

Message From The President

The Board of Directors joins me in presenting the 2010 Annual Report summarizing the work of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. With this publication, we affirm that the fiduciary and organizational responsibilities of our positions have been fulfilled.

The NBCE remains financially solid, even in an unpredictable economy. This is reflected in the very positive results of the independent audit, which again this year are said to be “clean,” with no changes to the presented financial position of the NBCE. This is the tenth year in a row that the NBCE has attained this high level of accounting accuracy.

As you read through the 2010 Annual Report, you will note that we completed the nearly five-year task of publishing the *Practice Analysis of Chiropractic 2010*. The results of this survey are particularly relevant in the design of the examinations for Part III and Part IV. However, there are some notable demographic trends for the period 1991 through 2009 that are noted in the Practice Analysis, and I want to highlight them here:

Today’s practitioners demonstrate a higher level of education: a proportion of chiropractors who have a bachelor’s, master’s or a PhD degree has risen steadily from 53.7% in 1991 to 74.8% in 2009. And, almost half (47.9%) of chiropractors reporting in 2009 had completed associateship training, compared to about a third (32.6%) in 1991.

The documentation of patient care is important, but is becoming more burdensome: the typical practitioner now spends more than a quarter (25.2%) of his or her work time documenting patient care. This amount has almost doubled since 1998 (13.8%).

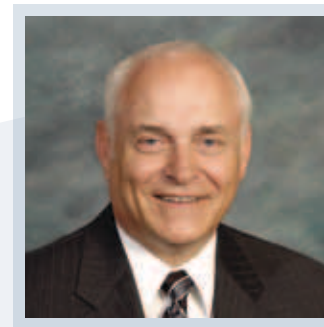
Chiropractic is increasing its impact on our population: the percentage of patients under 17 years of age has increased 7.4%, and the percentage of patients 65 years of age and over has increased 2.1% since the 1991 survey.

The portion of chiropractors practicing for more than 15 years has been steadily increasing – from one-quarter (24.6%) in 1991 to more than half (51.1%) in 2009.

The typical doctor of chiropractic makes 13.6 referrals per month to other healthcare providers and receives 7.7 referrals per month from other practitioners.

Demographic changes, interesting as they are, make up only a small percentage of the survey results. Through this annual report we will update you on the projects and successes of 2010, which demonstrate our unending commitment to moving forward with the profession—to truly reflect the educational curriculum and the current practice of chiropractic.

None of this could be accomplished without the contributions and support of my friends and colleagues on the board of the NBCE. Each and every one of them bring a unique perspective and set of skills that make my job easier. I am also indebted to the many college faculty members, subject matter experts, and state licensing board members who contribute their time and expertise to the NBCE.



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