

Appendix A

THE AUSTRALASIAN COUNCIL ON CHIROPRACTIC AND OSTEOPATHIC EDUCATION LIMITED

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Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to advise that you have been selected to participate in a very important part of a major chiropractic research project being undertaken by the Australasian Council on Chiropractic and Osteopathic Education (ACCOE) with the kind collaboration of the U.S. National Board of Chiropractic Examiners. For the first time in the history of the chiropractic profession, a scientific study has been designed to document the tasks, duties and professional responsibilities of chiropractic practitioners on a national scale.

The National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition in the Department of Employment, Education and Training, has made a grant available to ACCOE to undertake a study to establish competency-based professional standards for chiropractors.

Part of this project consists of a Practice Analysis of chiropractors in which we invite YOU to participate. An easy to complete questionnaire will be sent to you within two weeks. We urge you to kindly complete it upon arrival and return it in a reply paid envelope which will be provided.

We are particularly fortunate to have the U.S. National Board of Chiropractic Examiners assist us with the Practice Analysis component of the project. The NBCE has spent a great deal of money and used the best available advice on the design of an excellent questionnaire which has already been completed by specially selected colleagues, like yourself, in the U.S.A. and Canada. Had it not been for the NBCE, we would not have been able to include this component in our research.

With your help, it will also be possible to compare chiropractic practice in Australia and New Zealand with that in the U.S.A. and Canada.

In order that results of this project reflect the practice of chiropractors across a wide range of practice settings, it is important that you return a completed questionnaire. In a few days, you will be receiving your survey. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Professor Andy Kleynhans, Principal Investigator
ACCOE Competency Standards Research Project

Pre-Survey Letter