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Stellar Updates

Recent changes and updates to Stellar:

Find Waiting/Pending Insurance

Added account code selection, and patient names are now put on the report.

Patient Visit Report

Added All Patients summary (lists visits and date range), and view capability.

Patient Billing

\$0.00 insurance payments and their comments are now printed.

Is your backup secure?

Are you backing up your patient and billing data regularly, and keeping at least one copy off-site?

If you aren't, you need to. This month, two of our doctors faced the worst: one lost their clinic to fire, and the other had their computers stolen. One had a backup, and was up and running in 10 minutes. The other had to start from scratch. If you're not confident that you have a good backup, call us: 1-800-741-4755

Will you be included in future health care plans?

Ronald E. Edgar, DC.

Good morning Chiropractic Physicians / Doctors: I am using both terms while I legally can. If you have not yet contacted your state and national legislatures about being included in future

health care plans in a meaningful way, I strongly urge you to do so *immediately*: there is very little time to get included, and I do not mean the acute care / Medicare model of six visits (K-Mart corp. writes its insurance policies out of New York, only paying for manipulation; no exams, x-rays or therapy, allowing them to bypass state insurance equality laws).

Sticking your heads in the sand and wishing for a better day for the Chiropractic Profession will not work, and letting Mikey do all the work will not be good enough this time.

For the last 32 plus years I have observed the few giving most of the effort on behalf of the profession, going to meetings, writing letters, making phone calls on a daily basis. You can bet that your future is being decided on, but by whom: friends or enemies?

The PT's are moving into the traditional turf of the DC and are included automatically in all versions of health care, while the DC has to struggle to be mentioned (keep in mind that PT's are part of the status Quo medical field and are licensed under state medical boards).

In 1987 there was a pharmacology and surgery program with Delta Gier, Phd (x7) in Kansas City, Mo that I brought to the attention of the Bush (41) White House and the DOD, with the goal of getting DC's commissioned as medical officers in various branches of the military.

What happened? President G.H. Bush (41) directed the DOD to commission DC's as medical officers, but after testimony by several chiropractic colleges and the ACA and ICA, they never

followed through with teaching the required pharmacology and surgery programs and lost this opportunity while the door was open.

Every year a new bill is authored and introduced to direct / force the director of the DOD to place DC's into the military, which always fails because the DOD wants basic general practitioner skills and they already have MD's, DO's and PT's able to perform manipulations and therapies (prior to 1987-89 if anyone performed manipulation while on active duty they would be discharged, regardless of who did the manipulation). But when Bush (41) gave the colleges the opportunity to realize this goal with a few curriculum changes, they failed to follow through.

Now, it is a big thing to have manipulation being performed on our service men and women, but who is going to get this privilege? You can see right now the push for the Doctor of Physical Therapy and Osteopaths to be the only ones doing this in the military. I know you are wondering, what about the contract DC program? That was all that could be salvaged from this effort, and it only employs a handful of non-commissioned DC's. The ACA and ICA and chiropractic colleges did nothing to help out.

After conference calls with several college presidents at a time we mentioned that a Chiropractic Medical Program be offered, but instead they started offering Doctor of Acupuncture / OMD and Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine programs, which I suggested they try if they were hesitant to implement a full Medical program (I noticed that National College is starting a Chiropractic Medicine program at St. Petersburg College in Pinellas County, Florida).

This article is to demonstrate what can be done if only you try; I merely asked what it would take to get DC's into the military, and this could have happened if only the DC's had not messed it up: it was not anyone else's fault.

A personal story from 1980 in Oklahoma: the Governor had a problem with some DC's, and it happened that I had a mutual friend of the Governor. He asked me for my help and I came up with a solution that worked out. I was then asked if there was anything they could do for me, and after some thought, I said yes, give me an injection law, which I wrote on a napkin.

Months later I received a phone call in the middle of the night to let me know that my law would be signed into effect next Monday.

I hope that you can conclude from this that laws which benefit the DC's can be brought about by many different means, with the right motive at the right time. Each DC can be a wealth of ideas and power if motivated in the right direction; don't just sit back and let others do all of the

work. Is it not time for each DC to take a hand in our future in Washington and get your patients involved too?

Now get busy and work for your position in health care so that you can live with the results now and in the near future! The theme that I would like the readers to walk away with is that I asked what it would take to be included, rather than making demands. I believe asking to be included now in healthcare reform by the DC's and their patients should be done ASAP; here are some web sites that can be used for comments: www.chirovoice.org, www.adjustthevote.org, Amy Hardin (Executive Director of COCSA) 316-613-3386, fax 316-633-4455, two White House sites: www.healthreform.gov, www.change.gov

Contact your Chiropractic Colleges, Alumni, politicians, state associations and insist that they get busy in securing a meaningful position in healthcare by us and not our enemies. DC's, what are you going to do today? I hope you choose action. There is very little time remaining for our voices to be heard!

Our Shrinking Chiropractic Box

Dynamic Chiropractic, Vol. 27, Issue 7, by James Winterstein, DC

Yesterday I received an advertisement from Dr. Louis Sportelli that promoted the "American Academy of Manipulative Therapy" and its Spinal Manipulation Institute Newsletter. James Dunning, DPT (along with a string of other designations) is listed as "institute faculty." This is all about teaching people how to learn spinal manipulation, specifically the "high-velocity, low-amplitude thrust manipulation," as they call it. If you review the organization's Web site (www.spinalmanipulation.org), you will see that what they are teaching looks very much like what we teach and practice.

This is just one of many examples of how others who called spinal manipulation "quackery" just a few decades ago have now become the "originators" of this form of therapy. From every quarter, people outside the chiropractic profession are learning how to use spinal manipulation. How does the chiropractic profession respond? With the same answers and methods used by the allopathic profession when it tried to "contain and eliminate the chiropractic profession," namely, "Let's sue them and get legislation to stop them!"

Read the rest at: <http://tinyurl.com/d3oa5u>