

Just the Facts about Musculoskeletal Healthcare for Patients

FACT: Musculoskeletal medicine is the study of the complications that involve the bones, muscles, joints and nervous system.

FACT: The number one reason that patients go to a medical doctor's office is for problems with musculoskeletal health.

"Curricular Reform in Musculoskeletal Medicine", Symposium of Academic Orthopaedic Society, 11/01.

FACT: Medical school preparation in musculoskeletal medicine is inadequate.

American Medical Association House of Delegates. Resolution 310 (A-03).

FACT: Medical doctors feel poorly trained to conduct a musculoskeletal examination.

"It's Past Time to Reform the Musculoskeletal Curriculum". Academic Medicine. 7/01.

FACT: 82% of medical school graduates failed a valid musculoskeletal competency examination.

The Adequacy of Medical School Education in Musculoskeletal Medicine. The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery. 10/98.

FACT: 78% of medical school graduates failed to demonstrate basic competency in musculoskeletal medicine.

"Educational Deficiencies in Musculoskeletal Medicine". The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery. 4/02.

FACT: Training medical doctors to do limited manual therapy is not successful.

"Training Primary Care Physicians to Give Limited Manual Therapy for Low Back Pain". Spine. 02/00.

FACT: U.S. citizens make more appointments with non-medical providers than medical providers. U.S. citizens spend more money for unconventional therapies like chiropractic and massage than is spent out-of-pocket each year for hospitalizations in the United States.

"Unconventional Medicine in the United States - - Prevalence, Costs, and Patterns of Use". The New England Journal of Medicine. 01/93.

FACT: Chiropractic is the only "unconventional, non-medical, alternative" treatment for musculoskeletal healthcare that is licensed in all 50 states of the U.S.

FACT: Chiropractors use physical therapy, take x-rays, do examinations and provide hands-on care mostly in the form of chiropractic adjustments or manipulation.

DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME, TRY CHIROPRACTIC FIRST, DRUGS SECOND AND SURGERY LAST!