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President's Report



This year marked meaningful progress on the mission of Clinical Compass: improving patient outcomes by advancing evidence-based care. We amplified our research pipeline, expanded student and faculty access to the Evidence Center, strengthened partnerships with national stakeholders, and modernized our internal operations to support sustainable growth.

Research and guidelines. We moved several high-impact projects forward. Our clinical practice guideline on chiropractic management of adults with cervicogenic and tension-type headache was submitted for publication. A systematic review on non-operative management of common shoulder conditions is underway. Companion reviews on older adults advanced in journal review, including an updated synthesis of adverse events following chiropractic care and a review of the efficacy of spinal manipulation for spine pain in older adults. We also advanced a consensus effort to define evidence-synthesis priorities that will guide the next several years of work. In parallel, we initiated CITADEL, a patient-safety guideline collaboration aligned with the WFC Global Patient Safety Initiative, to build shared language and learning systems for safety across settings.

Leadership and administration. Under Dr. Clint Daniels, the Scientific Commission delivered tangible step-ups in pace and rigor this year: tighter project management, clearer editorial standards, and proactive rapid-response work that is raising the quality bar across our portfolio. *Chiropractic and Manual Therapies* named our cost-effectiveness systematic review its 2024 Paper of the Year, and Dr. Ron Farabaugh actively promoted its findings across the profession, engaging state associations, payers, and policy stakeholders to translate evidence into practice and coverage conversations. On the operations side, we transitioned administrative support, welcoming Suzi Anderson with ChiroCongress as our new administrator and offering sincere thanks to Janet Jordan for nearly two decades of dedicated service; her steady leadership has been instrumental in advancing Clinical Compass.

Evidence Center access and NBCE collaboration. Our collaboration with the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) entered its first year with a shared focus on reaching chiropractic universities. We expanded complimentary Evidence Center access for students, faculty, and recent graduates, deployed institution-specific access codes, and began building a faculty toolkit with slide decks, classroom activities, and navigation guides that make course integration simple. The Evidence Center remains the hub for concise, high-value summaries across seventeen topic areas, refreshed twice per year with one-page updates for rapid translation. We submitted our FY2026 proposal to sustain access, complete the toolkit and related resources, and meet 2026 penetration goals across campuses, and we look forward to the possibility of continued NBCE support.

Partnerships and outreach. We are grateful to the NCMIC Foundation for renewing support this year. The second round of funding helps sustain Evidence Center updates, knowledge translation, and outreach to state associations. Our Speakers Bureau is still in the building phase, yet we delivered education at multiple conferences and continued rapid-response support to states and partners on coverage and safety topics. These engagements advance shared goals of safety, effectiveness, and responsible integration with the broader health system.

Thank you to our Executive Committee, Scientific Commission, ChiroCongress representatives, donors, and partners for another productive year. Your time, insight, and resources are the reason we can produce trustworthy evidence, make it easy to use, and stand beside the profession as we translate it into better care. Clinical Compass is well positioned for the next phase, with priorities to complete current reviews and guidelines, broaden engagement with university students and faculty, and promote best practices that enhance patient care.

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Biographies of Key Personnel



Scott Mooring, DC, CCSP, ICSC, FICC,
Executive Committee Chair

Dr. Mooring has been in private practice since graduating from Northwestern Health Sciences University in 2002. He is currently the Chair of the Clinical Compass Executive Board and has served on the Board of Director since 2015. He is a past President of the Minnesota Chiropractic Association, serving on the Board of Directors since 2011, has been part of the ACA House of Delegates since 2015, and currently serves as the Minnesota State Affiliate Representative. He is a clinical educator and has been teaching elective courses at Northwestern Health Sciences University since 2007. Since 2014, he has served as a Team Chiropractor with the University of Minnesota Athletic Medicine Department. He works international sporting events through the Federation of International Sports Chiropractor. His research interests include sport injuries, extremity conditions, and clinical practice guidelines.



David Paris, DC, MS,
Executive Committee Vice Chair

Dr. Paris is Chiropractic Section Chief at VA Northern California Healthcare System. He currently serves as Clinical Compass Vice Chair. He is a 2001 Palmer West College of Chiropractic graduate and obtained his MS in Neuroscience from Parker University. Previously he served as the ChiroCongress District 5 Delegate and on the VA Chiropractic Field Committee and Professional Standards Board. He currently serves as Chair of the California Board of Chiropractic Examiners, American Chiropractic Associations House of Delegates (Northern California Delegate), Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE) Academy of Site Team Visitors and the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) Board of Directors (District IV Director).



Clinton Daniels, DC, MS,
Scientific Commission Chair

Dr. Daniels is Chiropractic Director and Residency Director at VA Puget Sound Health Care System. He received a BS from Purdue University and his DC and MS degrees from Logan University. In 2014 Dr. Daniels was selected to the inaugural cohort of VA chiropractic residents and in 2015 joined the VA Puget Sound medical staff. He is Chair of the Clinical Compass Scientific Commission, Secretary for the Chiropractic Health Care section of the American Public Health Association, and the Research Coordinator for the VA Chiropractic Field Advisory Committee. He has served on the editorial board of several chiropractic journals and currently serves on the editorial board of BMC Complementary Medicine and

Therapies. He has authored greater than 50 publications on topics ranging from chiropractic integration into veteran and military facilities, postsurgical spine pain, suicide prevention, and chiropractic best practices.



Zachary Cupler, DC, MS,
Scientific Commission Board Representative

Dr. Cupler is a Chief of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at the Butler VA Health Care System, having joined staff in 2015. He received a BS from Juniata College, DC and MS degrees from Northeast College of Health Sciences, and an MS from the University of Pittsburgh. He leads the interdisciplinary Pain Management Team and provides chiropractic and acupuncture services for acute and chronic pain conditions. Dr. Cupler's research interest spans evaluation and management of acute and chronic pain conditions. His investigations include systematic and scoping reviews as well as retrospective observational cohorts. He has over 30 peer-reviewed publications, and he has served as a subject matter expert for national and multinational clinical practice guideline development for spine condition management. He was appointed as a Clinical Compass Scientific Commission Representative in 2024.



Dean Smith, DC, PhD,
Scientific Commission Board Representative

Dr. Smith is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Kinesiology, Nutrition, and Health at Miami University and a chiropractor in Eaton, Ohio. He is a graduate of National University of Health Sciences graduate and holds a MS in exercise science, and a PhD in brain and cognitive science. His research interests focus on how chiropractic and exercise affect perception and human performance. Dr. Smith is the founder and host of Chiropractic Science – a podcast dedicated to publicizing chiropractic research through interviews with leading chiropractic scientists. He was named American Chiropractic Association Chiropractic Researcher of the Year in 2018. He was appointed a Clinical Compass Scientific Commission Representative in 2024.



Louis Crivelli, DC, MS, FICC,
Executive Committee Immediate Past Chair

Dr. Crivelli received his DC from the National University of Health Sciences. Dr. Crivelli is the Director of Chiropractic for APT Healthcare, a multidisciplinary company with over 60 locations in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington DC. He is a co-author on the most recent clinical practice guidelines on Neck Pain, Low Back Pain, Chronic Pain, and Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. He began his work with the Clinical Compass in 2015 serving as the District 1 Representative. He is a former President, Board Chair, and current First Vice President of the Maryland Chiropractic Association and was voted Chiropractor of the Year (2016, 2018, 2019). Dr. Crivelli is the longtime Maryland delegate for the American Chiropractic Association and a member of the ACA Legislative Committee. He is also the developer, chief instructor, and coordinator of the Maryland Chiropractic Association's Chiropractic Assistant program. He also serves on the Research Workgroup for the Chiropractic Strategic Plan and is a lifetime Fellow of the International College of Chiropractors, a member of the North American Spine Society, and American Public Health Association.



Suzi Anderson,
Clinical Compass Administrator

Suzi graduated from Oregon State University, with a BS in Biology. After 10 years of sales and sales management, Suzi traded in her briefcase for a diaper bag and raised two incredible kids. She embarked on her journey with nonprofit organizations in 2011. In 2020, she joined ChiroCongress, where she brought expertise in administrative support and oversaw the planning and execution of their annual convention. In addition, Suzi manages Bullfrog Laser, alongside her husband, Rob. Bullfrog Laser is a business specializing in custom laser engraving and sales of promotional products. A lifelong Oregonian, Suzi is passionate about travel, golf, and finding unique locations to enjoy a game of cribbage with Rob. Her multifaceted career and diverse interests underscore her dedication to professional excellence and personal enrichment.

Who is Clinical Compass?

Background:

Clinical Compass is a 501c3 nonprofit, apolitical, evidence-synthesis think tank. We conduct a variety of systematic literature reviews, develop best practice recommendations, maintain a resource Evidence Center that highlights research relevant to chiropractic stakeholders, and provide rapid response letters to the editor to combat inappropriate and misplaced criticisms against the chiropractic profession and interventions used by chiropractors.

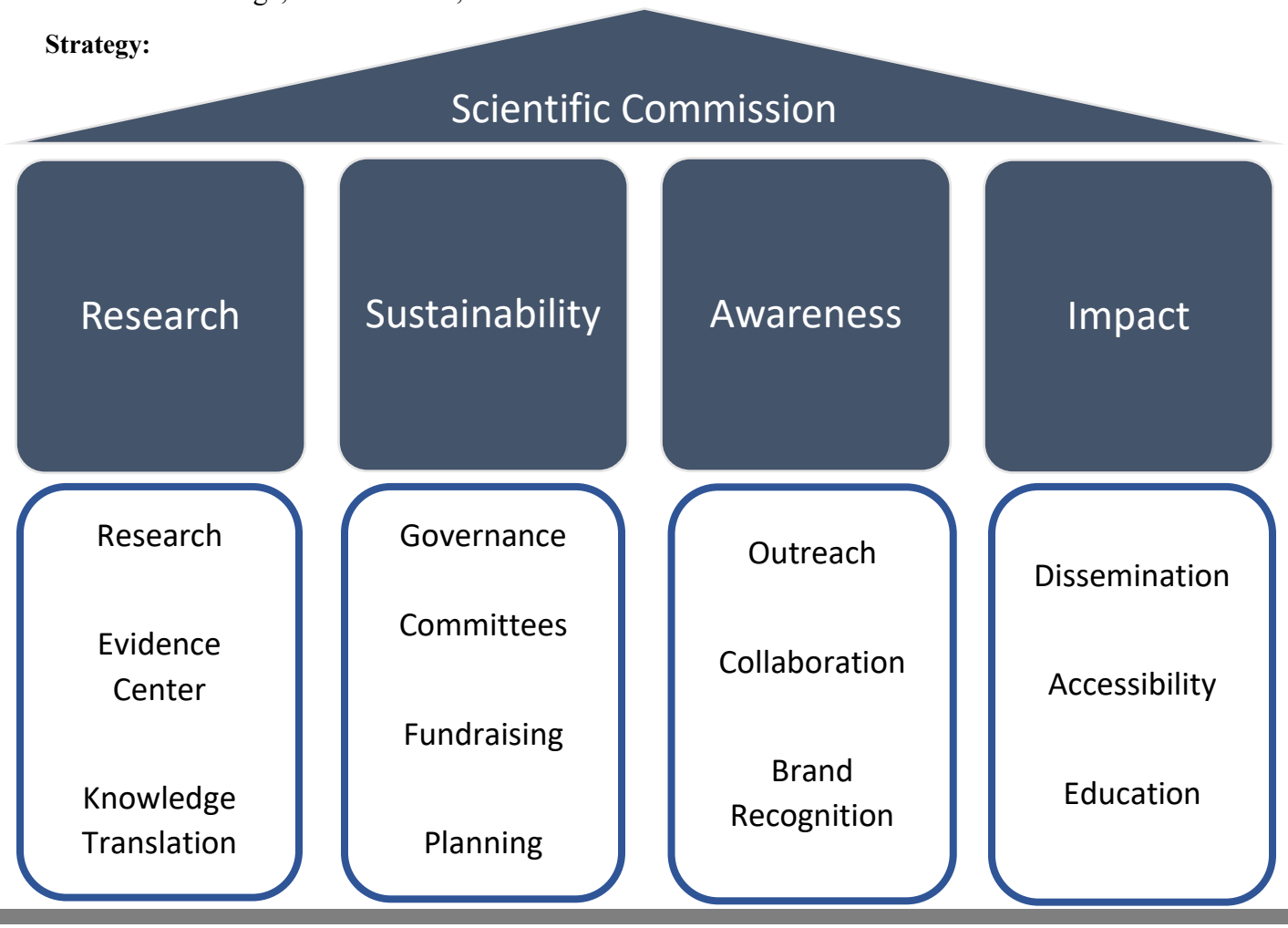
Originally known as Council on Chiropractic Guidelines and Practice Parameters (CCGPP), Clinical Compass was formed in 1995 through efforts of ChiroCongress (formerly Congress of Chiropractic State Associations) as a pathway to equip the profession with evidence to engage in discussions with payers, legislators, and other stakeholders on matters relevant to chiropractic. To date, literature generated by Clinical Compass has primarily been utilized by national and state chiropractic associations for practicing chiropractors. Clinical Compass is an established leader in the chiropractic scientific community and is dedicated to supporting the profession through adherence and reliance on evidence and interprofessional collaboration. Some of our long-standing partners include the NCMIC Foundation Inc., ChiroCongress, the American Chiropractic Association, the American Public Health Association, Chiropractic Future, the Association of Chiropractic Colleges, and numerous state associations.

Mission: To improve patient outcomes by advancing evidence-based care.

Vision: Transforming healthcare through knowledge translation.

Values: Knowledge, Collaboration, Justice

Strategy:



Clinical Compass Publications (last five years)



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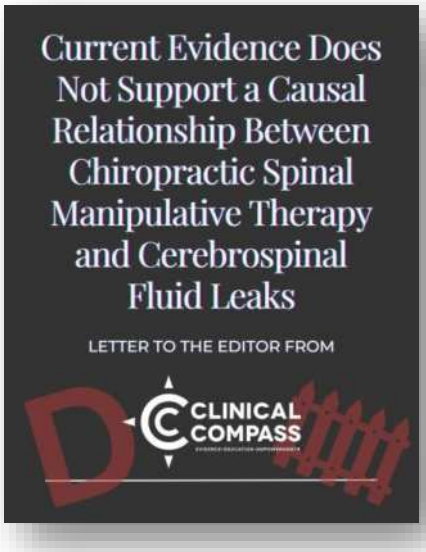
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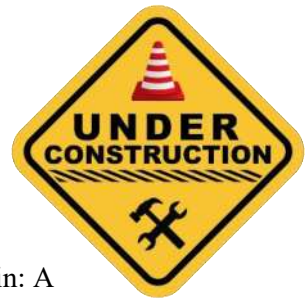
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Projects in planning

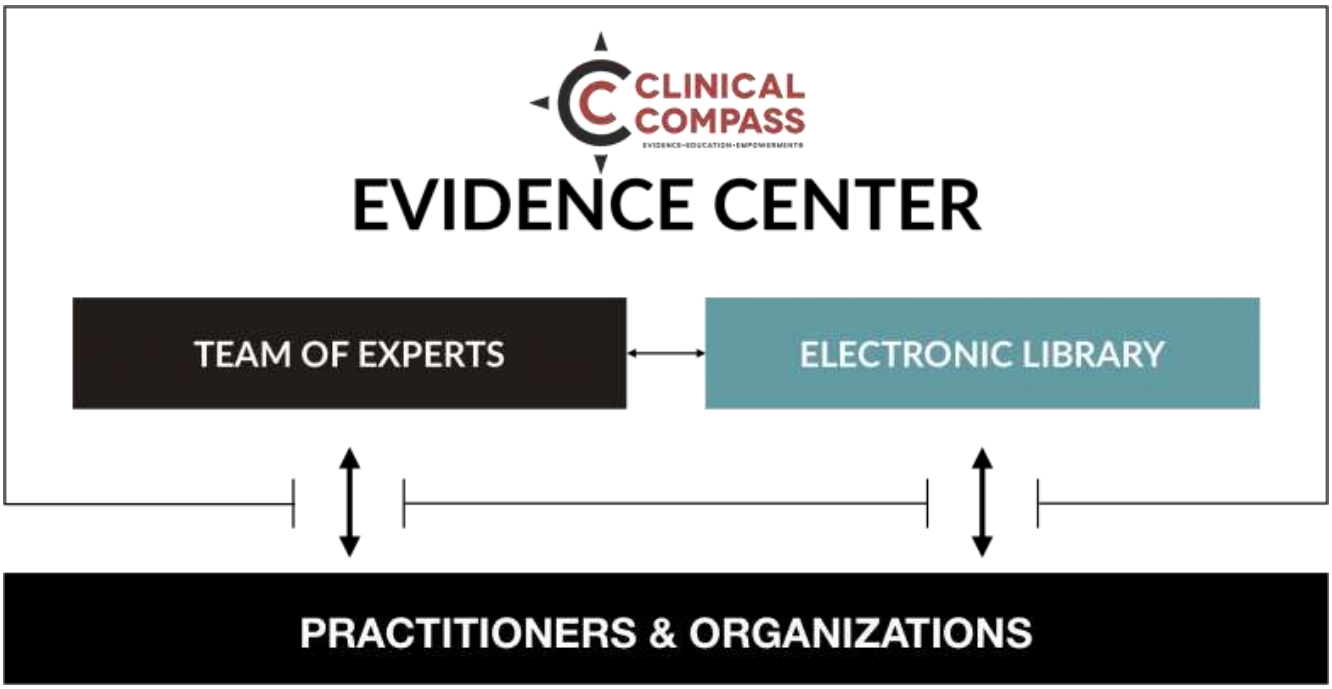
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Evidence Center



The Florida Chiropractic Association (FCA) and National Board of Chiropractic Examiners are significant financial contributors to Clinical Compass. In a multi-year financial partnership, FCA has generously sponsored our Evidence Center, and NBCE is supporting awareness and distribution of the Evidence Center to chiropractic programs. The Evidence Center is updated twice a year with the latest research to equip individual chiropractic members and state association members. In the Evidence Center, up-to-date research is available in 17 different health care topics relevant to chiropractic clinicians:

1. Low Back Pain
2. Neck Pain
3. Lower Extremity
4. Upper Extremity
5. Safety and Adverse Events
6. Non-Musculoskeletal Conditions
7. Integrative Care
8. Wellness, Prevention, and Health Promotion
9. Headaches
10. Pregnancy and Labor
11. Pediatrics
12. Geriatrics
13. Soft Tissue Care
14. Diagnostic Imaging
15. Cost Effectiveness
16. Opioids
17. Dry Needling

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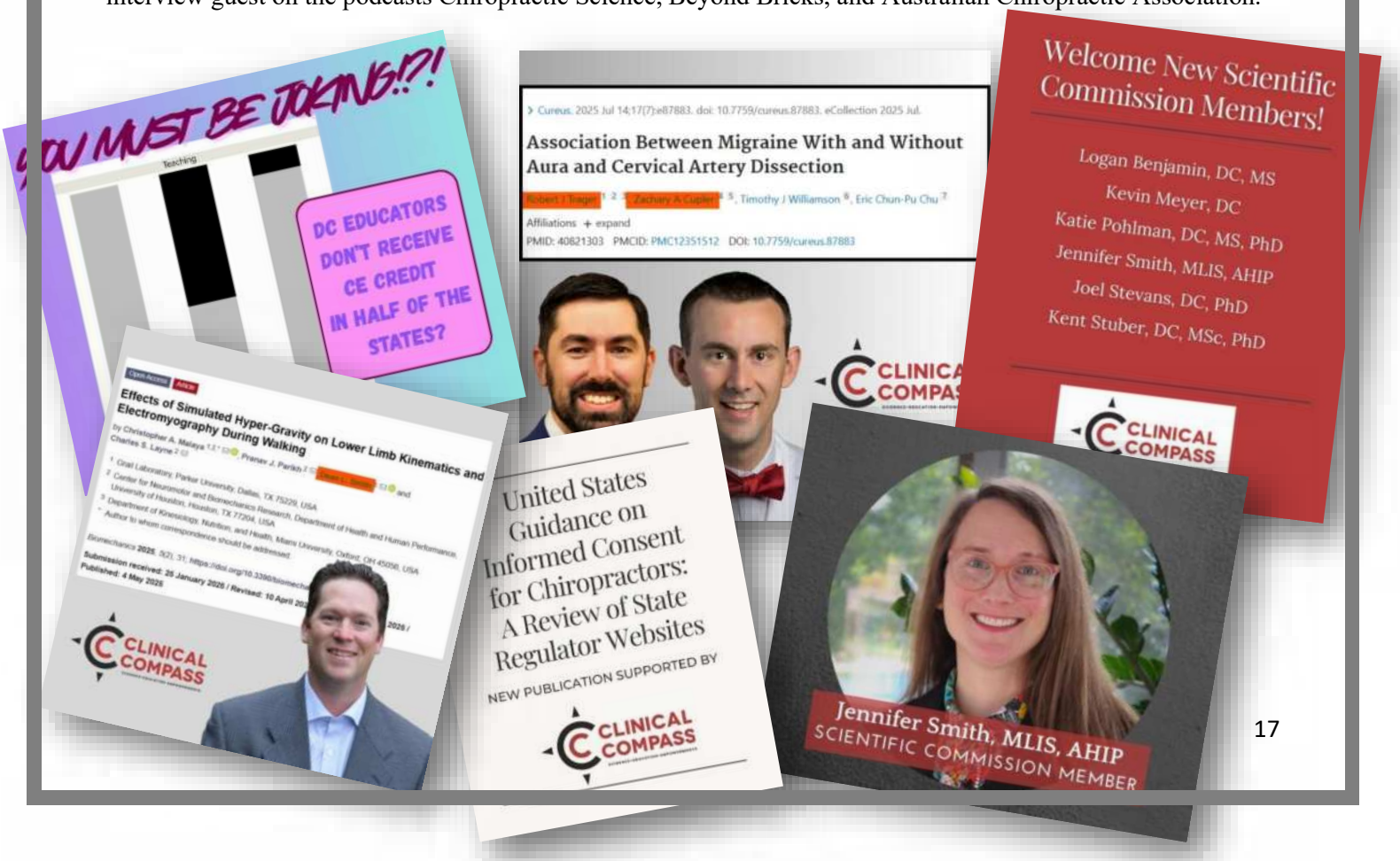
Clinical Compass is a proud contributor to the Chiropractic Educators Research Forum (CERF), the Chiropractic Academy of Research Leadership (CARL), Chiropractic Futures, and other efforts to provide scholarship funding for trainees engaged in research and academic pursuits.

We have forged strong relationships with many professional chiropractic stakeholder groups including:

- American Black Chiropractic Association
- American Chiropractic Association
- American Public Health Association – Chiropractic Health Care section
- Canadian Chiropractic Guideline Initiative
- ChiroCongress
- Chiropractic Future
- Cleveland University – Kansas City
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- Motion Palpation Institute
- National Association of Chiropractic Attorneys
- National Board of Chiropractic Examiners
- Parker University
- Process of Integrating Evidence Conference
- World Federation of Chiropractic
- Women in Chiropractic
- State Associations

Social Media and Outreach

In 2025, Clinical Compass continued to grow its media footprint with focused efforts on two platforms: LinkedIn and Facebook. With this messaging, we target chiropractic clinicians, students, academicians, and researchers. Since the 2024 annual report, our LinkedIn followers have grown by **33%** to 942 and our Facebook followers have grown by **7%** to 1,114. We have also been featured in articles in the World Federation of Chiropractic Quarterly Report, Dynamic Chiropractic, American Chiropractic Association blog, and served as interview guest on the podcasts Chiropractic Science, Beyond Bricks, and Australian Chiropractic Association.



Dedication to Service

Clinical Compass is focused on serving our state association partners through providing continuing education content and special advisory or advocacy projects as well as literature reviews. If you or your state association requires advisory or advocacy support please contact admin@clinicalcompass.org.

Here are a few recent occasions where we have provided expertise and support to state associations and stakeholders:

- Provided expert assistance to *Virginia Chiropractic Association* as it advocated for Aetna Insurance to provider chiropractic coverage for the pediatric population
- Clinical Compass Scientific Commission chair testified to the Oregon Health Evidence Review Commission. The testimony was instrumental in Oregon chiropractors being granted coverage of chiropractic services to manage headache cases.
- Collated a list of key literature to supporting chiropractic services was provided to aid a *Kansas Chiropractic Association* board action.

Compass Speakers Bureau

Clinical Compass has developed multiple presentations focused on best practices and are excited to partner with states to share the evidence with their memberships. Please reach out to arrange, admin@clinicalcompass.org.

State association presentations in the past year include Arizona, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, West Virginia







Ronald Farabaugh
Ohio Bureau of workers compensation 2025 medical and health symposium



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International Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health -- Seattle



Jordan Gliedt, Michael Schneider, Clinton Daniels, Ronald Farabaugh
WFC Biennial Conference – Copenhagen, Denmark



Kent Stuber, Alec Schielke, Stacie Salsbury, Michele Maiers, Morgan Price
Parker Seminar -- Miami

Award Winning Professional Service

Now accessed more than 21,000 times, the 2024 Clinical Compass systematic review on cost of chiropractic services was voted article of the year by the Chiropractic and Manual Therapies editorial board.



Michael Schneider, DC, PhD
2024 ACA Academician of the Year



Michele Maiers, DC, MPH, PhD
2024 George P. and Jerome F. McAndrews Memorial Research Fund Award





David Paris, DC, MS
2024 ACA Delegate of the Year



Alec Schielke, DC, and team
Abstracts for Clinical Evidence – Parker Seminar, 2nd Place

Zachary Cupler, DC, MS
Fellow of the American College of Chiropractors



Katie Pohlman DC, PhD, Stacie Salsbury, RN, PhD
NCMIC-JMPT Research Award

NCMIC-JMPT Research Award (US$6,250)

Patient safety culture research within the chiropractic profession: a scoping review

Debbie Wright, Maranda Kleppe, Brian Coleman, Martha Funabashi, Amy Ferguson, Richard Brown, Sidney Rubinstein, Katherine A Pohlman, Stacie Salsbury

Michele Maiers, DC, MPH, PhD
NCMIC New Investigator Award

NCMIC New Investigator Award (US$3,000)

Evaluation of National Musculoskeletal Health Policies in the United Kingdom: A Policy Analysis.

Faye Deane, Michelle Maiers, Daniel Moore, Paul Chesterton, Ryan Cormac, Amelia Lake, Denis Martin

Scientific Commission Research Emeritus

In 2025, the Executive Board approved a proposal to recognize individuals for making substantial contributions to the Clinical Commission Scientific Commission. In recognition and appreciation of years of service to Clinical Compass and the chiropractic research community, the first cohort of individuals was honored with the Scientific Commission Emeritus Award.



Jeffrey Cates, DC, MS
Private Practice



Cheryl Hawk, DC, PhD, LMT
Texas Chiropractic College



Dana Lawrence, DC, MMedEd, MA
Parker University



Michael Schneider, DC, PhD
University of Pittsburgh

Voices from the Profession

"Chiropractic has been in a battle for survival, recognition, acceptance and parity for 130 years. We have gone through difficult times when legislation was necessary for licensure and stability. The profession has had its share of litigation to uncover activity designed to contain and eliminate the profession, as well as to exclude equal reimbursement. Today, in the era of 2025 and beyond, it is credible research which provides the foundation for building a "clinical compass" without which we lose our direction.

The profession has been attaining the "cultural authority" that for decades we aspired to achieve. Without a research culture, we fall short as a profession, and only through the continued support of research, will the profession ever achieve parity. Clinical Compass has been a driving force in our research efforts, and the NCMIC Research Foundation is supportive of their goals."

Dr. Louis Sportelli
President -- NCMIC Foundation

Dr. Reed Phillips
Executive Director -- NCMIC Foundation

"With Clinical Compass, we're investing in a future where healthcare decisions are powered by evidence. Our support ensures that clinicians have the tools they need to provide the best possible care, every time."

Dr. Norman Ouzts
CEO – National Board of Chiropractic Examiners

"Research is the currency of any health profession but it only works when there is consistent application into clinical practice in an evidence-based, people-centered environment. Clinical Compass supports chiropractors in navigating the evolving landscape of scientific evidence, translating it into accessible, practical guidance and applying it with confidence to optimize patient care."

Professor Richard Brown
Former Secretary General – World Federation of Chiropractic

"Clinical research walks a path of hope—to tirelessly seek answers so that others may find a better tomorrow. Dedication today writes the success stories of the future. Clinical Compass is to be supported by all in the profession"

Dr. Leo Bronston
Former President – American Chiropractic Association

Í have been reference the work of Clinical Compass for at least the past decade, and am honored to have participated in the Delphi process that helped develop some of the guidelines. When I lecture on chiropractic, I always reference Clinical Compass papers or at least their conclusions. The quality gives chiropractors a great benchmark for those interested in evidence based practice."

Dr. Rob Leach
Chair – American Public Health Association

"As a leader, educator, and practitioner, Clinical Compass is one of my favorite resources. In a rapidly evolving healthcare landscape, staying current with the latest research and best practices is essential for practitioners. One of the most valuable aspects of Clinical Compass is the empowerment of chiropractors with the tools, education, and support needed to provide the highest standard of care and the enhancement of patient outcomes."

Dr. Kris Petrocco-Napuli
President – Activator Inc.

"Clinical Compass serves a critical role in advancing the chiropractic profession. In a healthcare environment that increasingly values conservative approaches, their commitment to science and research fosters broader acceptance and utilization of chiropractic care. Their work supports me in private practice, strengthens my teaching at MPI, and benefits our profession as a whole. I am grateful for their dedication and contributions."

Dr. Mark King
President – Motion Palpation Institute

"Through the postgraduate coursework I teach, my lifelong mission has been to read, distill, and share meaningful research that both improves patient outcomes and elevates chiropractic.

Clinical Compass serves as a steward of the chiropractic evidence base by curating, clarifying, and catalyzing the research that guides our profession. By translating complex data into clear, evidence-informed recommendations, Clinical Compass equips doctors of chiropractic to provide the safest and most effective care.

Their work not only advances patient outcomes, but also elevates professional standards and ensures that chiropractic remains firmly anchored in science."

Dr. James Demetrious
Founder and CEO – PostGradDC

"Clinical Compass played an integral role in demonstrating the safety and efficacy of chiropractic care through rigorously vetted scientific evidence and expert testimony. Their team's responsiveness and dedication to clarity strengthened informed *decision-making and ultimately led to service in the best interest of the public."*

Dr. Lisa Kouzes
Vice President – Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards

"Clinical Compass provides chiropractors, patients, and other professions with the information necessary to establish the value of what we do as chiropractors. Clinical Compass is invaluable to our profession."

"As an educator, doctor, and influencer - the tools that Clinical Compass has developed are invaluable to my ability to teach the value of chiropractic."

Dr. Jeff Langmaid
Founder – The Evidence Based Chiropractor

"Clinical Compass provides up-to-date information on the clinical responsibilities of chiropractors. Their newest paper, "Best Practices for Chiropractic Management of Adult Patients with Mechanical Low Back Pain," contains evidence-based recommendations designed to assist you in practice.

It covers every aspect of patient care, from history-taking to proven interventions. I continually reference Clinical Compass recommendations within the ChiroUp software and during my continuing education presentations."

Dr. Brandon Steele
Founder – ChiroUp

"ChiroUp is exceptionally grateful for the Clinical Compass resources. Our team looks forward to new releases and updates since the information is always accurate and practical. Having access to this invaluable tool streamlines our work. And knowing the quality and dedication of the Clinical Compass team allows us to publish and practice with greater confidence.

Your team is essential in helping us empower DCs with knowledge and confidence, for improved clinical outcomes. The chiropractic profession is fortunate to have the benefits of learning from a trusted source of best practice protocols. You are moving the needle on our shared mission to advance our profession."

Dr. Tim Bertlesman
Founder – ChiroUp

"As an expert on compliance and documentation I rely heavily on the contributions made by Clinical Compass. When I need defensible, reliable support for my presentations, or when I work with a consulting client or an attorney, I know I can find the guidelines and resources I need.

They are my "brain trust" and I don't know what the chiropractic profession would do without the evidence-based material that Clinical Compass provides."

Dr. Evan Gwilliam
Clinical Director - PayDC



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Thank you from the Clinical Compass Board for a great 2025!