



Oregon

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners

3218 Pringle Road SE, Suite 150

Salem, Oregon 97302-6311

(503) 378-5816

FAX (503) 362-1260

E-mail: Oregon.obce@state.or.us

Web: www.oregon.gov/OBCE

Chapter 811 Administrative Rule Updates (May 2008)

X-ray Rule Updated

The OBCE's imaging scope of practice rule has been amended to clearly state, "Chiropractic physicians may order or refer patients for any diagnostic imaging study, including contrast studies using radio-opaque substances." (OAR 811-030-0020)

The OBCE did not change the current rule (also law) which states chiropractors may conduct contrast studies with radio-opaque substances introduced by mouth or rectum, as was taught at Western States in a previous era. However, the Board surveyed chiropractic colleges and none are currently teaching this.

ETSDP update

Recently the ETSDP committee recommended, and the OBCE accepted that IRT (Immediate Release Technique), can be used by Chiropractors as investigational. IRT involves eye exercises combined with forms of acupressure and chiropractic adjusting. The eye exercises are shown to affect brain activity that can alter pain states. There is a growing amount of clinical correlation showing that the brain function changes can/may change endocrine function associated with stress states. The military is investigating use of similar treatment procedures with VETs suffering with PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder).

However, RET (Rapid Eye Technique), a technique that extends the treatment time and complexity to involve psychological counseling, is counseling/psychology and is not a chiropractic procedure. However, the OBCE accepted it for continuing education similar to other adjunct treatment education, such as OHSU programs on surgical procedures.

(ETSDP stands for Scope Of Practice Regarding Examinations, Tests, Substances, Devices And Procedures, OAR 811-015-0070)