

Diagnostic Imaging

The Council on Chiropractic Guidelines and Practice Parameters (CCGPP) formed a diagnostic imaging team who was asked to review the literature on the use of diagnostic imaging in chiropractic practice. The CCGPP website, www.ccgpp.org, states, "The literature on this topic is quite extensive. In 2007-8, a series of literature syntheses was published in the Journal of Manipulative and Physiologic Therapeutics on this topic." Essentially, instead of developing new guidelines the diagnostic imaging team in conjunction with CCGPP supported the existing papers on this topic.

Bussieres et al published evidence-based diagnostic imaging practice guidelines for chiropractors/primary care physicians focusing on appropriate use of conventional and advanced radiography/imaging for adult musculoskeletal disorders. In general, when used properly, guidelines are designed to avoid "unnecessary radiographs, increase examination precision, and decrease health care costs without compromising the quality of care"^{1,2}

Citations

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2. Bussieres AE, Taylor JA, Peterson C. Diagnostic imaging practice guidelines for musculoskeletal complaints in adults-an evidence-based approach-part 3: spinal disorders. *J Manipulative Physiol Ther.* Jan 2008;31(1):33-88.