



Guidance on Claims Made for the Chiropractic Vertebral Subluxation Complex

The chiropractic vertebral subluxation complex is an historical concept but it remains a theoretical model.

It is not supported by any clinical research evidence that would allow claims to be made that it is the cause of disease.

Chiropractors are reminded that:

- When **practising**, they must “select and apply appropriate evidence-based care which meets the preferences of the patient at that time.” (Standard C5. The Code: Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics for Chiropractors)
- When **advertising**, they must “use only honest, legal and verifiable information when publicising yourself as a chiropractor, advertising your work and/or your practice including on your website. The information must comply with all relevant regulatory standards.” (Standard B3. The Code: Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics for Chiropractors)

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