



WHIPLASH / NECK PAIN

New Neck Pain Best Practices Guideline in Development

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The [Clinical Compass](#) (originally the Council on Chiropractic Guidelines and Practice Parameters – CCGPP) recently issued a call for interested DCs to help shape a new best practices guideline for chiropractic care of neck pain. [The Delphi method](#) is being utilized, meaning it will solicit "the opinions of experts through a series of carefully designed questionnaires interspersed with information and opinion feedback in order to establish a convergence of opinion."

The Clinical Compass, which had completed selection of Delphi panel members as of Aug. 31, explains the rationale underlying the necessity for [this project](#) as follows:



While we know Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG's) are the holy grail of the research hierarchy, we also know that there is still a lot of work to do to understand our interventions and their subsequent outcomes for patients. Absence of evidence does NOT mean absence of effectiveness. The practical application? Recently two of the largest insurance companies made medical policy decisions EXCLUDING common treatments in a chiropractic office. Because there are no CPG's around these interventions, the insurance companies are inappropriately denying payment. A BPG [Best Practice Guideline] helps to solve these enormous injustices.

For additional information regarding this important project, including an explanation of the project and an orientation to the Delphi process, visit www.clinicalcompass.org.

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