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Chiropractic Expert Witness – Standard of Care | Documentation | Utilization Review | Scope of Practice

Niche Expertise: Evidence-Based Care | Trauma-Informed Care | Reimbursement & MRF Analysis | Telehealth Regulation

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Chiropractic physician, regulator, and consultant with more than 30 years of clinical experience and extensive adjudicatory leadership at the state regulatory level. Former Chair of the Arizona Board of Chiropractic Examiners with direct responsibility for the review and adjudication of hundreds of cases involving chiropractic standard of care, documentation adequacy, scope of practice, utilization review, and professional conduct.

Recognized nationally for contributions to evidence-based chiropractic guidelines, utilization review standards, and clinical documentation. Brings a regulator's perspective to expert witness work, with particular strength in objective analysis, record review, guideline application, and regulatory compliance. Experienced testifier in high-stakes legislative, regulatory, and administrative settings. Regular participant in formulating National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Board Examination content and calibration national board pass/fail benchmarks.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Core Expert Witness Domains

- Chiropractic Standard of Care (evaluation, treatment planning, frequency, reassessment, discharge)
- Clinical Documentation & Record Integrity (SOAP notes, EHR compliance, internal consistency)
- Utilization Review & Medical Necessity Analysis
- Scope of Practice & Regulatory Compliance

Niche & Specialized Expertise

- Evidence-Based Chiropractic Care & Guideline Interpretation
- Trauma-Informed Care in Chiropractic Practice and Regulation

- Telehealth Regulation/Scope Issue
 - Reimbursement Analysis, including Machine-Readable File (MRF) review and payment benchmarking
 - Quality Assurance, Peer Review, and Case Management
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REGULATORY & ADJUDICATORY EXPERIENCE

Arizona Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Board Member: 2019–2025

Chairman: 2021–2025

- Presided over and adjudicated hundreds of regulatory matters involving standard of care, documentation, scope of practice, utilization, and professional conduct
 - Evaluated expert testimony, clinical records, utilization data, and regulatory compliance
 - Authored and guided board decisions with direct licensure and disciplinary consequences
 - Led board deliberations involving emerging issues including trauma-informed care and evidence-based standards
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CLINICAL & PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Private Chiropractic Practice – Prescott, Arizona

1992–Present

- Comprehensive chiropractic care with emphasis on diagnosis, case management, documentation, and outcomes assessment
 - Extensive experience managing acute, chronic, and complex cases
 - Longstanding focus on compliant documentation and defensible utilization patterns
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GUIDELINES, QUALITY & EVIDENCE-BASED LEADERSHIP

Chiropractic Clinical Compass

Delphi Panel Participant (2020–Present) Contributor to multiple nationally published evidence-based practice guidelines

- Whalen WM, Farabaugh RJ, Hawk C, Minkalis AL, Lauretti WJ, Crivelli LS, Wyatt LH, Sheppard M, Walters SA. **Best-Practice Recommendations for Chiropractic Management of Patients With Neck Pain.** *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics.* 2019;42(9):635-650. doi:10.1016/j.jmpt.2019.08.001.

- Hawk C, Whalen W, Farabaugh RJ, Daniels CJ, Minkalis AL, Taylor DN, Anderson K, Crivelli LS, Clark M, Barlow E, Paris D, Sarnat R, Weeks J. **Best Practices for Chiropractic Management of Patients with Chronic Musculoskeletal Pain: A Clinical Practice Guideline.** *The Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine.* 2020;26(10):884-901. doi:10.1089/acm.2020.0181.
- Hawk C, Amarin-Woods L, Evans MW Jr, Whedon JM, Daniels CJ, Williams RD Jr, Parkin-Smith G, Taylor DN, Redwood D. **The Role of Chiropractic Care in Providing Health Promotion and Clinical Preventive Services for Adult Patients with Musculoskeletal Pain: A Clinical Practice Guideline.** *The Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine.* 2021;27(10):850-867. doi:10.1089/acm.2021.0184.
- Whalen WM, Hawk C, Farabaugh RJ, Daniels CJ, Taylor DN, Anderson KR, Crivelli LS, Anderson DR, Thomson LM, Sarnat RL. **Best Practices for Chiropractic Management of Adult Patients With Mechanical Low Back Pain: A Clinical Practice Guideline for Chiropractors in the United States.** *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics.* 2022;45(8):551-565. doi:10.1016/j.jmpt.2023.04.010.
- Whalen WM, Hawk C, Farabaugh RJ, Daniels CJ, Gorrell LM, Amarin-Woods L, Anderson KR, DeVocht J, Polson D, Whedon JM, Werner R, Sarnat RL. **Chiropractic Management of Adults with Cervicogenic or Tension-Type Headache: An Umbrella Review and Clinical Practice Guideline.** *Journal of Integrative and Complementary Medicine.* 2026. doi:10.1177/27683605251397769.

Council on Chiropractic Guidelines and Practice Parameters (CCGPP)
DIER Committee Chairman (2004–2005)

- Led national organizational efforts in guideline dissemination, implementation, evaluation, and revision
- Author, *CCGPP DIER Strategies White Paper*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & LEADERSHIP

- **National Board of Chiropractic Examiners** – State Delegate (2023–2025)
Part IV Examiner; Test Committees (2020–2025)
- **Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards** – Arizona Delegate (2020–2025)
Past Chair, Telehealth Committee; License Portability Committee
- **American Chiropractic Association** – Member (1990–Present)
State Delegate 2005-2006, Medicare Committee; Clinical Documentation Committee
- **Arizona Association of Chiropractic** – Past President (2005–2006)

UTILIZATION REVIEW & OVERSIGHT EXPERIENCE

- Physician Advisor, **Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG)** (2000–2002)
 - Arizona Department of Insurance – Managed Care Oversight Advisory Group (2002–2004)
 - Participation on multiple utilization review, peer review, and quality assurance committees
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TESTIMONY & HEARING EXPERIENCE

- Expert and professional testimony in multiple court jurisdictions
 - Testimony before Arizona House and Senate committees on healthcare and regulatory matters
 - Advisor testimony before state healthcare advisory bodies
 - Extensive experience responding to adversarial questioning in high-stress regulatory environments
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Chiropractic

Palmer College of Chiropractic West – San Jose, California

Graduated June 1992, *With Honors*

Palmer College Award for Clinical Excellence

Undergraduate Studies: Biology

Arizona State University

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMATES & CERTIFICATIONS

- Diplomate, American Board of Chiropractic Orthopedists (DABCO)
 - Diplomate, American Board of Quality Assurance and Utilization Review Physicians (DABQAURP)
 - Diplomate, American Board of Chiropractic Consultants (DABCC)
 - FMCSA Certified Medical Examiner (2008–2024)
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CONTINUING EDUCATION & SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- Trauma-Informed Care and Regulation
- Evidence-Based Practice & Guideline Development

- Chronic Pain Management
 - Med-Legal Case Management
 - Orthopedic Rehabilitation
 - Documentation Compliance & Case Management Instruction (AZ, CA, WA, GA, NV, TX)
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HONORS & RECOGNITION

- Arizona Association of Chiropractic – Chiropractor of the Year (2005, 2018)
 - Arizona Association of Chiropractic – Lifetime Achievement Award (2021)
 - City of Prescott – Award of Appreciation for Employee Health Protection (1997)
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COMMUNITY & BOARD SERVICE

- Prescott YMCA – Past Board President
 - Prescott Valley Community Center Initiative – President
 - Kiwanis Club of Prescott – Past Board of Directors
 - Service on more than twenty nonprofit and for-profit boards and advisory committees
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EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE (SUMMARY)

- Case review, expert opinion development, and testimony related to chiropractic standard of care, documentation, utilization, and scope of practice
- Regulatory, administrative, and legislative forums
- Experience level appropriate for retained expert, consulting expert, and regulatory expert roles.