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Logan Receives Grant From HRSA

Logan College of Chiropractic has received a \$234,000 grant from the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. The college, located in Chesterfield, Mo., will use the grant to fund the Musculoskeletal and Obstetric Management Study (MOMS).

Since 1998, internal funding has supported the MOMS project, which involves ongoing collaboration between Logan and Washington University School of Medicine clinics at Barnes-Jewish and Missouri Baptist hospitals. The study has helped develop solid interdisciplinary relationships between chiropractors, medical doctors and nurses caring for the needs of pregnant women in hospital-based settings.

Rodger Tepe, PhD, dean of research and development at Logan College, stated, "All of this research is motivated by a single purpose - to help identify and provide solutions for musculoskeletal problems in pregnant women. We believe the MOMS project is a step in this direction, a step in which an interdisciplinary team [including doctors of chiropractic and medical physicians] works together to treat and prevent pregnancy-related musculoskeletal pain."

This is the first federal grant awarded to Logan's research department. Clayton Skaggs, DC, CCRD, associate professor of research, is the principal investigator on MOMS; Logan faculty members Dr. Tepe and James George, DC, are study co-investigators, along with three distinguished Washington University faculty.

NBCE Announces New International Eligibility Policy

As of Nov. 2, 2006, the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) has a revised policy statement on candidate eligibility for the NBCE examinations. The new policy reads as follows:

"Applications will be accepted from otherwise eligible individuals enrolled in, or graduates of, a doctor of chiropractic degree program, or its equivalent, that is accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education United States, or any other specialized accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education to accredit doctor of chiropractic degree programs, or a chiropractic accrediting agency that is approved by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Board of Directors (Board), or from individuals enrolled in a doctor of chiropractic program or its equivalent, that has regional accreditation and is actively pursuing accreditation (i.e., has candidate status) with a chiropractic accrediting agency approved by the Board."

The new policy requires proof of accreditation by the Council on Chiropractic Education (USA) or any other specialized accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, or proof of accreditation by CCE Canada/Australasia or the European Council of Chiropractic Education.

Dr. Ira Shapiro Honored Yet Again



Dr. Ira Shapiro (right) with ANJC President, Dr. Sig Miller.

The Association of New Jersey Chiropractors recently honored Ira A. Shapiro, DC, DACBSP, with a Special Service Award for his participation on the U.S. Olympic Medical Services Staff at the past two Olympic Games - the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, and the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy - and for his 20 years of commitment to the field. The award is given annually to New Jersey physicians who display excellence in chiropractic. Dr. Shapiro is the only chiropractor ever named to the medical staff of two U.S. Olympic teams.

Awards are nothing new for Dr. Shapiro: Earlier in the year, he was recognized with a joint

resolution from the New Jersey General Assembly and Senate and a proclamation from Old Bridge Township, where he practices, for exemplary medical service. Mayor James T. Phillips offered high praise for Dr. Shapiro's dedication to the township's medical community and longtime efforts toward the betterment of sports chiropractic. Shapiro also was named the 2006 Sports Doctor of the Year by the American Chiropractic Association Council on Sports Injuries & Physical Fitness.

"I am truly honored by all the attention," said Dr. Shapiro, a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University and Palmer College of Chiropractic. "I've accepted these awards on behalf of my own efforts, as well as the chiropractic profession. I am thrilled to have helped elevate chiropractics to the level of respect that it deserves."

In addition to his participation as a chiropractic physician at the Olympics, Dr. Shapiro has served as an attending physician at a variety of international, national and regional athletic events, including the Gatorade Ironman Triathlon World Championship, the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the National Collegiate Tae Kwan Do Championship, and the Garden State Games.

Northwestern Web Site Wins Award

Northwestern Health Sciences University recently received a World Wide Web Health Award for its consumer Web site, HealthyU (www.nwhealth.edu/healthyU), from the Health Information Resource Center, a national consumer health care clearinghouse.

The Web site, which has only been online since July 2005, won a Silver Award in the educational subcategory of the Health Promotion/Disease and Injury Prevention Information category. In October 2006, the site received more than 1,000 visits per day, including a record week with 10,661 recorded visits. Among the site's many features are tips for staying healthy, nutritious recipes and campus-sponsored events.

John Healy, director of communications for the university, stated, "The HealthyU Web site is just one example of Northwestern's commitment to providing consumers with information about natural approaches to health."

Bringing Chiropractic to the West Indies

Twenty chiropractors are scheduled to visit Tobago, in the British West Indies, from Feb. 26-March 7, 2007. They will be conducting six simultaneous clinics and providing care to an estimated 10,000 residents; conducting television and radio interviews; and providing chiropractic education to schools via presentations and demonstrations.

Peter M. Lawrence, DC, CCSP, was instrumental in the development of the program and participated in the first mission two years ago. According to Dr. Lawrence, "It was the experience of a lifetime, being able to adjust thousands of people, giving them hope and health, and removing despair and disease."

The program was made possible with the help of the SugarWorld Foundation, the Southwest Tobago Rotary Club, the Tobago House of Assembly and the Tobago Secretary of Health and Social Affairs, among others.

Foot Levelers Reaches Eastward

Williams Healthcare Systems, one of the profession's leading suppliers of adjusting tables, massage tables, electrotherapy and other equipment, is now marketing, selling and distributing Foot Levelers' products in China and Japan.

"We are excited to work with Foot Levelers and help broaden the reach of chiropractic around the globe," noted Thomas Kenny, president of Williams Healthcare Systems. "Spinal Pelvic Stabilization is an important part of the chiropractic paradigm, and Foot Levelers' three-arch orthotics design gets proven results. We look forward to providing the benefits of the Foot Levelers' technology and high-quality products."

Williams Healthcare Systems plans to distribute the entire line of Foot Levelers products.

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