

Membership of the Consortium for Chiropractic Research -- 1992

The importance of critical research in the chiropractic profession has certainly grown in the last decade. Interest in legitimate chiropractic research has continued to develop since the NINCDS Conference in the mid-70s, to the extent that most chiropractic colleges now have active and productive research facilities. The research at our chiropractic colleges ranges from basic science investigations to full randomized controlled clinical trials (RCTs).

The mid-80s saw the development of a collegiate effort to merge research resources of six like-minded West coast chiropractic colleges into a "consortial critical mass," at that time called the Pacific Consortium for Chiropractic Research. Since then, other colleges have been recruited. Today, 12 colleges comprise the institutional membership of the Consortium for Chiropractic Research (CCR).

Institutional Members

Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College
Cleveland Chiropractic College (KC)
Cleveland Chiropractic College (LA)
Life Chiropractic College -- West
Logan College of Chiropractic
Los Angeles College of Chiropractic
National College of Chiropractic
New York Chiropractic College
Northwestern College of Chiropractic
Palmer College of Chiropractic
Palmer College of Chiropractic -- West
Western States Chiropractic College

The representatives of these research departments comprise the strong foundation of this working consortium. The remaining colleges in North America that could qualify for membership into the consortium are Life, Parker, and Texas Chiropractic Colleges. There also has been interest expressed from colleges abroad, including Australia and England.

Associate memberships of the consortium are held by major national and state chiropractic associations and active chiropractic technique societies. For the most part, representatives of these groups are not voting members of the consortium, but are active on committees and research projects. This membership category provides an excellent opportunity for the sponsoring groups to observe and participate in investigative projects.

Associate Memberships

Associations and Foundations:

- American Chiropractic Association
- ACA Council on Sports Injuries and Physical Fitness
- California Chiropractic Association
- International Chiropractors Association
- International Chiropractors Association of California
- Maryland Chiropractic Association
- National Institute of Chiropractic Research
- New York State Chiropractic Association

Technique Societies

- Activator Methods, Inc.
- Gonstead Clinical Studies Society
- International College of Applied Kinesiology
- Motion Palpation Institute
- Sacro-occipital Research Society International

The benefits of associate membership for these groups is significant. Not only is there opportunity for representation at consortium meetings, but there is also occasions to "roll up the sleeves" and serve on a working committee or two. The association or society can obtain first hand information on chiropractic research projects, from the planning stage through publication of the results, and are in a position to help plan scientific research symposia sponsored by the consortium. Every meeting provides for a learning environment into the many facets of critical science.

As a part of the long-range planning process, membership development becomes an important process. Parties that are interested in joining the Consortium for Chiropractic Research, either as an institutional member or an associate member, can request information through the executive office of the CCR.

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