

## **ASK THE CHIROPRACTOR**

### **Chiropractic does not cause strokes**

**Question:** I recently saw a news report on television that chiropractic adjustments cause strokes. Is it true?

**Answer:** No, it is absolutely not true. The incidence of strokes caused by chiropractic adjustments is less likely than getting hit by lightning. The archaic news stories you have seen are pure propaganda distributed by a disgruntled medical profession that is making a last gasp at survival by attacking chiropractors. I have written previous columns citing multiple studies, which accurately surveyed and studied the incidence of strokes caused directly by chiropractors (available upon request). When analyzed it was determined that the strokes – the minute number of patients claimed to be from chiropractors – were actually not from chiropractors but from prior experiences or from other healing practitioners.

If chiropractic were so dangerous, as the false claims suggest, you would think our malpractice rates would be sky high. On the contrary, chiropractic is safe, gentle and effective. Our malpractice rates are fifty times less than the average medical physician. Patients would never consider bringing their babies and children to a chiropractor if it was dangerous. The fact is parents do bring their

kids in for primary health care and personally it is rare children get injured, let alone get strokes.

Shame on the medical profession for allowing such slander to be published and recorded. We already defeated their attacks in the 1980s by winning an anti-trust lawsuit. In the Wilkes vs. American Medical Association (AMA) case we (the chiropractors) proved the AMA was attempting to defame the character of the chiropractic profession by setting up an anti-quackery committee to distribute lies and defamation to destroy our profession.

Shame on the medical profession to isolate a rare unique occurrence in the chiropractic field when iatrogenic (doctor-induced illness and death) is considered the third cause of death and illness in our country.

I suggest the medical public relations representatives put their wasted money back into the medical field to clean up their own mess before continually attacking other fellow healing professions.

**Quote of the week:** “Get mad. Then get over it.” – Colin Powell