Editorial

The *Journal of Chiropractic Medicine*: an update on selected specialties in the chiropractic profession

Abstract This article presents a brief description of the specialty chiropractic groups that are affiliated with the *Journal of Chiropractic Medicine*: American Academy of Chiropractic Physicians (AACP), The American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians (ACBSP), The College on Forensic Sciences (CFS), and The International Academy of Chiropractic Neurology (IACN), and the Council on Diagnostic Imaging (CDI).

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The *Journal of Chiropractic Medicine* (*JCM*) is a peer-reviewed journal dedicated to disseminating scientific and peer-reviewed information to the chiropractic profession. The *JCM* focuses on providing practical information for the practicing doctor of chiropractic and favors case reports, reviews of the literature, and pragmatic studies. Since the journal began in 2002, it has continued to grow and increase in quality and readership. The *JCM* contents are indexed in PubMed, the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature, the Manual Alternative and Natural Therapy Index System, and the Index to the Chiropractic Literature and thus are accessed by a broad readership.

The *JCM* serves a variety of specialty groups in the chiropractic profession—from primary care and sports medicine to forensic sciences, neurology, and diagnostic imaging. The American Academy of Chiropractic Physicians (AACP) was the first professional society affiliated with the *JCM*, beginning in 2002. Updating our information from the previous notification,¹ the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians

(ACBSP) began offering its members the *JCM* in 2007; the College on Forensic Sciences (CFS) included the *JCM* as a membership benefit in September 2009 and the International Academy of Chiropractic Neurology (IACN) in December 2009; and the American Chiropractic Association (ACA) Council of Diagnostic imaging (CDI) began offering the *JCM* as a membership benefit in December 2012. Each of these professional chiropractic societies offers valuable services and membership benefits (Table 1).

It is important to include findings from the field of chiropractic practice in the scientific literature, especially those topics related to the chiropractic specialties. The readership of the *JCM* and the members of each of these professional societies are encouraged to submit their scholarly articles to the *JCM* through the Web site www.JournalChiroMed.com. The *JCM* will continue to maintain its editorial independence and scientific integrity, which will ensure that the contents of this peer-reviewed, PubMed-indexed journal will be of the highest quality for its readers. We look forward to your participation in contributing to the scientific literature.

Table 1 Professional societies that are affiliated with the *JCM* and offer the journal as a membership benefit

Professional society	Description	Web site
AACP	The AACP is a professional organization representing chiropractic physicians. Its mission is to preserve, protect, improve, and promote the chiropractic medical profession and the services of chiropractic physicians for the benefit of the patients they serve.	www.aacp.net
ACBSP	The ACBSP is a professional nonprofit organization that promotes the highest standards of excellence and clinical competence for chiropractors specializing in sports medicine and physical fitness.	www.acbsp.com
CFS	The CFS is a not-for-profit organization that provides graduate and postdoctoral needs-based educational activities in forensic sciences (application of medical facts to legal issues or proceedings) for forensic examiners.	www.forensic-sciences.org
IACN	The IACN is a professional nonprofit organization that promotes those principles, policies, and practices that seek the attainment of the highest order of excellence in clinical neurologic skills by doctors of chiropractic to best serve humankind.	www.iacn.org
CDI	The ACA CDI serves to disseminate information on diagnostic imaging to the chiropractic profession.	www.cditoday.org

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