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DECOMPRESSION THERAPY...

Be very careful!!!

The Superior Court in the State of California fined a doctor of chiropractic \$25,000 dollars for false advertising related to the decompression therapy applied by the DRX9000 machine, and permanently prohibited this doctor from utilizing such advertising in the future. The decision referenced the placing of "anonymous advertisements" in newspapers, offering a "free report" stating "an accidental NASA discovery has lead to the most promising sciatica and herniated disc treatment today." The decision also stated that the defendant "did fail to verify the various representations and assertions of fact made by Axiom Worldwide, Inc., Ben Altadonna and/or Altadonna Communications Inc. prior to disseminating that advertising and marketing materials received from those entities with respect to the DRX9000." The decision said the defendant was unable to substantiate or produce the following:

- A. Reliable, scientific studies or fact-based evidence demonstrating 86% success rate for non-surgical spinal decompression with patients suffering from herniated discs or degenerative joint disease;
- B. Reliable, scientific studies or fact-based evidence demonstrating 90% reduction in disc herniation in 71.4% of patients;
- C. Reliable, scientific studies or fact-based evidence regarding therapeutic effect of space travel on astronauts;
- D. Reliable, scientific studies or fact-based evidence documenting that therapeutic effect of the DRX9000 in the "most severe cases" when "NOTHING else has worked" (sic);
- E. Reliable, scientific studies or fact-based evidence regarding the representation that "pre- and post-treatment MRIs have shown greater than 50% reduction in the size and extent of herniations after four weeks of treatments with the DRX 9000";
- F. Reliable, scientific studies or fact-based evidence regarding the representation that the DRX9000 treatment is an alternative to surgery or drugs and has no "documented side effects"; and,
- G. Reliable, scientific studies or fact-based evidence regarding the representation that the DRX 9000 is either a "new" or a "space-age technology."

The Board has not yet taken a position with regard to decompression therapy...however the Board will be investigating complaints, which allege the same or similar false advertising. The Board merely wishes to inform you that if you are engaging in similar false advertising, you may be placing yourself at great risk.

**LICENSEES MAY REACH THE BOARD AT
A NEW INCOMING TELEPHONE NUMBER: 651-201-2850**

RENEWAL SEASON IS HERE

Whether you renew online or by mail you must complete TWO actions: complete an application AND pay a fee. If you renew online be sure and print the online receipts for your records.

ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVE SOURCE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

In an effort to expand licensee’s access to continuing education, the Board has formally approved continuing education units which have been previously approved by the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards PACE program. The PACE program (an acronym meaning “Providers of Approved Continuing Education”) is a rigorously monitored program which will review CE programs submitted from different places in the country for approval. Since the Board is in agreement with the standards adopted by PACE, these programs can be attended and submitted as part of your continuing education requirement. This may be particularly beneficial to those licensee’s living outside of Minnesota. As always, it will be the responsibility of the licensee to assure that the programs are MBCE or PACE authorized for the specific year in which they are taken. (A PACE authorized program will have the PACE logo on the certificate of attendance.)

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS*

David J Buechel II DC	July 13, 2006	Amended Stipulation and Order: Discharge from HPSP for tampering with a urine screen; unprofessional conduct of a sexual nature; failure to cooperate with an investigation of the Board
Patrick W Corrick DC	July 13, 2006	License Reinstatement with conditions: probation

*Please see www.mn-chiroboard.state.mn.us/discipline_list.htm for text of actual discipline orders.

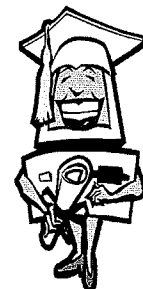
By monitoring the activities of your peers and reporting violations early every licensee can have an impact on board costs (license fees), improve the reputation of the profession, keep contested case costs down, and limit enforcement action to a less severe level than that of disciplinary action.

RULES . . .

The Board continues to work on the promulgation of Rules regarding the practice of chiropractic. The State of Minnesota has a structured rules promulgation process with specific procedures and time lines. Please call the office and check our website (www.mn-chiroboard.state.mn.us) for new and changing information. Or if you wish, you may send us a written note and ask to be placed on the “Rules List” where we would send you regular updates of the status of rules as they go through the rules promulgation process.

If you have questions or comments on any rule you may call our office at 651-201-2850 at any time. However, we wish to remind you that all comments must be submitted in writing if they are to be presented to the Board and/or to be included in the official record. Copies of the full text of any rule may be acquired by visiting the Board's website, contacting Board staff at 651-201-2850, or by sending a written request to:

MBCE - Rules List Coordinator
 2829 University Avenue SE
 Suite 300
 Minneapolis, MN 55414-3220



RENEWAL SEASON CHANGES

New this renewal season is the requirement that Active Acupuncture Registrants complete 2 units of continuing education in acupuncture/meridian therapy by December 31, 2006. In addition, Acupuncture registrants may place their acupuncture registration into the new INACTIVE status *if* they also place their DC LICENSE into an INACTIVE status. To qualify for an INACTIVE license or registration the applicant **MUST BE PRACTICING IN ANOTHER STATE** or jurisdiction. A Voluntarily Retired license is designed for applicants wishing to no longer practice or maintain an active license while residing in Minnesota; however, this status may not be used in conjunction with an Inactive Acupuncture Registration.

NEW LICENSEES

<p>July 2006</p> <p>RACHEL ELIZABETH CONNELL DC ERIC JOHN HERING DC CHRISTOPHER EUGENE KEMPER DC BRENT DAVID LEININGER DC BRIAN JOHN LEVERNIER DC MICHAEL DUNG MAI DC MICHAEL CHARLES MOSEY DC MOLLY ELIZABETH MUNIZ DC JODIE MARIE OSMONSON DC</p>	<p>August 2006</p> <p>ELLIE MARIE BENNETT DC ANGELA MARIE BLOMBERG DC CARA LEANNE BORGGREN DC BARBARA ANN BUENZ DC KEVIN CRISTON DRAKE DC JENNIFER LYNN ENGESETH DC DAVID ANDREW GALLOWAY DC JONI LYNN JUGLER DC CHRISTOPHER CHARLES MAJOR DC CHANNING MARIE MCKINLEY DC DOI PHAN NGUYEN DC SERGIO ALBERTO ROCAFORT DC ERIC ALAN STARBUCK DC NICHOLAS RYAN WISNIEWSKI DC</p>	<p>September 2006</p> <p>ANDREW GARTH ALTMAN DC ANDREW WILLIAM BROWN DC SOLOMON LEONARD COGAN DC CORY DEAN COUILLARD DC ATHANASSIOS PAPAPOPOULOS DC</p> <p>October 2006</p> <p>CHAD MICHAEL ANDERSON DC SUSAN LAURIE HERDA DC BENJAMIN DANIEL ISCHE DC WILLIAM JASEN JENSEN DC</p> <p>November 2006</p> <p>CODY LYNN HOEFERT DC</p>
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**STATISTICS OF MINNESOTA LICENSED CHIROPRACTORS
As Of November 1, 2006**

Licenses:		Registrations	
2427	Active		
163	Inactive	588	Acupuncture
53	Terminated (2006)	511	Professional Firms
20	DC Emeritus	66	Independent Examiners
15	Voluntarily Retired (2006)	21	Graduate Preceptors
2678	Total	1186	Total

Office Staff Members

Name	Title
Larry A. Spicer, D.C.	Executive Director
Karen Dorff	Office Manager
Micki King	Health Program Rep.
Lori Blanski	License Coordinator
John Burbey	Continuing Education Coordinator

MBCE Board Members

Name	Term Expires
Howard A. Fidler, D.C.	Jan. 2008
Kimberly Hill	Jan. 2009
Teresa Marshall, D.C.	Jan. 2010
LeRoy Otto, D.C.	Jan. 2007
Gary Pennebaker, D.C.	Jan. 2008
Ralph Stouffer Ed.D.	Jan. 2007
Richard R. Tollefson, D.C.	Jan. 2009

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To protect the public through effective licensure, enforcement of the statutes and rules governing the practice of chiropractic, to ensure a standard of competent and ethical practice in the profession.*

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DATES TO REMEMBER IN 2006-2007

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING DATES**

December 12, 2006
January 9, 2007
March 13, 2007
May 8, 2007
June 12, 2007
August 14, 2007
October 9, 2007
December 11, 2007

**RULES COMMITTEE
MEETING DATES**

The third Thursday
of every month
when necessary

**BOARD
MEETING DATES**

February 22, 2007
April 12, 2007
July 12, 2007
September 13, 2007
November 8, 2007

**COMPLAINT PANEL
MEETING DATES**

(closed to the public)

Stouffer-Tollefson panel meets the first
Thursday of every month
Marshall-Fidler panel meets the third
Tuesday of every month
Hill-Otto panel meets the fourth Tuesday
of every month

RENEWAL DEADLINES

DC License - December 31
Professional Firm - December 31
Continuing Education
Sponsorships - December 31
Independent Examiner - February 28
Acupuncture - September 15

**OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR THE
FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS**

December 25, 2006
January 1, 2007
January 15, 2007
February 19, 2007
May 28, 2007
July 4, 2007

Official public notice of all meetings is listed on the Board's web site at www.mn-chiroboard.state.mn.us/Bdmeet.htm

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