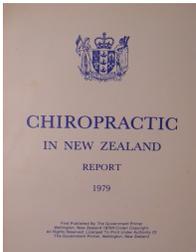


Medical science is always changing...



The Report of the New Zealand Government Commission of Inquiry into Chiropractic in 1978-79:

“spinal manual therapy in the hands of a registered chiropractor is safe”
“Modern chiropractic is far from being an ‘unscientific cult’.”
“General medical practitioners and physiotherapists have no adequate training in spinal manual therapy though a few have acquired skill in it subsequent to graduation.”

Integrative Medicine:

“... a review by the US Agency for Health Care Policy and Research found that chiropractic is beneficial for acute back pain”¹. “Despite the advances in conventional pain treatment, patients with chronic pain are often disappointed with Western medicine.”²



Low Back Pain:

At three years the results confirm the findings of an earlier report that when chiropractic or hospital therapists treat patients with low back pain as they would in day to day practice those treated by chiropractic derive more benefit and long term satisfaction than those treated by hospitals.³



Medical Opposition: “Internally, chiropractic has a dramatic legacy of strife and factionalism. Externally, it has defended itself from vigorous opposition by

conventional medicine. Despite such tensions, chiropractors have maintained a unified profession with an uninterrupted commitment to clinical care”⁴



Patient satisfaction and the UCLA Low Back Pain study:

Chiropractors communicate back pain information better than medical doctors⁵



Alternative Medicine:
“The authors examine three possible relationships between mainstream and alternative medicine: opposition, integration, and pluralism. Pluralism encourages cooperation, research, and open communication and respect between practitioners despite the possible existence of honest disagreement, and preserves the integrity of each of the treatment systems involved.”⁶



Hippocrates: “look to the spine for the cause of disease”

How many Royal Commissions, Acts of Parliament and Greeks will it take...

...to change your mind about
chiropractic?

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