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### **Presidential Message**

Dear colleagues and clinic owners:

I hope this message finds you and your family well. We are currently experiencing one of the most challenging times of our lifetime. The issues we are currently facing may be difficult but I feel very confident we have all been training to deal with difficulty since we started the journey to become Chiropractors. The Board is currently working to set up a video conference Board meeting to address the concerns regarding continuing education, license renewal and other issues related to COVID 19. The Governor has granted Boards the allowance to hold meetings electronically during this state of emergency. The Board will comply with Open Meetings Act requirements.

I would like to ask all our licensees and permit holders to please refrain from contacting the health department with questions relating to office closure but look to our website for information as we share it as soon as it becomes available. The practice of Chiropractic is an essential service and has been affirmed as such by our Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards as well as U.S. Department of Homeland Security Department of Cyber

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# 2020-21 Renewal Reminder

At this time the Board is working on a plan regarding how this years renewal process will be handled. Please watch your email for updates on the process for continuing education for the 2020-21 Renewal.

You should have purchased your Alabama Section 136 Business (privilege) License for the year 2019-20 <u>please email</u> a copy to amy.deavers@chiro.alabama.gov. Please be sure the Business License is the one that expires September 30, 2020.

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# **Clinic Options in the Event of Death of Licensee**

Just an FYI—We have received phone calls regarding how to handle a practice in the event the licensed owner passes away so a spouse or heirs of the clinic could remain open. The Board discussed the issue at their March meeting. They made a suggestion that for the spouse or heir to continue to operate the clinic they would have the option to lease an office and equipment to another Alabama licensee. Please check with your personal legal counsel or someone in Probate to be sure this is possible in your specific situation.
If the spouse or heirs choose to hire another DC as an employee instead of leasing then the new owner(s) would be required to close the practice until a Non-Licensed Owner Permit could be obtained from the Board. This process takes a minimum of 4 weeks as the owners are required to have a background check.



# Condolences

Dr. Thomas M. Nosser —Dr. Nosser studied Chiropractic at Palmer Chiropractic College and received his Alabama license in 2018. He lived and practiced in Shreveport, LA.

> The Board and staff send condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Nosser.

State of Alabama Chiropractor

### Presidential Message Continued:

Infrastructure. As essential providers we play an important role in easing the burden on our medical providers by treating musculoskeletal cases, allowing the emergency rooms and medical offices to care for those with possible COVID 19.

The Health Department issued a FAQ to address the questions regarding the type of cases we should be treating. The document addressed our emergency cases as well as ongoing treatment for the care of current cases. We should refrain from treating non-essential cases at this time which would be our maintenance/wellness patients.

I have instructed the Board staff to provide the information we have relating to the Government relief programs but I encourage you to speak with your financial advisors, CPA's and banks for further assistance. The Alabama State Chiropractic Association has also been gathering information regarding the financial relief programs and will be a great source of information.

The Board is aware of the research regarding Chiropractic and it's possible effects on the immune system but we advise that any use of this research should be properly worded. We have received complaints that the research is being used but is worded in a way that makes the information false and therefore would violate our advertising rule regarding false or fraudulent advertising.

Stay ever vigilant and use recommended CDC and Health Department Guidelines to protect your patients, team members, and yourself.

Sincerely, Brian Wells, DC President ASBCE

#### **Essential Travel Letter**

Although the Governor's/SHO Order makes the travel letter optional if you wish to use one for your employees it should be on your official letterhead and state that they are an employee of your office and therefore essential personnel traveling to work.

Applications Sent	13
Transcripts Processed	32
New License Issued	8
License Verifications	317
Complaints Received	0
Disciplinary Hearings	2
Outgoing Correspondence	1222
Continuing Education Reviewed	122

#### **Board Quarterly Performance Report**

## **Online Seminars**

#### The seminars listed below have been approved by the Alabama Board for CCE

CCED Seminars offers the following ONLINE course. For information contact Monte Horne, DC at 903-885-4047.

1."CASE STUDIES & CLININCAL PEARLS 201-218"

Chiro Credit offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Paul Powers at 1-860-463-9003.

1."ACCREDITED TRAINING FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTRY OF CERTIFIED MEDICAL EXAMINERS 301" 2."ACUPUNCTURE 400-461" 3."ALABAMA CHIROPRACTIC LAW 201" 4."ALABAMA CHIROPRACTIC LAW 201-202" 5."ATHLETIC TIPS CERTIFICATION SEMINAR" 6."DOCUMENTATION 181-184 7."FAA BASIC MED PHYSICIAN TRAINING' 8. "MANAGEMENT OF COMMON CONDITIONS 208-211" 9."MANUAL MUSCLE TESTING 201-206' 10."PEDIATRICS 118' 11."PHYSICAL THERAPY 101" 12."X-RAY 171-174'

Cleveland University-Kansas City offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Christina Brillante at 1-631-241-6717.

- 1."ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION-CAUSALITY, BODILY INJURY, FORCE COEFFICIENTS ...
- 2."BIOMECHANICS, NEUROLOGY OF THE CHIROPRACTIC SPINAL ADJUSTMENT & DOCUMENTATION"
- 3."CHIRO AS 1ST OPTION FOR THE SPINE: A LITERATURE BASED STANDARD: PRIMARY SPINE 9"
- 4."CONCUSSION AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY"
- 5."ELECTRODIAGNOSTICS- ELECTROMYOGRAM NERVE CONDUCTION VELOCITY"
- 'EVALUATION & MANAGEMENT"
- 7."FORENSIC DOCUMENTATION"
- 8. "IMPAIRMENT RATING-SPINE & NERVOUS SYSTEM"
- 9. "INTERPROFESSIONAL HOSPITAL BASED SPINE CARE"
- 10."MEDICAL LEGAL INSURANCE DOCUMENTATION: COLOSSUS TO THE COURTROOM"
- 11."MILD TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY-TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY-CONCUSSION"
- 12."MRI SPINE CREDENTIALING"
- 13."MRI SPINE INTERPRETATION BASICS"
- 14."ORTHOPEDIC TESTING"
- 15."PATIENT INTAKE, HISTORY & EXAMINATION" 16."PERSONAL INJURY BOOT CAMP" 17."PRIMARY SPINE CARE"

- 18."PRIMARY SPINE CARE 2"
- 19."SPINAL BIOMECHANICAL ENGINEERING"
- 20."SPINAL DISK & LIGAMENTS NEUROLOGY & PATHOLOGY"
- 21."SPINAL TRUAMA PATHOLOGY"
- 22."STROKE ANATOMY & EVALUATION FOR CHIROPRACTORS & MANUAL MEDICINE SPECIALISTS"
- 23. "TESTIFYING, DOCUMENTATION, & ETHICAL MEDICAL—LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS"
- NEUROLOGY OF CHIROPRACTIC CARE & LIGAMENT 24."THE PATHOLOGY FROM TRAUMA"
- 25."TRIAGING THE TRAUMA & NON TRAUMA PATIENT"
- 26."UTILIZING RESEARCH IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

**Data Trace Publishing** offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Rachel Miller at 1-410-494-4994.

- 1."DC TRACTS VOLUME 30 ISSUE 2: FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT & REHAB OF MUSCULOSKELETAL DYSFUNCTION"
- 'DC TRACTS VOLUME 30 ISSUE 1: RADIOLOGY FINDINGS & EXAMS FOR CURRENT PATHOLOGIES"

DC Courses offers the following ONLINE course. For information contact Thomas Bynes at 512-501-1661.

1."NUTRITIONAL & CHEMICAL STRESS"

DCHours.com offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Debbie Brendler at 1-800-811-0269 or click DChours.com

"ALABAMA BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 2 HOURS"

- 2."CERVICOGENIC HEADACHES'
- 3."DOCUMENTATION" 4. "MIGRAINE HEADACHES'
- 5."POST TRAUMA HEADACHES"
- 6."TENSION TYPE HEADACHES
- 7."TRIGGER POINT THERAPY
- 8."UNDERSTANDING WHIPLASH PART 1"
- 9."UNDERSTANDING WHIPLASH PART 2"

DC Online offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Karen Moreau at 712-260-2507 or click DC Online

1."ACTIVE CARE FOR THE LUMBAR SPINE FOR THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDER" 2."ALABAMA BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 2 HOURS' 3."ALABAMA BOARD RULES AND REGULATIONS 4 HOURS" 4."ANKLE, LEG & FOOT" 5."BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASE" 6."CASE BASED APPROACH TO SOFT TISSUE INJURY' 7."G3: GLUTEN, GUT & GENOMICS-NUTRITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR OPTIMIZED HEALTH OUT" 8."PREHOSPITAL AIRWAY MANAGEMENT" 9."PROBIOTICS: TODAY'S RESEARCH" 10."SORTING OUT THE CONFUSION IN THE TREATMENT OF LOW BACK PAIN' 11."SPECIAL POPULATIONS: THE OSTEOPOROTIC PATIENT"

Life West offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Laurie Isenberg at 510-780-4508.

- 1."3Ms: ALL ABOUT METHYLATION, MITOCHONDRIA, & METABOLISM"
- 2."ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS OF LOW BACK PAIN" 3."ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS OF NECK PAIN" 4."ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS OF NECK PAIN"

- 5."BALANCING THE TWO BRAINS'
- 6."CHIROPRACTIC, COLIC AND THE MICROBIOME OF CHILDREN" 7."CHIROPRACTIC, INTEROCEPTION & ENURESIS"
- 8. CLINICAL EXCELLENCE IN THE DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT OF MUSCULO-SKELETAL DISORDERS V1"
- 9."DERAILED: THE HIJACKING OF OUR CHILDREN'S NEURODEVELPMENT'
- 10."FOSTERING OPTIMAL NEURODEVELOPMENT THROUGH CHIROPRACTIC: **PRIMITIVE & POSTURAL**
- 11."TIES THAT BIND: THE ABC'S OF TETHERED ORAL TISSUES"

National University offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Jenna Glenn at 1-630-889-6622.

1."FLEXION INTOLERANT LUMBAR SPINE SUCCESS 2019"

2."FOUNDATIONS OF FUNCTIONAL MEDICINE"

Northwestern Health Sciences University offers the following ONLINE course. For information contact Kathy Tainter at 952-885-5446.

1. CCSP 4 OF 9: REHABILITATION OF SPORTS INJURIES"

Palmer offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Elaina Hammond at 563-258-3229.

- 1."ACTIVATOR METHODS ONLINE-BASIC SCAN"
- 2."ACTIVATOR METHODS ONLINE-EXTREMITIES"
- 3."ACTIVATOR METHODS ONLINE-LOWER EXTREMITIES"
- 4.ACTIVATOR METHODS ONLINE-UPPER EXTREMITIES'
- 5."GLUTEN & CELIAC DISEASE"
- 6. "MASTERING ROTATOR CUFF: A QUALITATIVE BIOMECHANICAL ANALYSIS" 7."MRI IMAGING EXTREMITY BASICS" 8."NEUROGENIC CLAUDICATION"

#### **Online Seminars Continued**

9."PAIN, SENSITIZATION PAIN EDUCATION"

- 10."PRACTICAL PEARLS-DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS FOR THE MODERN CHIROPRACTOR PART 1"
- 11."PRACTICAL PEARLS-DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS FOR THE MODERN CHIROPRACTOR PART 2'
- 12."RADIOLOGY HOW TO: INTERPRETING LUMBAR SPINE IMAGES'
- 13."SACRO OCCIPITAL TECHNIQUE CARE"
- 14."STROKE AND CHIROPRACTIC CARE"
- 15.VACCINATION UNDERSTANDING IMMUNITY & HEALTH CARE POLICY 2020"

Parker University offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact William Smith at 1-800 266-4723.

- 1."ALIGNING SUBLUXATION SCIENCE, OFFICE PROCEDURES \* LIFESTYLE BALANCE 2020"
- 2."CARING FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE 2020"
- 3."DOCUMENT THE WAY THE AUDITOR WANTS YOU TO 2019"
- 4."FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC CARE FIRST 2020"
- 5."FULLY RESOLVE 99% OF YOUR MEDICARE PROBLEMS & FEARS 2020'
- 6."FUNCTIONALLY PROGRESSIVE REHAB FOR THE CHIRO-PRACTOR 2020"
- 7."IMPROVING PATIENT OUTCOMES WITH FUNCTION-AL BLOOD CHEMISTRY 2020"
- 8. "INTRODUCTION TO FUNCTIONAL TAPING 2020"
- 9."LUMBAR MRI CLINICAL PRACTICE-SYSTEMATIC INTER-PRETATION 2020"
- 10."MOVEMENT FX-FUNCTIONAL MOVEMENT EVALUATION
- 10. "MOVEMENT FX—FUNCTIONAL MOVEMENT EVALUATION & REHAB FOR CHIROPRACTORS 2020"
  11. "NEUROLOGY OF THE SUBLUXATION—HOW SYMPTOMS DEVELOP/HOW THE ADJUSTMENT WORKS 2020"
- 12."NEUROPATHY 2020"
- 13."NUTRITION & SUBLUXATION COMPLEX 2020"
- 14. NUTRITION DURING THE 3 PHASES OF CHIROPRACTIC CARE 2020"
- 15."NUTRITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR PATIENTS WITH OSTEOPOROSIS 2020"
- 16."ONLINE NUTRITION FOR CHIROPRACTORS 2020"
- 17."PRACTICE FIT—FAILURE NOT REQUIRED—ALIGNING SUBLUXATION SCIENCE—OFFICE PROCEDURES"
- 18."REPORT OF UNUSUAL FINDINGS 2019"
- 19. "SECRETS OF SCAPULA DYNAMICS IN SHOULDER CONDITIONS, INJURIES , & SYNDROMES 2019" 20. "SOCIOLOGY POPULATION HEALTH & PUBLIC
- DISCOURSE 2019"
- 21."STRESS FACTORS-THE NEW SCIENCE BEHIND STRESS,

HORMONAL DISRUPTION, & CHRONIC PAIN"

- 22."SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION OF CHIROPRACTIC IN THE ATHLETIC TRAINING ROOM-GAME DAY
- 23."SUPPLEMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE ATHLETE 2019"
- 24."THE DIZZY PATIENT-WHAT EVERY CHIROPRACTOR NEEDS TO KNOW 2019"
- 25."THE PRENATAL PROTOCOL 2020"
- 26."TMJ—UNLOCK THE UNTAPPED MARKET FOR NEW PA-TIENTS 2019"
- 27."TODAY'S IMAGING-WHAT IS NORMAL 2019"
- 28."UNLOCK THE UNTAPPED MARKET FOR NEW PATIENTS 2020"
- 29."UNDERSTANGING THE POWER OF CHIROPRACTIC'
- 30."WHEN PHILOSOPHY & MEDICAL NECESSITY COLLIDE 2019"
- 31."YOUR BODY BETTER NOW 2020"

"SCUHS offers the following ONLINE course. For information contact Elizabeth Robledo at 562-902-3373.

1."FUNCTIONAL DIAGNOSTIC MEDICINE TRAINING PROGRAM-MODULE 3"

Texas Chiropractic College offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Beverly Crumrine at 281-998-5711.

1."CASE STUDIES 201-203" 2."COMMON LABORATORY TESTING" 3."MYK SYSTEM LOWER BODY ONLINE" 4."MYK SYSTEM UPPER BODY ONLINE" 5."NEURAL ORGANIZATION TECHNIQUE MODULES 1-4"

**TURNING POINT LOGISTICS** offers the following ONLINE course. For information contact Angel Tribuno, DC at 770-605-1218.

1."INTERNATIONAL VERTBRAL SUBLUXATION SUMMIT DL II"

University of Western States offers the following ONLINE courses. For information contact Ingrid Haugaard at 1-503-251-5719.

- 1."ANCILLARY DIAGNOSTIC TESTING PROCEDURES"
- 2. "CHIROPRACTIC GUIDE TO SYMPTOMS AND DISEASE"
- 3. "CLINICAL POSTURE PRACTICE ONLINE COURSE"
- 4."CURRENT TRENDS IN CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE HEALTH CARE"
- 5."GERIATRIC HEALTH CARE"
- 6."GUIDE TO ACUPUNCTURE & PAIN MAMAGEMENT"
- 7. "GUIDE TO CONTEMPORARY WEIGHT LOSS & FITNESS"
- 8."PAIN MANAGEMENT"
- 9."PEDIATRIC HEALTH CARE"
- 10."POSTURE & BALANCE ASSESSMENT, REHABILITATION, & MOTOR CONTROL EXERCISE ONLINE



The Rules and Regulations allow you to take up to 6 online hours plus your required 2 or 4 in Alabama law.



## Helpful Information Regarding COVID-19 Assistance for Your Practice

In an effort to assist our licensees and clinic owners the Board is continuing to research and provide you with information regarding possible assistance during this time. Please click the links below for some options available to you. For more information regarding which of these might be the best fit for your particular situation you would need to contact your financial advisor as the Board staff are not experts on this.

**CISA Essential Critical Infrastructure** 

**SBA Disaster Assistance** 

**US Department of Treasury Assistance for Small Businesses** 

Assistance Specific to Alabama

<u>CMS – Medicare Expansion of the Accelerated/Advance Payment Program for</u> <u>Providers and Suppliers During COVID-19 Emergency</u>

As a part of the CARES Act, CMS has announced an expansion of its Accelerated and Advance Payment Program for Medicare participating health care providers and suppliers, to ensure they have additional financial resources to combat the COVID-19 epidemic. CMS is expanding the program for all Medicare providers throughout the country during the current public health emergency.

To qualify for accelerated or advance payments, the provider must:

· Have billed Medicare for claims within 180 days immediately prior to the date of signature on the provider

- · Not be in bankruptcy
- $\cdot$  Not be under active medical review
- · Not have any outstanding delinquent Medicare overpayments

Qualified providers will be able to request up to 100% of the Medicare payment amount for a 3-month period. The repayment of these accelerated or advance payments begins 120 days after the date of issuance. Providers and suppliers will have 210 days from the date of accelerated or advance payment was made to repay the balance.

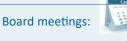
Please click the links below for guidance on in office procedures regarding cleaning & disinfecting to aid in the fight against COVID-19.

**CDC Guidelines Regarding Cleaning & Disinfecting Your Facility** 

**Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy** 

## 2020 State Holidays

#### Dates to Calendar



May 15, 2020 Clanton Board Office

June 12, 2020 ASCA Convention

Please watch SOS website for changes in these dates

#### The Board Office will be closed on the following:

Confederate Memorial DayApril 27National Memorial DayMay 25Jefferson Davis' BirthdayJune 1

### **OUR MISSION**

To regulate and license doctors of chiropractic in order to protect the people of Alabama.

## **OUR VISION**

To ensure the people of Alabama will receive professional, ethical and quality care in utilizing chiropractic services to maximize health benefits.

## **OUR VALUES**

Excellence, integrity, communication and ethics.

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