GCC Registrant Guidance

Claims made for the Chiropractic Vertebral Subluxation Complex

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Guidance on claims made for the Chiropractic Vertebral Subluxation Complex

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

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

3. 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 GCC 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 GCC Code: Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics for Chiropractors)

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