**Additional file 1 - Survey questions and response options**

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| **Item** | **Question** | **Response option** |
|  | Legal information (n=2) |   |
| 1 | Is the practice of chiropractic legally recognized in your country? | Yes/no |
| 2 | Where there is no dedicated legislation, is the practice of chiropractic: | Lawful under common lawTechnically illegal but not enforced by criminal prosecutionExplicitly illegal and subject to prosecution |
|  | WITH legislation (n=) |  |
| 3 | In relation to the legal framework governing chiropractic, is it: | National/Federal legislation (i.e. covers the entire country)Regional/State/Provincial/Canton legislationA combination of national/federal legislation with regional/state/provincial/canton rules |
| 4 | Is the chiropractic legislation standalone (i.e. a dedicated Chiropractic Act)? | YesNo (legislation is incorporated into general provisions for health professionals) |
| 5 | In what year was legislation first passed? | integer |
| 6 | Please provide the website link/s to the legislation. | free text |
| 7 | Does the legislation contain provision to establish statutory regulator? | Yes/no |
| 8 | Does a statutory regulator exist to set standards? | Yes/no |
|  | What are the roles of the statutory regulator? | Maintain a statutory registerSet standards of ethics/conduct and proficiencySet standards of educationAccredit educational programsSet standards of continuing educationSet standards of healthAdminister fitness to practice (disciplinary and health) hearings and impose sanctions |
| 9 | Does the legal framework (legislation, rules, regulations, etc) permit direct access to chiropractors without medical referral? | Yes/no |
| 10 | Please list the regulatory body/bodies and provide their website links. | Free text |
| 11 | Are there regulations and/or rules under the legislation to provide for registration or licensure of chiropractors? | Yes, national/federal.Yes, state/provincial.NoIn progress |
| 12 | Under legislation, how many registered/ licensed chiropractors are there in your country? | integer |
| 13 | Does the legal framework contain provision for disciplinary/fitness to practise hearings? | Yes/no |
| 14 | Is practising without a license/without being registered an offence? | Yes, criminal offenceYes, civil offenceNo |
| 15 | Under the legal framework, what sanctions are available when a chiropractor has been found guilty of unacceptable professional conduct/serious professional misconduct? | WarningAdmonishmentWritten undertakingsConditions of practice orderSuspension from practiceRemoval from the register (striking off)Financial penalty/fineOther (please detail) |
|  | Scope of practice |  |
| 16 | Does the legislation include a definition of chiropractic? | NoYes |
| 17 | List relevant definition/s where possible in English. If English is not used in your legislation, please submit in your native language the definition used. | Free text |
| 18 | Is scope of practice defined in law or regulations? | YesNoAdditional information |
| 19 | Scope of practice: are chiropractors lawfully permitted to undertake the following activities: | Myofascial dry needling/acupunctureFood supplement prescriptionHerbal remedy prescriptionLaser therapyUltrasound/interferential/shockwave/other electrical therapy |
| 20 | Are prescribed acts included in the legislation? | Yes/no - please provide details |
| 21 | Does the legislation confer protection of title? *(E.g. provisions saying that only registered/ licensed chiropractors may use the title chiropractor or otherwise hold themselves out as practicing chiropractic)**Authorized titles may include chiropractor, Doctor of Chiropractic, chiropractic physician, chiropractitioner* | Yes/no Further comment (if necessary) |
|  | Imaging rights |  |
| 22 | A. In relation to plain film x-rays, are chiropractors lawfully permitted: | To own and operate x-ray equipment within their clinicsTo prescribe/order x-rays (using an outside provider) within the state health systemTo prescribe/order x-rays (using an outside provider) privatelyNo rightsother |
| 23 | In relation to advanced diagnostic imaging (CT, MRI, etc.), are chiropractors lawfully permitted: | To prescribe/order advanced diagnostic imaging within the state health systemTo prescribe/order advanced diagnostic imaging privatelyAll of the aboveNo rightsOther (please specify) |
| 24 | In relation to diagnostic ultrasound, are chiropractors lawfully permitted: | To own and operate ultrasound equipment within their clinicsTo prescribe/order ultrasound studies (using an outside provider) within the state health systemTo prescribe/order ultrasound studies (using an outside provider) privatelyNo rights |
|  | Drug prescription |  |
| 25 | Are/do chiropractors lawfully permitted/have statutory rights in relation to the prescription of pharmaceutical medication? | Full prescribing rights without additional trainingFull prescribing rights with additional trainingLimited prescribing rights without additional trainingLimited prescribing rights with additional trainingNo prescribing rightsPlease add additional comments |
|  | Laboratory tests |   |
| 26 | In relation to laboratory tests (blood, urine, etc.), are chiropractors lawfully permitted: | To prescribe/order laboratory tests within the state health systemTo prescribe/order laboratory tests privatelyAll of the aboveNo rightsOther (please specify) |
|  | Paediatric care |  |
| 27 | Are chiropractors subject to any specific regulations/statutory restrictions in relation to the care of children? | Yes (please provide the details below)No |
|  | Sick leave/time off work | Yes/no |
| 28 | Are chiropractors lawfully permitted to authorize sick leave? |  |
|  | Reimbursement |  |
| 29 | Are chiropractors’ fees covered by government health schemes? | Yes (please detail any specific conditions below)No |
| 30 | Are chiropractors’ fees covered by private health schemes? | All major schemes (please detail any specific conditions below)Some major schemes (please detail any specific conditions below)No coverage |
| 31 | Please estimate the percentage of chiropractic fees that are reimbursed, whether by government or privately | 0%1-20%21-50%51-74%75-99% |
|  | Requirements to practice chiropractic in your country |  |
| 32 | For overseas chiropractors wishing to practice chiropractic in your country, please indicate below which statutory requirements apply. | 1. Work permit2. Visa3. Registration with the statutory/regulatory/state board4. Evidence of current health status5. Evidence of language proficiency6. Malpractice insurance7. Certificate/evidence of good standing from previous jurisdiction8. Other (Please specify) |
| 33 | Provide the corresponding website links for selected responses above | Free text |
|  | Education |  |
| 34 | Is chiropractic education provided in your country? | Yes/no |
| 35 | If yes, how many educational institutions are there in your country? |  integer |
| 36 | Chiropractic educational institutions in your country are: | Nationally/federally recognized Recognized/approved by national chiropractic associationRecognized by bothNot recognized |
| 37 | Is the level of chiropractic education prescribed by law? | YesNo |
| 38 | Is completion of a post-graduate clinical training program required to obtain full licensure or registration topractice as a chiropractor in your country? | Not required.Yes. (Please complete details below e.g. duration, qualification, etc.) |