Concussion special issue

Special issue on concussion and chiropractic

It is with great pleasure that the *Journal of Chiropractic Medicine (JCM)* offers this special issue with a section focusing on the topic of concussion. Although doctors of chiropractic manage patients with concussion on a day-to-day basis, there is presently little in the literature on this topic. The topic may be overlooked because of areas in which chiropractic treatment excels, such as neck pain and back pain, or because research funding is focused in these areas and not others. One of the purposes of the *JCM* is to publish literature that relates to the broad scope of chiropractic practice; thus, the topic of concussion management is fitting for this journal.

The American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians, a professional sponsoring society of the *JCM*, requested that a paper be developed that captures the practice of chiropractic in the management of concussion. An initial study was undertaken and reported at the 2012 annual American Public Health Association meeting.¹ At this time, we noted that there was a need for a greater body of literature on the topic of chiropractic and concussion. Because of this need, the *JCM* decided to organize a special issue on the topic of concussion to expand the literature on this topic as it relates to chiropractic practice.

The results of these efforts include the articles in this special issue.²⁻⁶ We hope that this contribution will provide insight into the role of the chiropractic sports specialist, promote use of current concussion guidelines, stimulate further interest in concussion research, and encourage collaboration between other health

professions and the chiropractic profession to improve management and reduce incidence of concussion.

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