

# Top 10 Chiropractic Research Studies

The best chiropractic studies all in one spot.



### Welcome!

Inside this report you will find a collection of the best chiropractic research studies ever produced.

Research, research, research.

Listen, we all know that chiropractic works. We see it everyday in practice. We see patients coming in to our practice with serious problems and walking out happier and healthier as a result of a chiropractic adjustment. So what do we need the research for?

Let me tell you a little {true} story.

I travel a lot to speak at chiropractic conferences. Often, I have the privilege of presenting the latest and greatest in chiropractic research.

Often, I review an array of award winning chiropractic papers.

- Chiropractic outperforming medications.
- Chiropractic outperforming injections.
- Chiropractic outperforming surgery.

And then it gets real. I ask, "How many of you (the chiropractors in attendance) have heard of this paper?"

Invariably in a room of 250 chiropractors a single hand may go up.

Yikes.

Now here's the thing. It's not their, or your fault. It's busy in practice!

But, how do we expect other health care providers, or even our patient's to

know about the wonders of chiropractic care (and the research supporting it) if we aren't keeping up with it ourselves?

Well, that is exactly why I created this report. Its a cheat-sheet to the top 10 Chiropractic research papers ever produced. This is information your patients, your prospects, and other health care providers in your community need to know.

Let's get started...

# JEFF LANGMAID

Chiropractor, Speaker, Author, Founder, Action-Taker

Hi! I'm Jeff- a chiropractor, writer, speaker, and all around tech-savy guy.

#### How did I get started?

My great-grandfather was a chiropractor in the 1920's, so I guess you could say that chiropractic is in my blood. But, just like those early pioneers in chiropractic that were exploring new ground; I believe we are at a new tipping point, a new crossroads, and have huge new opportunity in front of us.

#### Let's Change Some Lives...

So, with a ton of passion to help chiropractors grow, I founded The Evidence Based Chiropractor. Over the past few years I have been fortunate to impact thousands of chiropractors around the world. How? I take the best chiropractic research and put a complete marketing system behind it so that chiropractors can build referral relationships with other healthcare providers in their community.

It makes sense right?

But, I don't like to sit still. I was desperate to reach even more chiropractors and make an even bigger impact.

So I decided to start The Evidence Based Chiropractor Podcast (weekly research and marketing in the time it takes to get your office), The Evidence Based Chiropractor YouTube Channel (for, well you know...videos), The

Smart Chiropractor (research based social media marketing), and I wrote a book.

You can find me traveling, speaking at chiropractic conferences, attending tech events, creating chiropractic content, hanging out with my family, playing music, and surfing (at least whenever we get waves in Florida).

Thank you for reading and paying attention. Now, let's go make a ruckus,

Jeff

# Safety First

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#### Safety of Chiropractic Manipulation of the Cervical Spine

A Prospective National Survey

Haymo W. Thiel, DC, PhD,\* Jennifer E. Bolton, PhD,\* Sharon Docherty, PhD,\* and Jane C. Portlock, PhD†

19,722 Patients Over 50,000 Adjustments 0 Serious Adverse Events

## Stroke?

Eur Spine J (2008) 17 (Suppl 1): S176-S183 DOI 10.1007/s00586-008-0634-9



#### Risk of Vertebrobasilar Stroke and Chiropractic Care

Results of a Population-Based Case-Control and Case-Crossover Study

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9 year study

"We found no evidence of excess risk of VBA stroke associated chiropractic care to primary care."

### **Neck Pain**

IMMEDIATE CHANGES IN NECK PAIN INTENSITY
AND WIDESPREAD PRESSURE PAIN SENSITIVITY IN
PATIENTS WITH BILATERAL CHRONIC
MECHANICAL NECK PAIN: A RANDOMIZED
CONTROLLED TRIAL OF THORACIC THRUST
MANIPULATION VS NON—THRUST MOBILIZATION



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"...the most likely hypotheses for spinal thrust manipulation to act through the stimulation of descending inhibitory mechanisms..."

"...individuals who received thoracic thrust manipulation experienced significantly great reductions in neck pain as measuredly the Numerical Pain Rate Scale at the 1-week follow up."

# Nerve Root Injections

SYMPTOMATIC MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING—CONFIRMED LUMBAR DISK HERNIATION PATIENTS: A COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS PROSPECTIVE OBSERVATIONAL STUDY OF 2 AGE- AND SEX-MATCHED COHORTS TREATED WITH EITHER HIGH-VELOCITY, LOW-AMPLITUDE SPINAL MANIPULATIVE THERAPY OR IMAGING-GUIDED LUMBAR NERVE ROOT INJECTIONS

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"A systematic review of the literature done the next year concluded that spinal manipulation is a very safe and cost-effective option to treat lumbar disc herniation."

"Both of the treatment groups had significant decreases in their NRS scores at 1 month with a 60% reduction for the Spinal Manipulative Therapy cohort and a 53% reduction for the Nerve Root Injection group."

# PT or Chiropractic

Eur Spine J (2006) 15: 1070-1082 DOI 10.1007/s00586-005-0021-8

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Maruti Ram Gudavalli Jerrilyn A. Cambron Marion McGregor James Jedlicka Michael Keenum Alexander J. Ghanayem Ayinash G. Patwardhan A randomized clinical trial and subgroup analysis to compare flexion—distraction with active exercise for chronic low back pain

"...subjects randomly allocated to the flexion-distraction group had significantly greater relief from pain than those allocated to the exercise program."

"...a greater decrease in VAS among patients with radiculopathy should be expected for the flexion-distraction group where changes in disc pressure may be most important."

# Adding Chiropractic to Standard Medical Care



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RANDOMIZED TRIAL

#### Adding Chiropractic Manipulative Therapy to Standard Medical Care for Patients With Acute Low Back Pain

Results of a Pragmatic Randomized Comparative Effectiveness Study

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"There was a statistically and clinically significant benefit to those patients receiving chiropractic manipulative treatment..."

"73% of participants in the SMC plus CMT group rated their global improvement as pain completely gone, much better, or moderately better, compared with 17% in the SMC group."

# The Award Winning CHIRO Study





The Spine Journal 10 (2010) 1055-1064

2010 Outstanding Paper: Medical and Interventional Science

The Chiropractic Hospital-based Interventions Research Outcomes (CHIRO) Study: a randomized controlled trial on the effectiveness of clinical practice guidelines in the medical and chiropractic management of patients with acute mechanical low back pain

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2010 Outstanding Paper: Medical and Interventional Science

"The evidence-based care group demonstrated significantly greater improvements in reported function through 6 months follow up."

"The results of this study demonstrated that in equivalent groups of patients with Acute Low Back Pain of less than 4 weeks duration, carefully controlled and comprehensive clinical practice guideline based care was associated with greater improvement..."

"This study follows two previous studies conducted by our group that demonstrated that treatments commonly recommended by primary care physicians are often highly guideline discordant, and other studies have demonstrated that PCP's are highly resistant to changing their patters of practice for managing patients..."

"highly guideline discordant"

"highly resistant to change"

# NSAID's or Adjustments?



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RANDOMIZED TRIAL

# Spinal High-Velocity Low Amplitude Manipulation in Acute Nonspecific Low Back Pain

A Double-Blinded Randomized Controlled Trial in Comparison With Diclofenac and Placebo

Wolfgang J. von Heymann, Dr. Med,\* Patrick Schloemer, Dipl. Math,† Juergen Timm, Dr. RER, NAT, PhD,† and Bernd Muehlbauer, Dr. Med\*

"This is the first time that spinal manipulation was investigated in a doubleblinded randomized controlled design showing clear superiority compared with placebo and NSAID."

"HVLA manipulation can be recommended for the therapy of acute nonspecific LBP."

"Final evaluation showed manipulation being significantly better than NSAID and clinical superior to placebo."

### Maintenance Care



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#### RANDOMIZED TRIAL

# Does Maintained Spinal Manipulation Therapy for Chronic Nonspecific Low Back Pain Result in Better Long-Term Outcome?

Mohammed K. Senna, MD, and Shereen A. Machaly, MD

"Nonspecific LBP represents about 85% of LBP patients seen in primary care. About 10% will go on to develop chronic, disabling LBP."

"This study confirms previous reports showing the SM is an effective modality in chronic nonspecific LBP especially for short term effects."

"...as patients did benefit from the maintenance treatments, we believe that periodic patient visits permit proper evaluation, detection, and early treatment of an emerging problem, thus preventing future episodes of LBP."

# Referral Patterns of PCP's

### Referral patterns and attitudes of Primary Care Physicians towards chiropractors

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85% of reported patients inquired about chiropractic

75% patients request a chiropractic referral

25% PCP referred to a chiropractor

11% PCP initiates formal referral to chiropractor



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