

Chiropractic and medical students scored the same on primary-care knowledge

Question: Do you have to be smarter to go to medical school than chiropractic school?

Answer: Intelligence is relative to your personal knowledge experienced through education and your personal experiences (street smarts). Many medical schools and chiropractic schools have the same pre-requisites and honor the same national testing scores.

Once you are in either chiropractic or medical school it all balances out regarding educational difficulty. Every school has a required curriculum and must uphold basic standards of their respective national boards.

A recent study compared chiropractic students with medical students on the same sample questions. The medical students scored higher on the primary care evaluation and the chiropractic students scored higher on the musculoskeletal questions. The conclusion is that students of each discipline learn relative information to their field and therefore are more knowledgeable in these areas. The sampling also showed that both types of students have abundant knowledge in general, regarding health care and function of the human body. Considering chiropractors do not administer or recommend medications, they are not going to be as knowledgeable in this area although courses are given to understand these drugs and their side effects. Conversely, medical students are not as educated on the natural healing effects of the nervous system, such as adjustments of vertebral subluxations (interruptions of the

nervous system secondary to misalignment of vertebra) or on nutrition and natural healing methods.

We live in a new age of healing and many medical and chiropractic physicians are working together to give their patients the best care for that individual. Ultimately, the patient benefits when all disciplines of health care can respect each other and work together.

Quote of the week: *“Make good habits and they will make you.”* – Parks

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