# Discovering Chiropractic



# What is Chiropractic?

 Chiropractic focuses on disorders of the musculoskeletal system and the nervous system, and the effects of these disorders on general health.





#### Facts About Chiropractic

- Chiropractic care is provided in such federal programs as Medicare and the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program.
- Doctors of Chiropractic provide care in hospitals and other multidisciplinary facilities.
- Chiropractic is covered benefit in many traditional insurance polices.
- According to some reports, as many as 87% of all insured Americans have coverage for Chiropractic.



# More Facts About Chiropractic

- Chiropractic was established on 1895
- All 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands officially recognize chiropractic as an independent health care profession.
- Chiropractic care is available to members of the armed forces at more than 40 military bases in the U.S., and at nearly 30 veteran's administration medical faculties.



# I visited my chiropractor on April Fools Day

#### When he cracked my neck I pretended to pass out and let my body go limp

#### Doctors of Chiropractic

- Often referred to as chiropractors or chiropractic physicians
- Practice a <u>drug-free</u>, hands-on approach to health care
- Undergo rigorous education:
- ✓ At least 4 years of professional training following undergrad.
  ✓ 4,200 hours of classroom laboratory and clinical experience
- ✓ State and national exams.



### What conditions do Doctors of Chiropractic treat?

- Doctors of Chiropractic most often treat conditions such as
- ✓ Back Pain
- ✓ Neck Pain
- $\checkmark\,$  Pain in the joints of the arms or legs
- ✓ Headaches
- ✓ Whiplash
- ✓ Sports and work-related injuries
- Research also supports chiropractic as treatment method for conditions such as:
- $\checkmark\,$  Carpal tunnel, otitis media, colic, and asthma





# Chiropractic Treatment Technique

The most common therapeutic procedure preformed by doctors of chiropractic is known as "spinal manipulation," or the "chiropractic adjustment."



# Additional treatment Techniques

In addition to spinal manipulation, other treatments include:

- ✓ Therapeutic ultrasound✓ Electrical muscle stimulation
- $\checkmark$  Ice and heat
- $\checkmark$  Traction
- ✓ Soft-tissue massage
- ✓ Rehabilitative exercises





# What to Expect During Your First Visit

Expect a thorough examination that typically includes:

- ✓ Patient history
- $\checkmark$  Physical examination
- ✓ Diagnostic studies
- ✓ Diagnosis
- $\checkmark$  Chiropractic treatment plan



## Is Chiropractic Treatment Appropriate for Children?

#### YES, children can benefit form chiropractic.

- Children are very physically active and experience many types of falls and injuries.
- Chiropractic manipulation is very gentle and is safe even for infants.





# Senior Citizens and Chiropractic

- For older patients, many of their ailments are related to their spine and extremities
- Conditions associated with aging may benefit form corrective adjustments:
- ✓ Arthritis, circulatory disorders, joint stiffness and pain



#### How Many Americans Seek Chiropractic Care?

- More than 22 million people visited Doctors of Chiropractic last year for a variety of conditions.
- More and more medial doctors are referring their patients to Doctors of Chiropractic







