal support from all corners of the profession. The guideline chapters, now in third draft, are:

History and Physical Examination
X-ray and Other Imaging
Instrumentation
Clinical Laboratory
Initial Documentation and Patient Consents
Clinical Impression
Modes of Care
Frequency of Care
Reassessment
Record Keeping
Outcome Assessment
Collaborative Care
Management of Complications
Maintenance, Prevention, and Supportive Care
Professional Development

As part of the process, every member of the chiropractic profession is encouraged to provide input into any or all of the above topics. If you have information, concerns or issues that should be considered for a particular topic or in general, please send it to Donald M. Petersen, B.S., H.C.D.(hc), commission secretary, for distribution to all members of the corresponding committee(s). The address is:

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In an effort to provide broader consensus and better representation from the East and South, the conference has been expanded from 30 to 35 participants. The additional five members are:

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The entire list of all 35 panel members is listed at the end of this article.

An official conference logo has been adopted. This logo will not only be used by the conference, but by the conference sponsors. Please be looking for this logo from those companies with which you do business.

The primary sponsors for the Mercy Center Conference are: the Congress of Chiropractic State Associations (COCSA); American Chiropractic Association (ACA); Canadian Chiropractic Association (CCA); International Chiropractors Association (ICA); the Association of Chiropractic Colleges (ACC); the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research (FCER); and the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB).

In addition, several well-known organizations have donated \$2,500 each to sponsor the conference: Nutri-West, SuperFeet, World-Wide Chiropractic Placement Service (WCPS), Foot Levelers, Activator Methods, OUM Group, Inc., NCMIC, National Upper Cervical Chiropractic Association, and the Motion Palpation Institute (MPI).

As the date of the conference draws near, the amount of work and activity will be increasing. Be watching for additional information on the Mercy Center Conference and its proceedings.

For more information on the conference, please see the "Chiropractic Practice Guidelines" article in the July 19, 1991 issue of Dynamic Chiropractic, or the March 1991 issue of The Chiropractic Report, edited by David Chapman-Smith, L.L.B. (Hon.), FICC (Hon.). The address of The Chiropractic Report is:

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