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## Wrong treatment

IN REFERENCE to “Censured chiro again offering cheap deals” (*The Advertiser*, 22/1/10), the Chiropractors Association of Australia (SA) is disappointed at the latest article written by Tory Shepherd quoting opinions of spokespeople of the Australian Medical Association (SA) attacking the chiropractic profession, without consulting the CAASA.

AMA (SA) president Dr Andrew Lavender is quoted as saying “there’s very little evidence anywhere about any benefit of chiropractic treatment”.

First, there is a large and growing body of up-to-date research and evidence on chiropractic care.

It is unfortunate and surprising that even a brief look at any of this literature appears not to have been performed, despite Dr Lavender emphasising the importance of “scientific basis”.

Second, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, more than 215,000 Australians visit a chiropractor each week.

Third, referrals to chiropractors from GPs as part of Medicare’s Enhanced Primary Care Scheme have shown a remarkable increase since the scheme’s expansion in 2004, demonstrating the improved understanding by GPs (who are, likely, also AMA members) of the benefits of chiropractic, as well as the resultant healthy collaborative relationship between chiropractors and GPs, who evidently do not seem to share the quoted views of Dr Lavender.

The CAASA believes the erroneous statements could adversely affect your readers’ ability to make informed decisions regarding health care.

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