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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues, Association Members, and Friends,

It is with deep humility and great enthusiasm that I step into the role of President of the New York State Chiropractic Association.

I am honored to serve the profession and this remarkable community of professionals who continue to elevate the standards of chiropractic care across our state.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our outgoing President, Dr. Anthony Palumbo, whose leadership has left an indelible mark on our association. Your tireless advocacy, steady guidance, and unwavering commitment have paved the way for continued progress.

To the officers, board of directors, and dedicated staff—thank you.

Your collective efforts have strengthened our foundation, empowered our mission, built our membership, and strengthened our finances.

As we look ahead, I am energized by the momentum we've built—especially in the realm of legislative advocacy.

Our voice in Albany has grown stronger, and we will continue to champion policies that modernize our scope of practice, expand patient access, and reinforce the value of chiropractic care in the broader healthcare landscape, while continuing to honor our roots and philosophy.

As a result of our efforts, scope modernization passed the State Senate and is on track to be considered for passage by the Assembly. In addition, we were able to see passage of the virtual credit card bill, which protects members from unforeseen fees attached to insurance reimbursement. Our progress won't end there as we work on other priorities and build on our success and pursuit of excellence.

Equally important is our focus on you, the members, and our commitment to member benefits. As part of your member benefits, I urge you to utilize the Savings Center on our website to take advantage of cost saving opportunities from office supplies to hardware stores and car rentals, plane tickets and hotel reservations.

We will continue to enhance professional development opportunities, provide cuttingedge resources, and foster a network of support that helps every chiropractor thrive—whether you're just starting out or decades into practice.



Christopher M. Piering DC
NYSCA President

Leadership is not a title—it's a responsibility.

I pledge to lead with transparency, collaboration, and vision.

Together, we will navigate challenges, celebrate victories, and shape a future that reflects the strength and unity of our profession.

Let us move forward with purpose, passion, and pride. The future of chiropractic in New York is bright—and it belongs to all of us.

With gratitude and resolve,

Christopher M. Piering DC

President, New York State Chiropractic Association

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2025 Fall Convention October 17-19, 2025



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We are now accepting submissions for the next edition of *On the Agenda*. If you've written an article, blog post, or professional piece that advances knowledge in chiropractic care, we encourage you to share it with us. Our members appreciate practical tools, research-based insights, and perspectives that support growth in daily practice. Please note that submissions must be educational and non-commercial in nature (advertorials are not accepted). Multiple submissions are welcome and may be considered for future issues.

Publication Schedule & Deadlines

On the Agenda is published electronically in March, June, September, and December. Articles must be submitted by the 10th of the month prior to publication: February 10 for the March edition, May 10 for the June edition, August 10 for the September edition, and November 10 for the December edition. Articles submitted after the deadline may be considered for the next edition.

Email your submission and author attribution to newsletters@nysca.com.

We look forward to hearing from you and sharing your expertise with our statewide audience!

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Dr. Sarah Tirimacco; Dr. James Walters; Dr. Chad Warshel

Event Schedule Overview

	FRIDAY	SA	ATURDAY	S	UNDAY
1pm-2pm	Registration	7am-8am	Registration	7am-8am	Registration
2pm-6pm	Classes (4 CE)	8am-12pm	Classes (4 CE)	8am-12pm	Classes (4 CE)
6pm-7pm	Welcome Reception	12pm-1:00pm	Luncheon		
		1pm-1:30pm	Exhibitor Reception		
		1:30pm-5:30pm	Classes (4 CE)		

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Please contact our administrative office for more details.

Registration Dead-

Early Registration pricing will apply for all participants registered at least 12 weeks prior to the scheduled event.

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At the door pricing will be in effect as of 5:00 pm, 2 weeks before the event is to take place.

Questions?

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Invalid credit cards are subject to a \$10.00 fee and returned checks are subject to a \$20.00 fee.

UPCOMING CE WEBINARS



Earn Continuing Education credits from the comfort of your office

In addition to CE available at our statewide conventions, the NYSCA now offers continuing education credit via webinar through Northeast College of Health Sciences Post-Grad. NYSCA Webinars are held monthly, usually on a Wednesday at 1pm EST.

Cholesterol Myth Busting and Nutritional Insights

Presented by: Jamie Forster DC

September 10, 2025 | 1pm-2pm (1CE)

Register Online

This course introduces the fundamentals of cholesterol, including its types, biological roles, and impact on systemic health. Participants will learn how to interpret lab values, distinguish between healthy and unhealthy fats, and explore evidence-based strategies for managing cholesterol through diet, lifestyle, and supplementation. Designed for healthcare professionals, this session emphasizes practical tools to support patient care and long-term cardiovascular wellness.

Nutritional Support for the Patient on Medication

Presented by: Mary Balliett DC MSACN November 12, 2025 | 1pm-2pm (1CE)

Register Online

Through the understanding of the prevalence of prescription and over-the-counter medication use by patients, participants will be able to predict the types of drug-induced nutrient depletion of common prescription and over-the-counter medication. By correlating the medications with the nutrients that are depleted by those drugs practitioners will be able to support a patient's general health by the repletion of those nutrients.

Test, Correlate and Restore: Navigating the Gut-Brain Axis for Homeostasis

Presented by: Jamie Forster DC and Cal Forster DC

December 3, 2025 | 1pm-2pm (1CE)

Register Online

Mental Health Gut Health. The GBM axis (Gut-Brain-Microbiome) Interdependence and interconnect-edness. The CNS (central nervous system) and ENS (enteric nervous system) communication. Neuro-transmitters explained. The upstream and downstream cascades as well as the catalysts and cofactors. Test don't guess (lab tests). Correlate data. What compromises and what will support homeostasis. Decreased cognitive function, what does it mean and WHY is it happening? This fast-paced webinar offers a practical introduction to the gut-brain axis and its impact on mood, cognition, and systemic health. Attendees will learn how to identify key signs of imbalance, interpret basic testing data, and apply simple, effective strategies to support gut-brain homeostasis.

Tuition Discount

Association Members are eligible to receive a discount on tuition for NYSCA-sponsored webinars via coupon code at registration checkout. Please be sure to check your email for the discount code, which is included for all NYSCA members. You must have your discount code BEFORE registering. Please note, once you register, the discount code cannot be applied retroactively. Contact the NYSCA Administrative Office at 518-785-6346 for more information.

Registration Deadline

Attendees MUST be registered and paid via credit card or check by 3:00 pm, one week before the course is to take place, to avoid additional fees. All unpaid/ late registrations and at door registrations are subject to the following non-refundable fees: add \$5 (1-hr webinars).

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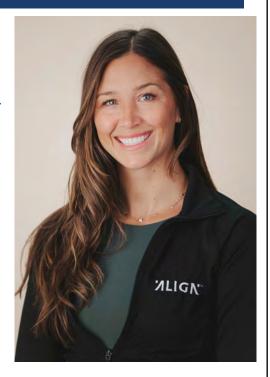
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Holly Potter

Align Chiropractic, Rochester NY

Dr. Potter graduated from Keuka College in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry. She went on to pursue her Doctorate of Chiropractic at New York Chiropractic College (Northeast College of Health Sciences). Dr. Potter graduated as a member of the Phi Chi Omega Honors Society in December of 2018. She dual enrolled to achieve a Masters of Science in Applied Clinical Nutrition to complement and support the whole health approach to patient care. Dr. Potter obtained additional certifications in Rocktape and ConnecTX. During her clinical education at NYCC, Dr. Potter spent time treating complex cases at Monroe Community Hospital, St. Joe's Neighborhood Center, and the Rochester VA. While at the Rochester VA, Dr. Potter held the honors position of senior clerk lengthening her time spent there and further enhancing her experience and knowledge treating veterans of the armed forces. Dr. Potter has always been passionate about the treatment of pregnant and pediatric patients, and went on to obtain her certification in Webster Technique from the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association (ICPA) in March of 2019. Dr. Potter has 3 children of her own and thoroughly enjoys



helping families navigate through pregnancy, postpartum, infancy and adolescence, educating and demonstrating all the great benefits chiropractic care can offer.

Dr. Potter is currently serving as the President of New York State Chiropractic Association for District 15 (2024-2026). NYSCA works toward betterment of the Chiropractic profession through pushing for improvements in insurance coverage and scope of practice modernization.

Dr. Potter enjoys traveling, camping, yoga, hiking, playing volleyball and spending time with her family, her husband Dylan, and 3 sons.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Harter Secrest & Emery LLP

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS

NYSCA Legislative Update: End of Session

As you are aware, this year's legislative session has been guite the ride! As you may recall, the budget which was due on April 1, was not approved until early May. At the same time, your NYSCA officers and legislative committee attended a leadership lobby day where we met with Assembly and Senate sponsors of our priority bills, as well as chair of the Assembly and Senate Higher Education Committees. Overall, this was a very positive and productive day, with much support noted for the various bills, including and especially our scope of practice bill.

This productive day was reflected in the significant movement we saw on several of legislative priorities. Most significantly, we are very excited that our scope bill passed the Senate, following some language modifications recommended by the New York State Education Department (SED). The bill passed the Senate in the closing days of their legislative session.

On the Assembly side, our Assembly sponsor, Assemblymember Sarah Clark, and our lobbyist, Amy Kellogg, worked diligently to get the bill moving through the Assembly. The Chair of the Higher Education Committee, Assemblymember Alicia Hyndman was also supportive of moving the bill. However, we did not see movement in the Assembly before the end of their legislative session because of a few issues that we will address before the start of the next session.

Although this is not the outcome we were hoping for, this was a very positive session with so much movement and support for the first year in a new session, and we are feeling very optimistic for the next session and getting the bill passed in both houses. The movement and support we witnessed would not have been possible without the efforts of our lobbyist, Amy Kellogg and her wisdom in asking Assemblywoman Clark and Senator Gounardes to sponsor our legislation and all of their hard work in promoting the bill.

In addition, we were able to gain letters of sup-

port from the Athletic Trainers and a letter of neutrality from the Physical Therapist, due to our coalition work with these groups. All these steps set us up well for moving and passing (fingers crossed) this bill in the next legislative session which begins in January.

As you are also aware, the Senate and Assembly passed our coalition virtual credit card bill which requires that any insurer that uses a credit card, virtual credit card, or electronic funds to pay a provider's claim for reimbursement to notify the provider in advance if there is a fee to process the payment and provide an alternative payment method that does not impose a fee. An opt-in for processing payment with a fee would be required. This bill will make its way to the governor's office to be signed into law, at some point following the close of session.

In addition, we had good discussion our legislation to limit the look back audit period that insurers have to recoup money that has already been paid. The insurance companies were strongly opposed to shortening the timeframe, so we are reviewing the issue and exploring ways to shorten the timeframe but also address the bigger issue related to coverage confusion. We will work in the next few months to propose changes to the bill and continue to build our coalition of supporters.

Overall, we will build on this extremely productive legislative session and look to bring home a win on scope and look back. We will keep members posted on any outreach that you can participate in that would be helpful.

Related News:

- 2025 End of Session Update
- NYS Senate and Assembly Pass Virtual Credit
- Scope Bill Passes Senate! Focus Now on Assembly as End of Session Draws Near



NEW YORK CHIROPRACTIC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The New York Chiropractic Political Action Committee (NYCPAC) is designed to help elect state legislators who are supportive of Chiropractic issues and positions. Please take a minute to get involved and see what the NYCPAC is focused on accomplishing--Visit NYCPAC.net.

Organized medicine, managed care organizations, and other anti-Chiropractic forces continue to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to elect candidates that do not understand or value the Chiropractic Profession and the research and truths about the efficacy of Chiropractic care.

In order to help fight and educate these outside forces, we need you to please become part of our grassroots advocacy team. All New York Chiropractors, united together, CAN position our Profession to continue to be a viable livelihood and promote the wellbeing of our patients. Please, become part of the solution! We have designed a process to make it easy to donate to the NYCPAC. Don't overlook ANY contribution to the PAC, but please support at the highest level you can. NYCPAC can accept "one time" donations from you or can conveniently set up an *automatic monthly contribution* from your credit or debit card.

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Cholesterol Myth: Eating eggs will increase cholesterol levels

by Jamie Forster DC | Published with appreciation to Nutriwest NY

This theory dates to research done in the 1970's and is now considered outdated. Eating eggs can lower cholesterol levels! How is this possible?

There are two main reasons: First, eggs contain vitamin A retinyl esters that support liver function for good cholesterol conversion.

Second, it is not just about the food itself but also the method of preparation. Frying healthy foods like eggs and potatoes can negatively alter their nutritional pathways. Restricting egg consumption to just the whites is a major disservice to the body. While the whites contain protein, the yolk is packed with every single vitamin and nutrient (except vitamin C), offering significant nutritional benefits. Eggs are truly a complete food.

Regarding elevated cholesterol, genetic hypercholesterolemia does exist, thyroid function can affect levels as well as gestational hypercholesterolemia, which occurs only during pregnancy. Patients often ask about diets that support good cholesterol levels for proactive health management.

To address this, we first need to understand cholesterol molecules. There are three basic types: HDL (high-density lipoprotein), LDL (low-density lipoprotein), and VLDL (very low-density lipoprotein). Additionally, triglycerides play a crucial role in fat metabolism.

HDL, known as "good" cholesterol, comes from whole foods such as eggs, nuts (except peanuts and cashews), olives/olive oil, coconut/coconut oil, avocado/avocado oil, and fish. LDL has been labeled "bad" cholesterol, but this is misleading as some LDL molecules (apolipoprotein A) are used for energy formation (ATP), while others (apolipoprotein B) can be detrimental. VLDL cholesterol molecules are considered "bad" and compromise health.

Triglycerides, the main constituent of natural fats and oils, deal with the conversion of carbohydrates to either fuel or stored fat. Ultra-refined carbohydrates are the biggest offenders of this crucial mechanism. Many authorities discuss cholesterol and triglycerides, but it should be the other way around, as triglycerides form before cholesterol in the body.



Books by cardiologists reveal the truth about the lack of connection between elevated cholesterol levels and heart disease; it's more about liver health than heart health. For those interested, here are some links:

- The Great Cholesterol Myth: Why Lowering Your Cholesterol Won't Prevent Heart Diseaseand the Statin-Free Plan That Will: Jonny Bowden, Stephen Sinatra
- The Dark Side of Statins: New Science That Shows How Drugs Like Lipitor May Do More Harm Than Good

Here's a great math trick. To calculate VLDL cholesterol if the laboratory did not provide it, divide the triglyceride level by 5. Optimal ranges of HDL are 60-90mg/dl, LDL less than 100mg/dl, VLDL as close to single digits as possible, and triglycerides 30-85mg/dl. These are optimal levels, not average, as readers of this article seek optimal health.

A friend's question about your cholesterol level refers to the combined HDL, LDL, and VLDL, or your total cholesterol. Optimal ranges for females are 140-195mg/dl and for males 145-185mg/dl. The type of lipid molecule creating a ratio is more significant than total cholesterol level.

Are there supplements to suggest? Here are a few

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The ultimate questions:

- How can I check my cholesterol levels?
- What if my numbers are elevated?
- Are there fasting considerations?
- What are the effects of insulin regulation?
- Is there such a thing as too low cholesterol and what does that indicate?
- Does diet, exercise and/or supplementation work?
- Does thyroid function affect cholesterol values?
- Can I replace my medication with natural products that have NO side effects or adverse reactions?
- Are cholesterol levels and ratios all based on genetic predisposition?
- Why does my cholesterol level go up only when I am pregnant (gestational)?

These questions can all be answered. I can be contacted via phone: (888) 227-5469 or email JForster@NutriWestNY.com.

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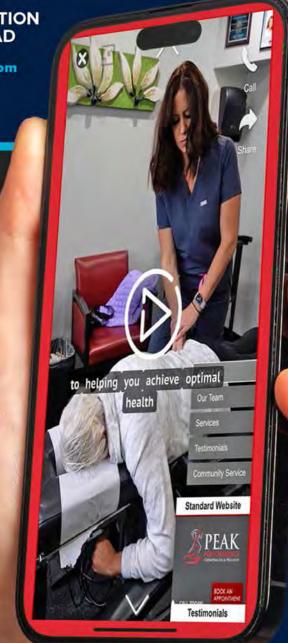
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The #1 Outcomes Form for Low Back Pain: What Every Clinician Should Know

by K.D. Christensen D.C. | Published with appreciation to OutcomesAssessment.org

When it comes to treating low back pain, how do you prove that your care truly makes a difference?

If you had to choose just one form that documents clinical outcomes, satisfies treatment guidelines, and supports reimbursement, which would you use?

Surprisingly, the answer isn't just widely accepted; it's published in one of the most respected scientific journals in the field.

According to this journal1:

"For a trial of care to be considered beneficial, it must be substantive — meaning a definite improvement in the patient's functional capacity has occurred."

Translation: If a patient's ability to function hasn't measurably improved, some insurers may deny payment. That's why payers are increasingly requiring objective proof that care is both necessary and effective.

So how do you document this clearly, quickly, and in compliance with standards?

Use a validated outcomes form, one that's scientifically proven to measure functional improvement in patients with low back pain.

The journal points to several gold-standard tools, all of which are supported by clinical research for validity, reliability, and responsiveness to change:

- Revised Oswestry Back Disability Index
- Roland-Morris Disability Questionnaire
- RAND 36-Item Health Survey
- Bournemouth Disability Questionnaire

These tools evaluate key areas like pain levels, physical activity, social and work function, and even psychological barriers to recovery like anxiety or depression.

Which one is best?

Each form has its strengths, but here's a quick comparison:

Form	Number of Questions	Estimated Completion Time
Revised Oswestry	60	Longer
Roland-Morris	24	Moderate
Rand 36	36	Moderate
Bournemouth Disability	7	Fastest (just a few minutes)

For busy practices, the Bournemouth Disability Questionnaire stands out. With just 7 questions, it offers a rapid, validated way to document meaningful improvement, making it ideal for both patient compliance and administrative efficiency.

Instant Results. Real Proof.

When your patient completes the online form at https://outcomesassessment.org, a comprehensive Outcomes Assessment Narrative Summary Report is automatically generated, delivering clear, defensible evidence that treatment is working.

In today's healthcare landscape, documentation isn't optional; it's essential. Equip your practice with the right tool and let the data speak for itself.

For a demo of the complete report go to https://outcomesassessment.org/

Reference:

(1) Globe et al, Clinical Practice Guideline: JMPT, Volume 39, Issue 1, January 2016.

About the Author:

Dr. K.D. Christensen, DC, is the Director of Outcomes Assessment, a web-based software platform developed exclusively for chiropractors. This innovative solution streamlines the documentation of patient progress and supports the medical necessity of continued care. The pla1orm features a comprehensive library of licensed assessment tools—including the Oswestry, Neck Disability Index, and Visual Analog Scale—along with HIPAA-compliant electronic intake, mobile accessibility, automated reminders, and one-click reporting with graphical summaries to facilitate insurance claims and audit compliance.

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Optimize Athletic Performance Through Kinetic Chain Integration

by Christine Foss DC | Published with appreciation to Chiropractic Economics and Foot Levelers

Athletic performance depends not only on strength and skill, but also on efficient biomechanics and the integrity of the kinetic chain.

The kinetic chain refers to the interrelated joints, muscles, ligaments and tendons that work in a coordinated manner to produce movement. Disruptions within this chain can lead to inefficiency, decreased performance and increased risk of injury. With their musculoskeletal health expertise, DCs are uniquely positioned to assess and optimize the kinetic chain through spinal and extremity adjustments, soft tissue therapy and lower extremity biomechanical assessment.

Critical tools that facilitate the expeditious correction of kinetic chain faults include gait analysis, movement analysis and foot posture screening. The importance of these screening tools lies in gaining a full understanding of the body's movement patterns (good and bad), against gravity. Once these faults are identified and corrected, we can significantly improve proprioception by stabilizing the lower extremity, enhancing alignment and improving kinetic chain integration.²

The concept of the kinetic chain

The kinetic chain is a system of interconnected segments that must function harmoniously to create efficient movement. Dysfunction in one area can lead to compensatory patterns elsewhere, altering athletic performance and injury risk.³

Table 1 includes five primary kinetic chains and their actions in gait. Understanding these kinetic chains allows you to assess faulty movement patterns and guide athletes through corrective care plans for injury prevention.⁴

Kinetic chain dysfunction and performance impact

Kinetic chain dysfunction manifests in various ways, including:

- Altered joint mechanics: Restrictions or hypermobility in joints disrupt movement patterns.
 - **Example**: Limited ankle dorsiflexion affects squat depth and running efficiency.⁵



- Muscle imbalances: Overactive or underactive muscles create asymmetry, reducing power and stability.
 - **Example**: Tight hip flexors inhibit gluteal activation, limiting explosive movements.
- Compensatory patterns: Dysfunction in one area leads to compensations elsewhere.
 - Example: Poor hip mobility can force excessive lumbar spine motion, increasing the risk of low back injury.

Case study

A sprinter with excessive foot pronation may develop internal tibial rotation, affecting knee alignment. This misalignment reduces push-off power and can lead to chronic knee pain. Chiropractic adjustments, combined with muscle activation exercises and foot function corrections, can help restore your patient's proper biomechanics and enhance performance.

Chiropractic interventions for kinetic chain optimization

Chiropractic care restores optimal function within the kinetic chain through:

• **Spinal and extremity adjustments**: Realign joints, improve mobility and reduce nerve interference. Proper spinal alignment enhances neural communication, which is critical for coordinated movement.

Read more:

https://www.chiroeco.com/optimize-athletic-performance-through-kinetic-chain-integration/

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Case Study: Did a Delayed Diagnosis Result in an Untimely Death?

A 37-year-old patient sought help for what seemed like routine abdominal pain—only to later learn he had an aggressive, nearly untreatable cancer. Would earlier intervention have saved him?

Read More: https://www.ncmic.com/resources/ case-studies/case-study-did-a-delayed-diagnosis -result-in-an-untimely-death/

What to Do When a Patient Doesn't Want You to Contact Their GP

Fortunately, most patients are happy to have their DCs coordinate care with other healthcare providers. But what does it mean when patients won't give you permission to contact their family doctor?

Read More: https://www.ncmic.com/insurance/malpractice/risk-management/patient-doesnt-want-you-to-contact-family-doctor/

What to Do When Cyberattacks Strike

It's not just major healthcare providers being targeted by cyberattacks—small practices are also susceptible. Here's what to do if it happens to you.

Read More: https://www.ncmic.com/resources/articles/what-to-do-when-cyberattacks-strike/

Podcast: 3 Things Every Chiropractor Should Do to Avoid Burnout

Burnout is a growing concern in chiropractic care, with one in three DCs having considered leaving the profession entirely. In this episode of Chiropractical, host Jon Kec sits down with Dr. Mario Fucinari to discuss why burnout happens, how it impacts your practice and patients, and, most importantly, what you can do about it.

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Podcast: Why Your Patients Aren't Sticking to the Plan

1 in 5 patients don't stick to the treatment plan you've customized for them. Host Jon Kec is joined by Dr. Tom Ventimiglia to discover the reasons for this and what changes can be made in our approach to better connect with patients.

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Whether you're buying a chiropractic practice or selling one, the process can be a bit of an art. In our four-part webinar series, Crystal Misenheimer from Progressive Practice Sales will walk you through the ins and outs of both sides.

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Student Loan Changes Are Coming: What Chiropractors Need to Know Now

by Dani Lynch | Published with appreciation to Student Loan Tutor

The **H.R.1 Big Beautiful Bill Act** passed a sweeping student loan reform and we now have a much clearer idea of how the landscape is shifting for federal student loan borrowers.

Here's what's important to know right now so you can stay ahead of the changes.

Who Is Affected?

If you're currently enrolled in an income-driven repayment (IDR) plan, **SAVE**, **IBR**, **PAYE**, **or ICR**, you'll still have access to a modified IBR option depending on when your loans were disbursed:

- Statutory version of IBR: Payments remain at 15% of discretionary income, calculated using 150% of the federal poverty level.
- All borrowers enrolled in SAVE and PAYE will likely have to choose a new plan between July 1, 2026 and July 1, 2028.

As a chiropractor, especially if you're earlier in your career or carrying significant student debt from chiropractic school, this transition could directly impact your repayment strategy and future eligibility for forgiveness.

If the Bill Passes as Written, Here's What Will Happen:

What Will Stay in Place

- IBR plans will continue to be available to eligible borrowers.
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF)
 will remain fully intact, including eligibility for
 medical and dental residents/interns.
 Chiropractors employed by qualifying nonprofit clinics or healthcare systems may continue to benefit.
- Borrowers currently in IBR can remain in that plan, even if they take out new loans after July 1, 2026 (with the exception of Parent PLUS borrowers, noted below).

What Will Be Phased Out (2026–2028)

The following IDR plans will sunset over a twoyear period:

- SAVE (Saving on a Valuable Education)
- PAYE (Pay As You Earn)
- **ICR** (Income-Contingent Repayment)

Starting **July 1, 2026**, new student loan borrowers will be limited to just two repayment options:

- 1. A revised Standard Repayment Plan, or
- 2. The Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP)

Other Key Policy Changes

- Married borrowers who enroll in RAP will be allowed to exclude their spouse's income by filing taxes separately.
- **Discretionary forbearances** will be capped at **9 months over any 2-year period**, down from the current 36-month maximum.
- Economic hardship and unemployment deferments will be eliminated under the new structure.

Special Note for Parent PLUS Borrowers

- If you're already in IBR/PAYE/SAVE, you
 will still have the option for IBR, as long as
 you do not take out any new federal loans after July 1, 2026.
- If you do borrow new federal loans after that date, all of your loans (including the older ones) will be required to enter the **Standard Repayment Plan or RAP** - except for:
- Parent PLUS loans, since they are considered "excepted" and are not eligible for the RAP plan the only option is Standard Repayment for all new and previous loans.

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If any borrower takes out a new loan after July 1, 2026, the only available option will be RAP or **Standard Repayment** on all previous loans.

What Do You Need to Do Right Now?

These upcoming changes are complex and could drastically shift your repayment timeline, monthly payment amount, and even your path to forgiveness.

That's why now more than ever is the time to work with a **student loan expert**.

The right guidance can help you:

- Lock in the lowest possible monthly payments
- Stay eligible for key forgiveness programs
- Avoid costly missteps during the transition

Whether you're a **chiropractor in private practice**, working at a **nonprofit clinic**, or navigating the early years of your career, the stakes are higher now and a smart plan can make all the difference.

If you're unsure where to start, **don't navigate this alone**. Let a trusted Student Loan Advisor help you stay protected and positioned for long-term success. Student Loan Tutor is the nation's leading experts specializing in student loan repayment optimization and forgiveness planning. Reach out to them today through NYSCA's website to learn more.

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The end of Windows 10 and conversion to Windows 11 is significant for HIPAA purposes. Per the US Dept of Health and Human Services, while "the Security Rule does not specify minimum requirements for personal computer operating systems, ... it does mandate requirements for information systems that contain electronic protected health information (e-PHI)... Additionally, any known security vulnerabilities of an operating system should be considered in the covered entity's risk analysis (e.g., does an operating system include known vulnerabilities for which a security patch is unavailable, e.g., because the operating system is no longer supported by its manufacturer)."

Read more: https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/faq/2014/does-the-security-rule-mandate-minimum-operating-system-requirements/index.html

More Details: Windows 10 End-of-Life: What It Means for HIPAA Compliance and Patient Data Security https://hitconsultant.net/2025/08/05/windows-10-end-of-life-what-it-means-for-hipaa-compliance/

Medicare Fraud Scheme Involving Phishing Fax Requests

CMS has been flooded with incoming complaints regarding illegitimate faxes being sent to providers falsely claiming to be from CMS staff.

Read more: https://www.cms.gov/training-education/medicare-learning-network/newsletter/2025-06-26-mlnc#_Toc201664984

Member Access to Chiropractic Safety & Talking Points Related to VBA

Did you know? Valued members of the NYSCA have exclusive access to trusted resources designed to support informed conversations with your patients regarding the safety of chiropractic care—particularly as it relates to stroke and vertebrobasilar artery (VBA) concerns.

Read more: https://www.nysca.com/index.php? option=com_dailyplanetblog&tag=vba

NYSCA Merch Store Now Live

We're excited to launch the official NYSCA merchandise store, designed with chiropractors in mind. Whether you're outfitting your team or looking for something clean and professional for daily wear, this is a great way to support chiropractic in New York.

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NYSCA Members Access to the Clinical Compass Evidence Center

We are pleased to announce a new member benefit designed to enhance clinical decision-making and support evidence-based chiropractic practice: Free Access to the Clinical Compass Evidence Center, available exclusively to members of our association through participation in the State Association Program.

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US DOL New E-billing Requirements

Per the Department of Labor: All Group practices must ensure the rendering provider NPI is associated with an active servicing provider in the OWCP provider file. As of 9/20/25, all billing provider groups and rendering provider taxonomy codes will be required . Providers should visit https://owcpmed.dol.gov to review and update provider NPI and/or taxonomy information if syntax rejections are received.

US DOL Worker's Compensation: Providers must enroll in EFT

Due to Executive Order 14247, beginning September 30, 2025, all providers enrolled in the Department of Labor (DOL) Office of Workers' Compensation Programs must comply with the U.S. Treasury's Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) mandate. Providers who are not enrolled in EFT must immediately complete and submit an ACH enrollment form to change payment method.

Click here to access the form.

Reminder: New P.O. Boxes for Medicare Part B Claim Submitters in NY (Upstate Counties and Queens)

Beginning 5/19/2025, all Part B providers in New NYS should mail paper claims to applicable P.O. Box listed below.

National Government Services, Inc. P.O. Box 6178 Indianapolis, IN 46206-6178

Read more: https://www.ngsmedicare.com/

NYS WCB: Providers subject to electronic CMS-1500 mandate

As previously reported, the NYS Workers' Compensation Board (Board) now requires health care providers to submit the CMS-1500 universal billing form electronically, through a Boardapproved electronic submission partner, effective August 1, 2025.

Read more: https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NYWCB/bulletins/3ed97ef

The most recent NYS Workers' Compensation Board presentation (August 12, 2025) can be viewed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=N6T2SNIP5m8

NYS WC HP-1.0 Specific Guidelines

Reminder: Health care providers must provide supporting documentation with every submission of a Form HP-1.0, even if documentation was previously submitted to the Board when the bill was initially sent.

Read more: https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NYWCB/bulletins/38a834c

NYS WCB: Payment of CPT code 99080 on CMS-1500 bills

This is a newly approved CPT code under the Workers Compensation Fee Schedule. Note: This applies to Workers Compensation bills only; it does NOT apply to No Fault bills

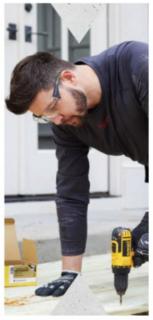
Read more: https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/NYWCB/bulletins/3e71236

C-4.3 Permanent Impairment Form

As recently reported by the NYSCA Insurance Committee, the New York State Workers' Compensation Board released an updated version of the C4.3 Permanent Impairment form on August 22, 2025. Read More (Members Only):

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COLLEGE NEWS



Northeast College Celebrates Spring 2025 Ceremony Week: Honors Student Milestones and Achievements

Northeast College of Health Sciences celebrated Spring 2025 Ceremony Week on the College's Seneca Falls Campus, recognizing academic excellence and honoring future healthcare professionals.

Read More: https://www.northeastcollege.edu/ news/celebrate-spring-2025-ceremony-week

New Northeast-Stockton Partnership Creates Faster, More Affordable Paths to Chiropractic and Nutrition Degrees

Northeast College of Health Sciences and Stockton University in NJ have announced a new educational partnership, creating articulation agreements to save students time and money while securing their admission to Northeast College.

Read More: https://www.northeastcollege.edu/ news/new-northeast-stockton-partnership

Northeast College Receives Reaccreditation from MSCHE

Northeast College of Health Sciences has received formal notice of reaccreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), reaffirming the College's commitment to providing high-quality education and maintaining rigorous academic standards.

Read More: https://www.northeastcollege.edu/ news/northeast-receives-msche-reaccreditation

Northeast College Names Dr. Eugene Spilker New Assistant Vice President for Chiropractic

After a nationwide search, Northeast College of Health Sciences is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Eugene Spilker, D.C., DHPE, as the new assistant vice president for chiropractic, effective July 7, 2025.

Read More: https://www.northeastcollege.edu/ news/dr-spiker-named-assistant-vice-president

First Mynderse Academy Students Complete, Earn Credit in NCHS Anatomy Course for High School Students

Northeast College of Health Sciences proudly recognizes the first cohort of high school students to complete its college-level Principles of Human Anatomy and Physiology course.

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Northeast College Mourns Dr. John LaFalce

It is with deep sadness that Northeast College of Health Sciences mourns the passing of Dr. John LaFalce, D.C., M.Ed., beloved faculty clinician, mentor and colleague.

Read More: https://www.northeastcollege.edu/ news/northeast-college-mourns-dr-john-lafalce

Northeast Mourns Loss of Beloved Faculty Member Dr. Veronica Mittak

The Northeast College of Health Sciences community is deeply saddened by the passing of Dr. Veronica Mittak, associate professor and beloved member of our academic family.

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Student Spotlight: Christina Brown Shines at ABCA Convention!

We're thrilled to celebrate an outstanding achievement by one of New York's own future chiropractors!

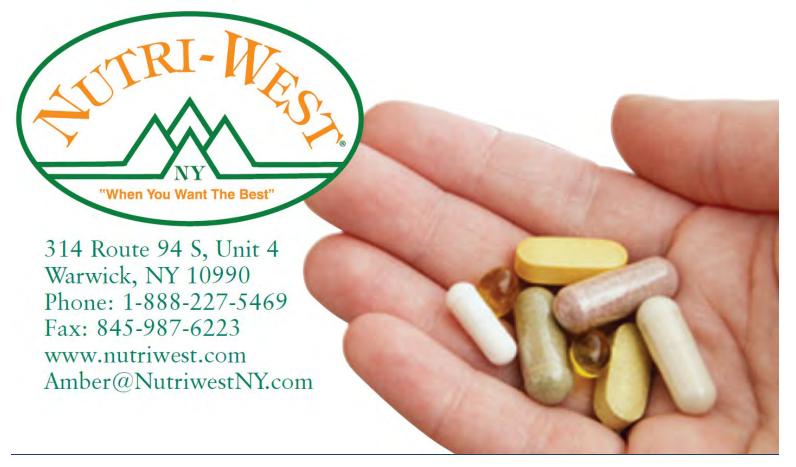
Christina Brown, a student at D'Youville University, recently attended the American Black Chiropractic Association (ABCA) convention, where she competed in—and won—the Chiro Quiz Bowl!

Facing off against teams of up to eight students, Christina competed solo and still emerged victorious, bringing home a trophy and a \$300 cash prize. Her performance exemplifies the knowledge, determination, and professionalism that define the next generation of chiropractic leaders.

Congratulations, Christina! Your NYSCA community is incredibly proud of you.



Pictured with Christina Brown is Dr. Sheriffa Clarke, Vice President of the ABCA.



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Webinar: What Employers Should Know When ICE is at the Door and Other Immigration Updates

President Trump's expansion of U.S. immigration enforcement authority and the increase in ICE enforcement actions over the last six months have had a significant impact on workplaces across the country. Employers are faced with questions about how to address these rapid changes to immigration enforcement, including the potential for increased scrutiny on work authorization records and I-9 compliance, and questions from employees about how their employer is addressing compliance with immigration laws.

Join Anna McCarthy and guest co-host Liz Lindhome as they discuss how employers can be prepared to respond to immigration enforcement authorities and what action steps employers should take in order to address compliance with immigration law.

Watch Now

Mid-Year Legal Roundup: Key 2025 Developments Impacting Health & Welfare Benefits

The first half of 2025 has brought some interesting updates to the health and welfare benefits world, including developments in several fiduciary breach class action lawsuits, vacatur of final HIPAA regulations and legislation making some helpful changes and updates. Some of these developments may warrant plan changes by employers. Below is a brief review of these developments in no particular order.

- Non-Enforcement Statement Regarding Final 2024 MHPAEA Regulations
- Vacatur of HIPAA Regulation on Reproductive Health Care
- Supreme Court Decision on ACA Preventive Care Coverage Requirement
- H.R. 1 Legislation
- Update on Fiduciary Breach Class Actions
- Lawsuits Regarding Tobacco Surcharge Wellness Programs

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Grab your morning coffee and log on for a dose of timely employment law updates, ensuring you stay prepared and proactive in your professional endeavors.

Know Your Rights: What to Do if You Are Detained at a U.S. Port of Entry (For Lawful Permanent Residents)

While LPRs enjoy greater rights than nonimmigrants when returning to the United States after travel abroad, all noncitizens now face increased scrutiny at the border for past immigration issues, interactions with police, and political activity. It is important that you know your rights when returning to the United States.

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AI, DEI, Noncompetes Reshape New York Employment Law

The Rochester Business Journal recently spoke with several leading employment attorneys in the area to discuss the accelerating pace of change in NY's labor and employment laws. In this feature, HSE partner Benjamin E. Mudrick emphasizes the growing uncertainty employers face due to diverging state and federal guidance—especially around DEI compliance—and urges companies not to lose sight of high-risk wage and hour issues amid the noise.

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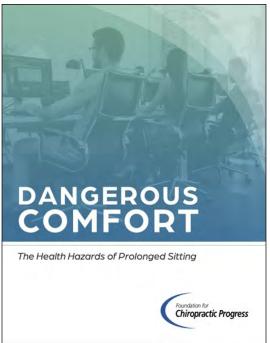


F4CP Unveils New Benefits & Resources

The Foundation for Chiropractic Progress (F4CP) is thrilled to announce an exciting new benefit designed to enhance patient education: a series of resource sheets. These visually engaging and easy-to-understand sheets cover critical health topics relevant to everyday life, including common ailments like low back pain and neck pain, alongside vital lifestyle factors such as nutrition and sleep. As a member benefit, these sheets can be easily printed and provided directly to your patients, serving as invaluable take -home materials that reinforce your recommendations and broaden their understanding of whole-being care, solidifying chiropractic's role as a primary wellness resource.

Click here to view the resource sheets





New eBook: "Dangerous Comfort: The Health Hazards of Prolonged Sitting"

In addition to these printable resources, F4CP has also just launched a timely new eBook, "Dangerous Comfort: The Health Hazards of Prolonged Sitting." This comprehensive digital resource, available for you to share with patients both digitally or as a printout, addresses a pervasive modern health challenge and provides actionable insights on mitigating its risks. Both the new resource sheets and this compelling eBook are crucial tools for you because they provide accessible, credible information that extends patient education beyond the adjustment. These materials empower patients to take a more active role in their health journey, reinforce the value of chiropractic care, and ulti-

mately strengthen the doctorpatient relationship by positioning you as a trusted authority on comprehensive whole-being care.

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September is Drug-Free Pain Management Awareness Month

Shine a light on safe, effective pain relief like chiropractic care and help lead the conversation. To learn more, click here.

Reception Room Commercials

As a Group Member of F4CP, you can utilize the commercials in your practice reception room or on social media. To view the commercials, click here.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

BCBS Provider Settlement Update

The BCBS Provider Settlement Website has been updated to reflect the current status of filing your claim. "The deadline to submit claims in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Provider Settlement passed on July 29, 2025, and the Settlement Administrator is no longer accepting new claim forms. Settlement Class Members with existing claims may log in to their portal account and update their contact information or their payment method and details but may not edit other sections of the claim form."

Learn more: www.bcbsprovidersettlement.com

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act is Law...Now What?

As you are aware, Congress passed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) today and it is now on its way to the president's desk. The bill touches almost every part of federal spending. Beyond the tax and immigration sections, there are provisions that affect chiropractors as well. Let's take a look at those.

Read more: https://www.acatoday.org/news-publications/the-one-big-beautiful-bill-act-is-lawnow-what/

National Chiropractic Health Month 2025 Theme Announced

The American Chiropractic Association (ACA) and doctors of chiropractic nationwide will celebrate National Chiropractic Health Month (NCHM) 2025 this October with the theme "Get Started with Chiropractic." The campaign will focus on the benefits of starting with a non-drug approach to pain management.

Read more: https://www.acatoday.org/ education-events/national-chiropractic-healthmonth/

NYS Senate and Assembly Pass Virtual Credit Card Bill

In June 2025, both the Senate and Assembly have passed one of NYSCA's 2025 legislative priorities, requiring any insurer that uses a credit card, virtual credit card, or electronic funds to pay a provider's claim for reimbursement to notify the provider in advance if there is a fee to process the payment and provide an alternative payment method that does not impose a fee.

Read more: https://www.nysca.com/index.php? option=com_dailyplanetblog&view=entry&year =2025&month=06&day=11&id=1830:nys-sena te-and-assembly-pass-virtual-credit-card-bill

From Capitol Hill to Campus: Why Chiropractic Students Need to Step into Advocacy

When I tell classmates they should be contacting lawmakers, I usually get the same response: "I'm too busy," or "I wouldn't know what to say." But the truth is, if you're a chiropractic student, you already have what it takes to be an advocate. And right now, your voice matters more than ever.

Read more: https://www.acatoday.org/news-publications/from-capitol-hill-to-campus-why-chiropractic-students-need-to-step-into-advocacy/

NCMIC Announces Appointment of New CEO David Siebert

NCMIC is pleased to announce the appointment of David Siebert as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately. Siebert succeeds Mike McCoy, who is retiring after eight years of dedicated service to the company.

Read more: https://www.ncmic.com/resources/press-release/ncmic-ceo-announcement/

NEW PRACTITIONERS

Congratulations; You've received your license to practice chiropractic in NYS!



What are you going to do next?

To help you through the ins-and-outs of establishing your practice, the NYSCA has dedicated a specific area of our website to new chiropractic practitioners in New York State! This area provides assistance on setting up your own practice with helpful links, such as the informational brochure "Road to Practice," practice management forms, outcome assessment tools, a Practice Management Resource Booklet, and more!

Visit the New Practitioners page on the NYSCA website

New Practitioner Mentor Program

Aligning yourself with a professional association early in your career is a wise decision and we are honored that you have chosen the NYSCA. As a new practitioner, you are faced with new challenges and responsibilities

The NYSCA is here to help, and we encourage you to take full advantage of the benefits of being an Association member.

One of the benefits of being a member of the NYSCA for new practitioners is eligibility to apply for one-on-one assistance from a seasoned chiropractor near you through the **New Practitioner Mentor Program.** The Mentor program is offered to assist new members during their first three years of practice.

Through participation in this program, mentees will gain an enhanced understanding of chiropractic practice in the region of New York where they hope to practice to enhance their success. Mentors offer advice pertaining to but not limited to chiropractic office procedures, understanding the local business climate, interpersonal, patient management, and related issues inherent to successful practice.

The goal of this program is to give our members the opportunity to:

- Gain exposure to the business community
- Learn about and discuss specific practice paths
- Develop and cultivate a business network
- Understand the relevance of their continuing education
- See what tasks and issues doctors really face in New York
- Discuss attributes and experiences doctors are truly looking for in potential associates

Learn more about this program and apply to participate online using the following link:

Submit your Mentor Program Application

Would you instead like to BE a mentor to a newly licensed colleague?

Use the link above to submit your Mentor Application.

Thank you for your continued support of NYSCA!

Gerald L. Stevens DC, MS, MPH, NYSCA Mentor Program Coordinator | NewPractitioners@nysca.com

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Associate Wanted

40 plus year Family practice seeking upbeat Chiropractor. Techniques are diversified and instrumentation, spinal decompression, cold laser therapy and soft wave therapy. 2 Year commitment requested. Clinic is 1 hour from Washington DC, 3 hours from NYC. Fully staffed with 2 chiropractic assistants plus front desk, insurance and nurse. Ideal candidate would be interested in becoming a partner or new owner. Come join this fun, on purpose group! Contact drjmarvenko@gmail.com

Associate Wanted

Fast-paced chiropractic office in Albany, NY seeking a motivated and reliable DC to join our team! Full-time or part-time positions available, salary negotiable based on skill level. Must have a current chiropractic license in New York. High-energy setting. Please submit your resume along with a 3-5 minute video introduction explaining why you are a great fit to: drkeithnussbaum@gmail.com

Associate Wanted

Cunningham Chiropractic, PC seeks a DC (recent grads welcome) skilled in Gonstead/ Diversified techniques, therapeutic exercise, and PT modalities, with ability to read X-rays and counsel patients. Benefits: \$60K base + incentives, PTO, CEU/licensing fees, malpractice, health insur-

ance, 401K, and partnership potential. Contact Dr. Cunningham (315) 445-9941 or email: office@ Cunninghamchiropractic.com. More details available at www.nysca.com/classifieds

Associate Wanted

We're seeking a wellness-focused chiropractor to join our growing team full-time. Our practice is located in the Stockade District, just minutes from Schenectady's revitalized downtown. This is a fulltime position offering a competitive salary, along with hands-on training and mentorship to support your clinical growth and long-term success. We utilize a variety of techniques and therapies, including Chiropractic Biophysics (CBP), Diversified, decompression therapy, shockwave therapy, infrared sauna, and cold plasma laser. Whether you're a recent graduate or later in your career, you'll be joining a practice that values innovation, wellness, and patientcentered care. Contact: cinquelex@gmail.com

Associate Wanted

A new integrated Physical Medicine practice in Thornwood, NY is seeking DC with experience in: Cox Flexion Distraction, spinal and extremity rehabilitation, kinesiotaping, decompression. DC should be proficient in performing a comprehensive and functional examination and have some experience with soft tissue techniques. Candidate should have good adjusting skills, be strong in documentation, and be open minded to medical, PT, and massage as part of treatment. Team member in a multidisciplinary setting in a clinic focused on restoring function. Good communication skills a must. New grads welcome. 3 days to start and may transition into full time. Please send resume to: Drtina@mtpleasantpmr.com

Associate Wanted

Seeking 1–2 personable, caring DCs with strong adjusting skills and excellent communication. Join a team of 2 chiropractors and 3 CAs in a supportive, mentoring environment with regular team meetings. Services include Diversified adjustments, rehab, decompression, and Radial Pressure

Wave Therapy. We prioritize quality care with 30-minute appointments. Salary \$75K-\$105K, based on experience. Contact jrddc@hvc.rr.com. More details available at www.nysca.com/classifieds

Associate Wanted

Looking for a full-time chiropractic associate based in Harrison, NY. We are a sports and wellness practice, which utilizes diversified technique, a number of soft tissue techniques, decompression, and active care. Must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills for patient education. Base salary with bonus structure. Email Westchesterchirowellness @gmail.com with your resume.

Associate Wanted

Chiropractor wanted for full and/or part time work for Bronx, Brooklyn and Staten Island. Salary \$400/day. Candidate may have to work in different offices on different days. Please contact Dr Marina at marinagadaborshev@gmaol.com or text me at 973-519-6302.

Associate Wanted

Very busy chiropractic office in Batavia, New York, which is located between Buffalo and Rochester. Our practice utilizes diversified/ Gonstead /spinal decompression/ laser.. our practice right now has an associate and I'm looking for another associate to come in with the possibility of part ownership. I am retiring at the end of October. The income will be anywhere from 100,000 to \$175,000 per year based on percentage. This is a great opportunity for a newly graduate or an experienced graduate. Please contact me at 716-474 -9316 or email me at tmaz1958@gmail.com.

Practice for Sale

Goldhirsch Chiropractic & Nutrition offers a rare turnkey opportunity in the Hudson Valley. Excellent reputation, health-conscious community, and years of records ensure smooth operations and predictable costs. Opportunities for growth include adding hours, another practitioner, marketing, or expanding retail. Ideal for new or experienced DCs seeking a pros-

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perous practice in a vibrant, scenic location. Contact (845) 546-6023, drmarkgoldhirsch@gmail.com. Details: sellingapractice.com/gcn.

Practice for Sale

DC retiring after 40 years in practice. I have a wonderful thriving wholistic practice. I use Applied Kinesiology, SOT, drop table, some diversified and some activator. Presently, I have approximately 60 active patients who are well-educated chiropractically speaking and love being adjusted. The practice is in Lido Beach, NY. The practice in my home which I am also selling. Please contact my cell phone if you are interested or have any questions at 516 330-8485. My email address is

drjudyroth@gmail.com I look forward to helping someone re-locate or get started in practice.

Practice for Sale

West End Chiropractic, a profitable 39-year practice, offers a turnkey path to ownership. Fully equipped corner office in a prime location with loyal staff and established patient base. Current owner will provide training and support for a smooth transition. Flexible, affordable ownership options with no immediate purchase pressure. Significant growth potential for a chiropractor dedicated to patient care and practice development. Serious inquiries: Jeffrey Stanger, 516-376-4259 or drieffstanger@gmail.com. More details available at www.nysca.com/ classifieds

Equipment for Sale

Bronx, NY - Preferred contact, call or text cell 914-316-5064 Full office equipment for sale Zenith high low table, therapy machines, chiropractic books, literature and educational material, etc. Very reasonably priced, some free. Closing practice

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To receive your referral month(s), the new member must make a semi-annual or annual payment and list you on their application form as their referring NYSCA member. (You may want to give a partially filled out application form to colleagues you are recruiting.)

If you are interested in promoting this offer to your friends and colleagues who may have been considering joining NYSCA and are just waiting for someone to encourage them, and would like a list of non-members in your district, please contact your local district president or liz@nysca.com.

Membership Has Privileges

...and one of them is the selfrespect a doctor feels, knowing that they are a part of something bigger than themselves, supporting their livelihood with collective energy and pooled resources.

What is the NYSCA?

The New York State Chiropractic Association is your statewide professional Chiropractic Association, comprised entirely of your peers and colleagues. We have joined together in the promotion, advancement, and defense of Chiropractic. In conjunction with our full time lobbyist, the NYSCA monitors all legislation that affects our profession while working to protect and expand practice rights.

For questions regarding this program, please call the NYSCA at (518) 785-6346.

TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF YOUR NYSCA MEMBER BENEFITS

Membership with the NYSCA makes you a part of the largest community of practicing Doctors of Chiropractic in New York State. This affords you an unparalleled opportunity for camaraderie with colleagues in your local area, to share with them in the trials and triumphs of day to day practice.

There are many ways for you to increase your benefit of being a NYSCA member:

- ☑ Benefit from the Member Privileges Program, including group membership with F4CP
- ☑ Join your local NYSCA Facebook Group
- ☑ Attend local NYSCA events
- ☑ Attend semi-annual NYSCA continuing education events
- ☑ Enroll in Monthly CE Webinars
- ☑ Access members-only content online
- ☑ Participate in the members-only forums
- ☑ Update your listing in our website's find-a-chiropractor search
- ☑ Apply to be paired with or to become a practice mentor
- ☑ Submit complementary (FREE) classified ads (resource for career opportunities!)
- ☑ Participate in the annual NY-SCA elections
- Receive assistance from the NYSCA's full-time administrative staff with routine questions - or for more detailed assistance, contact NYSCA committee chairpersons, who are practicing doctors of chiropractic with expertise in the area of their committee

LEARN MORE

If you are not yet a member, **join today** and start taking advantage of these special programs!

JOIN TODAY!

^{*} New members are defined as DCs who have not been NYSCA members within the preceding 12 month period. The recruiting member's information must be included on the new member application. Only one member can receive the credit for recruiting a new member. Recruiting incentive is not valid for students, retired/disabled, affiliate, part time, or associate applications. Eligibility subject to verification; Subsequent year's dues payable at usual rate. New member discount offer is not valid for retired/disabled, affiliate, or associate members and may not be combined with other membership discounts.

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Membership with the NYSCA makes you eligible for members-only savings from a variety of businesses through the NYSCA Member Privileges Program. Have you taken advantage of the privileges NYSCA membership offers? Here are some of the opportunities open to you:



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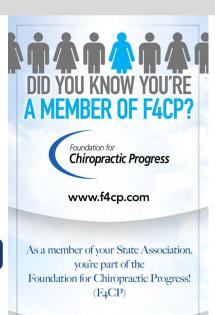
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