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Good Morning Doctor,

The Academy Board has sent a response to the CCGPP regarding their lower back guidelines. I would like you to go to the website ([www.dorthoacademy.com](http://www.dorthoacademy.com)) to review the letter. This work product was from our Membership and Marketing committee chaired by Dr. Wendy Varish. Thank you committee members! There is a link on the site for you to view the letter.

You will note on the website we have added more valuable information for the membership. A section on FAQ's is now available. The membership list has a high priority to be on the site. This project has had to take a back seat to the 2010 work that is going on at present. Other changes are in the works, again at present, lower down on the "to do" list.

By the time you read this letter, the Academy will be compiling its data for the Job Analysis, Tasks and Domains (JA, T&D) Delphi committee work. This project is spread among the Coalition groups for diversity of location, education and state governance. This includes not only the Academy, College, Council, but members of the Canadian College of Orthopedists and the Texas Council of Chiropractic Orthopedists. This is one of the large steps that need to be done first before we can move on to the remaining 2010 work projects.

The Academy has begun to make assignments for work on 22 other "must do" items to "polish" the 2010 document before this can go back to the 2010 Committee for further re-writes, additions and or changes. The basics and objectives of the Masters program (MSc: PM&R) will remain the same. Institutional interest is being generated. Discussions have taken place and currently are ongoing with the institutions about the mechanism that may be or is available for obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree. This is required before an application can be accepted for the Master's program.

A brochure has been designed by the Orthopedic Coalition for distribution to the membership, profession and other interested parties. This brochure gives an overview of each member organization of the group. You should know that there have been many cooperative efforts with the Coalition members to support and advance the specialty of Chiropractic Orthopedics. This brochure is now on the Academy website for your information. Currently it is being printed and is not ready for individual distribution.

National University of Health Sciences (NUHS) has informed the Academy that new graduate orthopedic classes are starting in the Boston area in September 2006. Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWHSU) has a class starting in September 2006. This is a healthy sign for the specialty. We have recently had discussions with another institution about starting classes. The Coalition is supporting this endeavor. Check the Academy website for exact location, dates and times of the upcoming classes. Please support these classes with your attendance. The hours qualify for re-certification with the Academy.

Re-credentialing remains strong, this is an avenue that can be used to demonstrate your scholarly pursuit of education and remaining current with information on diagnostic and patient care. To be re-credentialed can be important in the medical-legal areas as well as managed care.

For those of you going to the ACA convention or need some re-credentialing hours, the College of Forensics has classes on Medico-legal issues of staged accidents, the use of "black boxes" and other litigation issues. The dates are September 7-9, 2006. Contact the NUHS post-graduate department.

Much more going on, but like everything else we get -- less to read, more likely to do so. Dog days of summer . . .

P.S.: Diplomate examination slots at NWHSU are filling up, if you know of anyone interested, please have them contact the Academy. Review class at NWHSU is August 25-27. Website has the information.