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Statement by the Chiropractors' Association of Australia

The Chiropractors' Association of Australia (CAA) is aware of media activity bringing into question the effectiveness of the Chiropractic Board of Australia and the role of the profession in healthcare.

The primary consideration of all members of the CAA is the wellbeing of patients and the promotion of health in the community. The World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines recognise the vertebral subluxation. The CAA is committed to evidence based chiropractic care – the integration of the best available research and clinical expertise to deliver our patients value, choice and quality treatment. There is a significant body of evidence underpinning the efficacy and safety of chiropractic care.

We recognise though that ongoing rigorous research should be done. As with other healthcare disciplines, the evidence base for chiropractic care is constantly evolving, as researchers undertake new studies and trial the effects of different therapies. Additionally, CAA endorses the Chiropractic Board of Australia Code of Conduct to support chiropractors to deliver safe and effective health services within an ethical framework.

All health practitioners have a duty to make the care of patients their first concern and to practice safely and effectively. CAA supports initiatives which are designed to improve the quality of healthcare, to reduce the use of unnecessary, ineffective or harmful interventions, and to facilitate the treatment of patients with maximum chance of benefit, with minimum risk of harm, and at an acceptable cost.