
Letter to the Editor

In response to your editorial, "Information and Informatics," in the Fall 2002 issue of *The Journal of Chiropractic Education*, I am writing to bring to your attention a standard tool for searching the chiropractic literature. *The Index to Chiropractic Literature* comprehensively indexes over 30 chiropractic journals. Indexing of chiropractic journals from 1985 through 2002 is available on the Web, free of charge, at www.chiroindex.org. The *Index* is routinely used in chiropractic libraries in the United States, Canada, and elsewhere. For more information about the index, please contact the current editor, Ms. Phyllis Harvey, at the David D. Palmer Health Science Library, Palmer College of Chiropractic, 1000 Brady Street, Davenport, IA 52803.

The *Index* has an interesting history. As far back as 1979 a group of pioneering librarians from the chiropractic colleges recognized the need for a variety of tools to facilitate research of the chiropractic literature and formed a cooperative organization called CLIBCON (Chiropractic Library Consortium). In 1980 they published the first print issue of *The Index to Chiropractic Literature*. Their objective was to provide complete access to the contents of 15 significant English language chiropractic journals. The *Index* was distributed to the chiropractic colleges and used as a major research tool in the college libraries. It was sold to individuals for a nominal fee.

Since that time, the publication has more than doubled the number of journals indexed and has struggled with limited resources to become more sophisticated. Our users have seen its progress through Cumulative volumes and CD-ROM versions and are now enjoying the 1985–2002 Internet version.

I am pleased to report that the *Index* has recently received a grant from the Association of Chiropractic Colleges. Enhancements are made possible by this kind of support from the chiropractic community, and we anticipate some welcome upgrades.

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