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Good Morning Doctor,

You haven't been receiving the Academy monthly newsletter because there hasn't been anything going on - just the opposite. The Academy has been in "hyper speed!" I'll talk about some of the projects with you in this letter.

First, we are nearly at the half-way point for the Chairs of the respective PM&R sections to be completing their work for the Academy and the Coalition partners. These doctors have taken on a task that when completed, will mark the next step in the paradigm shift in education for the future chiropractic orthopedic specialist. If you recall from prior correspondence, there are three pathways for this advanced degree if you have a Bachelors Degree and a DC degree and your orthopedic Diplomate.

1. Residency - Two years, complete testing and Masters requirement.
2. Hybrid residency – Prior clinical experience before returning for a shortened residency.
3. Current Diplomate – Diplomate of the Academy of Chiropractic Orthopedists (DACO) or Diplomate American Board of Chiropractic Orthopedists (DABCO). The institutions will set the final parameters for the credit hours needed for the advanced degree. Any orthopedic Diplomate classes that start prior to 2010 will be included in this section.

The following doctors have been appointed PMR section Chairs:

**Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation:**

Raymond Nanko, DC, MD (FACO)

**Orthopedics:**

R. Ernest Cohn, DC, NMD, MD (FACO)

**Neurology:**

Ron Fudala, DC, DACN

**Radiology:**

Vinton Albers, DC, DACBR, FCCR (C), CCSP

**Spinal Manipulative Care: Spinal, Extremity, Soft Tissue adjusting and Mobilization.**

Thomas Bergmann, DC

**Subcategory: Manipulation Under Anesthesia**

Rob Francis DC, MA, University of Missouri

**Pediatric Orthopedics:**

Christopher Baker, PT, MS, Texas A&M University, DC, DACBN, MSPT, Texas State University – San Marcos. Current PhD student

**Geriatric Orthopedics:**

John Ventura DC, FACO

**Laboratory:**

Al Adams, DC, DABCN, MS, University of Bridgeport, MS, Ed, University of Southern California

**Pharmacology:**

Daniel Richardson, Msc, DN, PhD, DAANC, CNC

**Statistics:**

Jerry Grod, DC, FCCS(C), (MPH completion November 2007)

**Clinical Interdisciplinary Protocols:**

Jeff Berklich, DC, FACO, MPH Tulane University Occupational Health

**Compliance:**

Bryant Goldman, DC, CHC, CCEP

You can see that the Chairmen include respected clinicians and academicians. So far, the 2010 project has included doctors that are fulltime or associate faculty members of seven institutions. Currently, we are in conversations with one other institution that has expressed interest in helping this process. You will be kept up to date with the progress of this advanced degree process.

The orthopedic review class at Texas College of Chiropractic (TCC) has been finalized. Kudos to the Texas Council of Chiropractic Orthopedists (TCCO) for the preparation work for this class. Thanks to Drs. Bill Kowalski, Don Handley, Mark Bronson and Eric Handsell for their preparation work. Thanks to Drs. Ward Beecher and Wayne Hebert for their teaching the course. The program will be done in Word and PowerPoint. Those who attend will receive not only the notes, but a CD-Rom that will be a fantastic study aid for the Diplomate examination preparation. TCC will be submitting CEUs for Texas and other states. If you plan to attend the class on January 25-27, 2008 at TCC, please contact TCC Post-graduate right away so they can work with your state for the credits. The phone number is (281)-487-5656. The class is 24 hours. These hours qualify for Academy re-credentialing. Cost of the class is \$495. Here is an excellent chance for you to encourage a friend who has taken a prior examination, or has the class hours, but didn't sit for the examination. The examination is May 3, 2008 at TCC in Houston, Texas. Contact the Academy (515) 981-9654 for further information. Tell someone you know about the class and the examination.

Remember to mark your calendars for April 12-14 for the American College of Chiropractic Orthopedists (ACCO) Annual Convention. It is in San Diego this year. Contact the ACCO for further details ([www.accoweb.org](http://www.accoweb.org)).

Enjoy the fall colors!

I hope you like the new look of the e-letter. I would appreciate any comments. We are currently undergoing a web site change. Look for this change in the not too distant future.

*Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits.*

-Thomas A. Edison