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Chiropraktoren

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Foreword

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Introduction

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines chiropractic as a primary contact healthcare profession concerned with disorders of the neuromusculoskeletal system, particularly the spine, and the effect of these disorders on the function of the nervous system and on general health. Treatment encompasses a wide range of interventions, but emphasis is placed on manual methods of care.

The chiropractic profession has evolved in Europe and occupies an important position in both primary and secondary healthcare provision. It is therefore imperative that chiropractic services are delivered at the highest attainable level.

The principal objective of any standard for healthcare services ought to be that users of any given service can be confident of a level of care that assures reproducible quality throughout the profession. Clinical governance, the determination of monitoring healthcare provision and ensuring maintenance of standards therefore form one of the cornerstones of care.

This standard is concerned with the provision of chiropractic services. It aspires to set a standard that provides optimum levels of patient management, patient safety, clinical and cost effectiveness and ethical practice. It also defines a level of education consistent with producing chiropractors who are competent to comply with the standard. It is not intended to be a guideline, although information contained might inform the development of guidelines for individual nations and national organisations.

Finally, this standard encourages that services provided by chiropractors be subjected to regular review through an evidence-based approach and a commitment to supporting and acting upon clinical research.

This European Standard does not supersede national legislation.

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies requirements and recommendations for healthcare services provided by chiropractors.

2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

2.1 assessment

health professional's evaluation of a disease or condition based on the patient's subjective report of the symptoms and course of the illness or condition, along with the objective findings including examination, laboratory tests, diagnostic imaging, medical history and information reported by family members and other health professionals

2.2 audit

review and assessment of healthcare procedures and documentation for the purposes of comparing the quality of care provided with accepted standards

2.3 biopsychosocial model

model that refers to the interactions between biological, psychological and sociological factors

2.4 capacity

ability of a patient to understand, remember and consider information provided to them

2.5 care

interventions that are designed to improve health

2.6 case history

detailed account of a person's history which results from the acquisition of information through interview, questionnaires and assessment of appropriate medical records

2.7 chaperone

person who is present during a professional encounter between an health professional and a patient

EXAMPLE Family members or another member of the healthcare team.

2.8 chiropractic

health profession concerned with the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mechanical disorders of the musculoskeletal system, and the effects of these disorders on the function of the nervous system and general health

Note 1 to entry: There is an emphasis on manual treatments including spinal adjustment and other joint and soft-tissue manipulation.

Note 2 to entry: Taken from WFC Dictionary definition [11].

2.9 chiropractic institution

educational establishment dedicated to the provision of chiropractic education and training