

## A chiropractors perspective of “The Chiro Kids” (Weekend Australian 2-3 July 2011)

Reading and rereading the article “The Chiro Kids” raises the question: What has motivated Australia’s mainstream media to misrepresent Medicine in a dangerously positive way and Chiropractic in a negative way?

The health care Establishment, Medicine, government and the corporate media have for decades shared an informed collective silence about the **epidemic/pandemic** of harm arising from medical treatment as distinct from the patient’s disorder.

Public domain evidence of the epidemic/pandemic includes John Archer’s 1995 book, *Bad Medicine* which contains the guesstimate of 50,000 iatrogenic deaths and 750,000 permanent injuries per year in Australia<sup>i</sup>.

US researchers, including three MDs and a PhD portrayed the full picture of the entire spectrum of their iatrogenic epidemic. “The most stunning statistic, however, is that the total number of deaths caused by conventional medicine is an astounding 783,936 per year. It is now evident that the American medical system is the leading cause of death and injury in the US.”<sup>ii</sup>

According to the British Medical Journal: "Studies in Australia, Israel, the United Kingdom and elsewhere suggest levels of error and hazard in patient care that are no lower than in America."<sup>iii</sup>

Researchers use medicine’s own the medical literature to guesstimate rates of medical permanent harm or death because, internationally, **no governments collect and publish data about the entire extent of the full spectrum of iatrogenesis**. “Evidence based medicine” does not include accounting for the iatrogenic epidemic/pandemic.

My correspondence to various government departments established that no government department, including the Australian Bureau of Statistics accurately defines the number of victims of the total spectrum of iatrogenesis. The spokeswoman for the federal Minister for health echoed the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data suggesting **259** deaths a year. Prime Minister Rudd’s government inquiry into public health stated that there are **4550** in-hospital deaths due to medical mistakes in Australia annually, a difference of 1756.76% from the ABS figure of **259** deaths a year. Australia’s true total iatrogenic toll is unknown and unknowable.

If interpretations of the medical literature are close to being correct, over decades medical providers appear to have initiated an iatrogenic epidemic whose collective magnitude dwarfs all of the fatalities incurred by serving men and women in Australia’s defence forces in all of the wars in which Australia has been a combatant.

Unlike wars the iatrogenic epidemic is ongoing. Throughout those decades this leading source of death and permanent harm should have caused the health care Establishment, to adequately forewarn many thousands of potential victims of their impending peril. Instead they are a party to its concealment. **Think on that!**

Discovering the health care Establishment’s mutual complicity in that silence discredits the Establishment’s claim to the high ground of respectability and integrity.

Members of Australia’s chiropractic community received newsletters exposing that betrayal.

After experiencing failed medical treatment millions of patients subsequently sought chiropractic care for the same disorder and a majority of accepted patients shared satisfactory outcomes.

Validation that Medicine was not and Chiropractic was the appropriate management for their disorder stimulates patients to question why exclusive dealing by government effectively imposes inappropriate and potentially dangerous medical treatment while denying them direct access to Medicare funded chiropractic care.

Again patient newsletters have detailed the trade barriers that permit market capture of about half of Australia’s population and that this restraint of trade is motivated by protection of vested interests, not altruism.

Chiropractors share a duty of care to our patients to be informed about 1) the iatrogenic epidemic and the Establishment’s betrayal of past, present and future victims 2) the history of organised medicine’s trade war that spans

nations and generations, 3) that the trade war has a multibillion dollar motive and 4) that the health care Establishment is untrustworthy in matters chiropractic.

Hence informed chiropractors and our patients would see the article in the Weekend The Australian Newspaper for what it is, another example of prejudiced disinformation aimed at protecting medical turf.

Informed members of Australia's chiropractic community and The Australian newspaper can compare "The Chiro Kids" article to numerous aspects of the disinformation recommended in the Iowa Plan. That plan was the foundation of the US court proven conspiracy by US medical associations to first *contain* and to eventually eliminate the profession of chiropractic. The trade of Australia's chiropractic profession remains *contained* in the private health marketplace, denied in the public health marketplace.

Eliminating the chiropractic profession would have permitted market capture worth billions of dollars per year. The Australian newspaper has given credence to organised medicine's red herring motives for opposing chiropractic, while ignoring the obvious motive for restraint of trade; cynical massive economic gain.

Turning to who is involved in this article. Some years ago I heard a chiropractor from Canada discussing the Skeptics association with a chiropractor from the UK. The points that impressed me were:

- 1) members of the Skeptics association seem to have a media volume that may far exceed its membership.
- 2) Though pretending to be impartial their attacks on Chiropractic have served as an opportunity for media interviews with so called medical experts.
- 3) The media falsely portrays medical 'experts' as if they are qualified and trustworthy in matters chiropractic

Those chiropractors saw the skeptics as a multinational "spontaneous" unbiased front organisation who on close inspection serve as another weapon in organised medicine's century long trade war against Chiropractic.

A skeptic made a submission to Health Minister Nicola Roxon, calling on the Government to close a chiropractic paediatric clinic run by RMIT University in Melbourne, and raising concerns about the use of chiropractic in babies and children.

The Australian newspaper; March 18, 2011 cites various medical experts who concur with her concerns. "*Authorities such as cervical cancer vaccine inventor Ian Frazer, evidence-based medicines expert Chris del Mar and prominent clinician John Dwyer are among those who have backed the concerns.*"

- 1) Qualification. Staff at The Australian newspaper should be aware that expertise in cervical cancer vaccine or evidence-based medicine does not qualify that person to give an expert opinion about chiropractic.
- 2) Trustworthiness. The New Zealand Inquiry into chiropractic described medical opposition to chiropractic as being absolute, intense remorseless and unrelenting. Considering the financial stakes of the market share organised medicine is seeking to defend it would be a mistake to trust medical opinion on matters chiropractic unless proven otherwise.
- 3) Motive. 6 billion human spines share a potential to acquire subluxations, Medicine may treat the subluxation related symptoms while chiropractors locate and adjust the cause of the symptoms. Subluxation related disorders represent a multibillion dollar segment of the world's multitrillion dollar illness industry.

Chiropractic's potential financial cost to Medicine is well reflected in these two quotes from the book "Squandering Billions; health care in Canada". On page 213 "*Over 30 percent of all visits to general practitioners are for back and spine related problems*" And on page 235: "*When patients go to chiropractors, they rarely ever return to MD for back or spinal related problems, thus threatening income from one third of all medical visits.*"

Over a century ago the first chiropractic patient's *spinal related problem* was partial deafness. It serves Medicine's vested interests to confine the turf occupied by chiropractors. Hence, the implied criticism in the Chiro Kids article of chiropractors been involved in "a relatively new phenomena of venturing far beyond the simple relief of back pain".

A 100 page overview of research backed by some 500 references<sup>iv</sup>, implies that at times the following quoted symptoms/disorders may be spine related: Dysmenorrhea, numerous endocrine disorders, premenstrual syndrome, hot

flashes during menopause, hypertension. Others include cervicogenic headache, improved breathing, digestion, circulation, and resolution of tinnitus, asthma, shoulder symptoms, otitis media, irritable bowel syndrome, chronic constipation, multiple sclerosis, Bell's Palsy, hyperactivity, epilepsy, autism, recovery of visual field loss, temporomandibular joint dysfunction.

The Christian clergy, Medicine, government and the corporate media are all faith based institutions. Parishioners lost faith due to paedophilia. Millions of chiropractic patients have every right to lose faith as they discover the extent of the betrayal by the health care Establishment.

As usual I appreciate a constructive critique.

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*i Archer, John. Bad Medicine: How Safe Is Modern Medicine. Simon and Schuster Australia, East Roseville, NSW. 1995. P184*

*ii Le Magazine March 2004; As We See It, Dangerous Medicine [http://www.lef.org/magazine/mag2004/mar2004\\_aws\\_i\\_01.htm](http://www.lef.org/magazine/mag2004/mar2004_aws_i_01.htm)*

*iii Reducing errors in medicine, It's time to take this more seriously Donald M Berwick, and Lucian L Leape, BMJ. 1999 July 17; 319(7203): 136–137. British Medical Journal*

*iv <http://furiouspurpose.files.wordpress.com/2011/04/rosnerphd.do>*