



The 2008 Journal of Chiropractic Humanities: An Insight into the Past, Present, and Future

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This 2008 edition of the *Journal of Chiropractic Humanities* marks its fifteenth volume. And, as in years past, this set of articles is unique and offers valuable insight and opportunity for discussion to the chiropractic profession. The topics include those that look toward the future, describe where we currently may be, and those that describe our past.

The advent of the digital age brings the technology that will impact our chiropractic practices. Two very interesting and insightful papers offer how technology may be utilized. Looking toward the future, Fredericks et al. synthesize the concepts of electronic medical records and society-culture-personality relationship on practice and decision making. Their paper offers a model for how doctors of chiropractic can use electronic medical records to improve quality, availability, accessibility, affordability, and continuity of care.

Lyons et al. address how the society-culture-personality model is an essential tool for enhancing the understanding of socially meaningful interactions through the use of electronic medical records. This paper helps us better understand the complexity of the practice environment, the doctor-patient relationship, and how these may be impacted by electronic medical records.

As the chiropractic profession continues to grow and mature, it is important to understand how those in practice currently identify with concepts attributed to the profession. Smith and Caber surveyed US chiropractors in order to better understand their perceptions of professional identity relative to their concept of “subluxation” in chiropractic practice and education.

As well, evaluation of where we come from may help us better understand where we are today. Tying past and present together, Senzon demonstrates how the history and philosophy of chiropractic shares similarities with those of energy medicine.

Hynes and Callender discuss the history of chiropractic technique as taught at Palmer, the very first chiropractic school. They trace technique education at Palmer as taught by the founder DD Palmer to the present day.

Hug offers insight into a public relations program from the 1950s and 1960s that was similar to other beauty pageants at that time. This paper offers fascinating details about the history of the Alabama State Chiropractic Association’s posture queen program.

Each of these interesting and informative articles demonstrate that chiropractic is a complex and rich profession and that we have much to offer and consider. I hope that you will enjoy reading this issue of the *Journal of Chiropractic Humanities* and that it will inspire you to think about our past, present, and future.

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