

Research Paper Sessions Set for 1990 ICSM

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The 1990 International Conference on Spinal Manipulation (ICSM), May 11-12, in Washington, DC., is certain to be the most comprehensive education and research conference ever developed by the chiropractic profession. The ICSM features an up-to-date analysis of the research occurring in chiropractic. Equally important, this year's ICSM will include presentations of research studies from chiropractic college research departments and scientific centers, as well as case studies and field investigations from doctors of chiropractic. The latter will give chiropractors the opportunity to report on the diagnosis and treatment of typical health problems seen in clinical practice.

The Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research (FCER) received 129 abstracts in response to its call for contributed papers. Of these, 75 were selected for inclusion in the program. In addition to FCER staff evaluation, each abstract was evaluated by the four members of the 1990 ICSM Organizing Committee: Dr. Robert Hazel, editor, Chiropractic Sports Medicine; Dr. Dana Lawrence, editor, Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics; Dr. George McClelland, president, FCER board of trustees; and Dr. David Redding, FCER trustee.

The 1990 ICSM research paper sessions will offer insightful information and data on the following topics:

- Clinical Evaluation of Spinal Manipulation
- The Neurology and Physiology of Spinal Manipulation
- Assessment of Spinal Dysfunction and Pain
- Low Back Pain Treatment Efficacy
- Measurement and Analysis of the Cervical Spine
- Occupational Health and Treatment Cost-Effectiveness
- Biomechanics of the Lumbar Spine
- Diagnostic Imaging of the Spine
- Examiner Reliability in Chiropractic Procedures
- Chiropractic Field Investigations (two sessions)
- Issues in Clinical Assessment
- Epidemiological and Population Studies
- Measurement of Spine Biomechanics

- Professional Issues in Chiropractic

No other conference in chiropractic brings practitioners and scientists together to present, discuss, and debate findings that have direct bearing on chiropractic principles, theories, and clinical approaches to health, illness, and disease. Peer review and scientific research standards were applied consistently and fairly in the selection of contributed papers, in order to ensure the highest quality in the paper sessions.

This is a conference for all members of the chiropractic profession, and a conference which encourages the representation of different philosophical points of view. In addition to the 15 research paper sessions, the 1990 ICSM will feature:

- A symposium on alternative approaches to the development of standards of care in chiropractic
- A panel debate on the role of the chiropractic college in chiropractic research (The panel features Dr. John Miller, president, Palmer College of Chiropractic-West; Dr. James Parker, president Parker College of Chiropractic; Dr. Sid Williams, president, Life Chiropractic College; and Dr. James Winterstein, president, National College of Chiropractic)
- A featured presentation by Bernie Siegel, M.D., best-selling author
- A luncheon address by Dr. William Harris, president of Practice Consultants, Inc., who has contributed 1.1 million dollars to FCER to establish the profession's first comprehensive clinical research center

Doctors who attended the two-day conference can earn 14 hours of continuing education credit. Anyone interested in chiropractic's maturation as a research-based health-care profession, and the analysis of topical professional issues, will not want to miss the 1990 ICSM! For further information concerning the ICSM, contact: FCER, 1701 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209 Tel: (703) 276-7445.

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