Chiropractic

Chiropractic (from the Greek “cheir” + “praktikos” meaning “done by hand”) is based on the premise that the relationship between the vertebral column and the nervous system contributes to health.

According to the American Chiropractic Association, the chiropractic approach to healthcare is holistic, stressing the patient’s overall health and wellness. Chiropractors do not use drugs or surgery. Instead, they utilize natural therapies, including spinal manipulation. They also recommend lifestyle changes to their patients with regards to eating, exercise, and sleeping habits. When appropriate, chiropractors consult with and refer patients to other health practitioners. From a chiropractor’s perspective, health is a state of optimal well being, which encompasses much more than the absence of pain and disease.

Chiropractic Work

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are about 53,000 practicing chiropractors. Most chiropractors are in solo practice, although some are in group practice or work for other chiropractors. Opportunities for chiropractors are expected to increase due to an aging population, increased public acceptance, and the ability of patients to pay for services through public or private health insurance. Median annual earnings of salaried chiropractors were $62,220 in 2006. Self-employed chiropractors usually earn more than salaried chiropractors.

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