

Chapter Chir 4

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Chir 4.01 Authority. This chapter is adopted under authority in ss. 15.08 (5) (b), 227.014 and ch. 446, Stats., to interpret the statutory definition of chiropractic practice specified in s. 446.01 (2), Stats.

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Chir 4.02 Definitions. As used in this chapter, "chiropractic science" means that body of systematic and organized knowledge relating primarily to the identification, location, removal or reduction of any interference to nervous system integrity or nerve energy expression and the resulting change in biomechanical or physiological homeostasis. It is based on the major premise that disease or abnormal function may be caused by abnormal nerve impulse transmission or expression due to biochemical factors, compression, traction, pressure or irritation upon nerves as a result of bony segments, especially of the spine or contiguous structures, either deviating from normal juxtaposition or function which irritates nerves, their receptors or effectors.

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Chir 4.03 Practice. The practice of chiropractic is the application of chiropractic science in the adjustment of the spinal column, skeletal articulations and adjacent tissue which includes diagnosis and analysis to determine the existence of spinal subluxations and associated nerve energy expression and the use of procedures and instruments preparatory and complementary to treatment of the spinal column, skeletal articulations and adjacent tissue. Diagnosis and analysis may include physical examination, specimen analysis, drawing of blood, blood-analysis and the use of x-ray and other instruments.

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Chir 4.04 X-ray. (1) X-ray may be used only for diagnostic or analytical purposes in the practice of chiropractic.

(2) A chiropractor may not use the following forms of x-ray:

(a) X-ray procedures that require introduction of drugs, clinical dyes or radioactive substances;

(b) Therapeutic x-ray.

(3) A chiropractor may employ a technician to operate x-ray equipment only upon submitting proof satisfactory to the board that the technician has successfully completed a course of instruction approved by the board. Any technician employed may work only under the general supervision and direction of a licensee.

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Chir 4.05 Prohibited practice. (1) SCOPE OF PRACTICE. A person who holds a license to practice chiropractic may engage in the practice of chi-

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ropractic, as described in s. Chir 4.03. A license to practice chiropractic does not authorize the license holder to engage in practice beyond the scope of chiropractic practice, as described in s. Chir 4.03. Practice beyond the scope of chiropractic includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(a) Obstetrics and abortions, except nothing in this paragraph may be construed to prevent the practice of chiropractic as described in s. Chir 4.03 during a patient's pregnancy;

(b) Invasive procedures, such as:

1. Surgery;
2. Subcutaneous administration of substances; or
3. Acupuncture by needle insertion or laser application;

(c) Colonic irrigation; or

(d) The prescribing, dispensing, delivery or administration of drugs as defined in s. 450.01 (10), Stats., except nothing in this paragraph may be construed to prevent the sale of vitamins, herbs or nutritional supplements.

(2) **TECHNIQUES, ANCILLARY PROCEDURES OR INSTRUMENTS.** The use of techniques, ancillary procedures or instruments which are unsafe or ineffective, including but not limited to the following or their substantially similar counterparts, are prohibited in the practice of chiropractic:

(a) Acuclips;

(b) Pfeiffer technique, and

(c) Hair analysis if it is used as the only determinant for recommending chiropractic treatment or nutritional supplementation.

(d) Therapeutic ultrasound and galvanic therapy may be used by a licensee only if:

1. The licensee has completed the physiologic therapeutics portion of the examinations of the national board of examiners; or,

2. The licensee has completed a course of instruction in therapeutic ultrasound and galvanic therapy approved by the board, submits proof of completion to the board and receives acknowledgement of submittal; and,

3. The use of therapeutic ultrasound and galvanic therapy is limited to neurological and musculoskeletal conditions that are amenable to treatment, are not contra-indicated, and are within the scope of chiropractic practice as described in s. 446.01 (2) (a) and (b), Stats.

Note: A list of courses of instruction in therapeutic ultrasound and galvanic therapy approved by the board is available upon request from the board office at 1400 East Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708.

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