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Statement from the CAA

Recently the Chiropractors' Association of Australia (CAA) was made aware of a chiropractor who allegedly entered a hospital in New South Wales to provide chiropractic care to a mother and her new born infant. Despite the mother consenting to the treatment, it has been alleged the practitioner did not also seek permission of the hospital involved.

The CEO of the CAA, Dr Matthew Fisher, said any practitioner who provides care to a patient in a hospital or similar healthcare facility, and who does not seek permission from that facility, will be in breach of the Code of Conduct for Chiropractors.

“The provisions of the code are simple and clear. They are required to seek permission from the facility to access and provide care.”

“They must also adhere to and follow the policies and procedures of the facility, communicate with the other practitioners involved in the management of the patient and keep the facility informed of any care they provide.”

Two chiropractors are identified in the story are not existing members of the CAA.

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About the Chiropractors' Association of Australia

The Chiropractors' Association of Australia (National) Limited (CAA) is the peak body representing chiropractors in Australia. It has eight autonomous CAA state and territory associations. The Association has a current membership of approximately 3,000 members. The national body is involved with such matters as education, publications, conventions, international relations and the liaison with federal government authorities. The CAA actively promotes the profession within Australia to the general public and to other professionals in health related fields.

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About Chiropractic in Australia

More than 215,000 Australians see a chiropractor each week to treat a range of conditions relating to spinal health including; lower back pain, neck pain and acute and chronic pain. Chiropractors are five year university trained experts in spinal health and wellbeing; delivering healthcare which is safe, effective and regulated.