

Policy on Vaccination and Immunization
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The College of Chiropractors of British Columbia (CCBC) is a strong proponent of preventive health care and the protection of individuals from the serious consequences of infectious disease. The CCBC recognizes that immunization through the technique of vaccination is well-established and widely mandated in public health policy to protect individuals against infectious disease.

The prevention and treatment of infectious disease is not within the scope of chiropractic practice. Accordingly, British Columbia chiropractors must not provide any professional advice or counseling to patients in relation to vaccination issues. Patients with vaccination questions should be advised to contact their medical doctor or local public health officials.

As well, while functioning in a professional capacity, B.C. chiropractors should avoid expressing any personal opinion to patients or to the public about vaccination because any such statements may be misunderstood or misconstrued by the patient.

The CCBC recognizes and supports each individual's right to freedom of choice in health care and full disclosure of information related to such a choice. Each individual should responsibly evaluate and consider all public health information and medical advice including benefits and risks related to any proposed health intervention including immunization through vaccination.

As primary care practitioners, chiropractors play an important role in identifying disease, illness or injury conditions and directing their patients to the proper health care when the treatment required is not within the scope of chiropractic. When a pandemic threatens, B.C.'s chiropractors are fully prepared to support the public health authority response to the pandemic.

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