

Doctors: Who is your most experienced neuro-musculo-skeletal ally?

	GP	Chiro	Physio
<i>Min. # of degrees</i>	2	2	1
<i>Min. F/T study</i>	5	5	4
<i>Govt x ray licence</i>	No	Yes	No
<i>Basic science hrs (mean)¹</i>	1200	1416	
<i>Clinical science hrs (mean)</i>	3467	3406	
<i>Total contact hrs (mean)</i>	4667	4822	
<i>Hospital residency</i>	Yes	No	
<i>Undergrad. Manual Proficiency Skills?</i>	No	Yes	Post grad. 1 year masters degree
<i>Profession est. in Australia</i>	1940s ²	1905 ³	1938 ⁴
<i>Peak body formation</i>	1971 ⁵	1938 ⁶	1939 ⁷
<i>Use of physiologic therapeutics</i>		c.1912 ^{8 9}	1938

Chiropractors are superiorly placed neuro-musculo-skeletal experts with medical equivalence in basic sciences.

Chiropractic care represents the pinnacle of best practice for low back pain & whiplash management.¹⁰

Chiropractic care potentially represents a several hundred-fold decrease in risk compared with mainstream drug therapy of neuro-musculo-skeletal conditions.¹¹

¹ Coulter I, Adams A, et al. A comparative study of chiropractic and medical education. *Alt Ther in Health Med* 1998;4:64-75.

² Aust. Association of Musculoskeletal Medicine, see www.musmed.com/about.html

³ Peters RE, Chance MA. Chiropractic in Australia: the first forty years (1905-1945). *Chiropr Hist.* 1996 Jun;16(1):29-38.

⁴ <http://www.chs.unimelb.edu.au/programs/jnmhu/umfm/biogs/FM00051b.htm>

⁵ Australian Association of Manipulative Medicine formed, see www.musmed.com/about.html

⁶ Australian Chiropractors Association established.

⁷ Australian Physiotherapy Association web site, www.physiotherapy.asn.au

⁸ Beideman, Ronald P. In the making of a profession: National College of Chiropractic, 1906 to 1981. Lombard IL: National College of Chiropractic, 1995

⁹ Keating JC. Physiotherapeutics in chiropractic: the early historical record. *Dynamic Chiropractic* 1998 (Nov 16); 16(24): 8-9, 12, 20, 32-4

¹⁰ Waddell G. Evidence for manipulation is stronger than that for most orthodox medical treatments. *BMJ*, 318:262, 1999

¹¹ Giles LG, Muller R. Chronic spinal pain syndromes: a clinical pilot trial comparing acupuncture, a nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drug, and spinal manipulation. *J Manipulative Physiol Ther* 1999;22:376-81. 63-9.