
ASRF collaborates with world organisations in response to the recent WFC publication.

Dear Member,

On 19 March 2020 the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) released a publication titled "The Effect of Spinal Adjustment/Manipulation on Immunity and the Immune System: A Rapid Review of Relevant Literature." This "rapid review" was rather nothing more than an opinion piece put together by the research committee of the WFC. In their haste they failed to define inclusion criteria, made unfounded assertions, and have therefore drawn flawed conclusions. The manner in which it was then published gave the reader a sense that there was absolutely no credible research that showed a connection between the chiropractic adjustment and immune function. This is not the view expressed by many of our members in chiropractic practice.

In response to the WFC publication, the Board of the Australian Spinal Research Foundation have joined with other groups around the world in undersigning a joint statement in response to the WFC. You can [read that response here](#).

The Australian Spinal Research Foundation is committed to facilitating research that gives us a clear understanding of subluxation. Never before has that been more important than now.

In the past we have focused on the fundraising and getting the right research done. We have realised in recent years that we need also to make sure that any chiropractic research published is accurate. We have always done this for our researchers but in recent times have found we have had to step in to shine light on possible questionable research done by others as well. As it stands we currently have an AHPRA investigation into research being done in Australia that was allegedly fraudulent. That investigation is ongoing and we eagerly await the results from (we are promised) a comprehensive investigation by the Chiropractic Board. Any further comment on this while being investigated would not be appropriate.

Yours,

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President, Australian Spinal Research Foundation
