

MCS NEWS & NOTES

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★ *Happy New Year to all our members and their families. Thank you for your support of the MCS through your continuous membership.* ★



Watch for Changes on Insurance Plans & Coverage

With all the changes in health care, both nationally and locally, doctors are advised to read all advisories and other notices that comes from health insurance carriers, and make note of any changes in patient coverage that come with the new year and new plans. For example,

Under the Group Insurance Commission (GIC), the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is offering its employees different insurance plans to choose from. One of the plans being offered is through Neighborhood Health. It is called NHP Prime HMO for GIC members, and this plan does not have chiropractic coverage on it.

Dr. Peter Hill reports it appears patients will no longer be able to buy Health Savings Account eligible plans in Massachusetts from the Health Connector. According to Dr. Hill, HSA's have been a great way for patients to deal with high deductible plans and to pay for chiropractic care. No HSA eligible plans appear on the Health Connector website, and a phone inquiry to them confirmed that none of the health connector plans are HSA eligible. The new plans appear to cost even more and have higher deductibles than previously.

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The sympathy of the membership is extended to Dr. David Fieldgate on the death of his mother, and to Dr. Thomas S. Perrault, Sr. on the death of his brother.

 The MCS website is undergoing revision and will be available soon. Watch for more information about logging into the member side and customizing your member profile.

Dr. Lowey named 2016 Massachusetts Chiropractor of the Year Congratulations to Dr. Kevin Lowey who was named Massachusetts Chiropractor of the Year for 2016. Dr. Lowey organized the Duffy Health Center in Hyannis where for the past twelve years volunteer chiropractors have provided care for people with many life challenges. He has practiced in Orleans on Cape Cod for 25 years, following ten years of practice in Newton with his brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Anne Lowey. Dr. Lowey is the co-author of two books: *The Heart of Chiropractic* and *Back to WOW*.

As we have reported for the last year, the MCS office will be moving from Methuen this year. Please watch all your MCS mailings, the website, E-Messenger, Facebook, and Twitter for further information and changes as they develop. For now, all addresses, phone numbers, email, etc. remain the same.

After years of effort, on January 3, 2017 legislation passed the Massachusetts House and Senate establishing a Board of Registration of Naturopaths. As of this writing, it was on the Governor's desk awaiting action. If approved, a five member licensing board would be established: two naturopaths, one MD, one clinical pharmacologist, and one public member. Prior to its passage, the naturopathic bill was subject to all the usual objections from organized medicine. The Massachusetts Medical Society strongly opposed the bill, writing it is "a combination of nutritional advice, home remedies and discredited treatments."

IMPORTANT:



MCS now has a members only Facebook closed group. This is a great way for members to communicate with each other and for the MCS to pass on information quickly to our members. Search MCS Members Only to join.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR



Dr. Dan Fanselow, MCS Vice President, holds a seat on the **Special Commission on Pain Management Access**, created by legislation as part of the overall approach to the opioid crisis in the Commonwealth. The first task of the committee is to report to the legislature on the feasibility of creating a pain management access program. In the second year the committee will formulate opinions and reports on how pain management is being covered through insurance. As one of 21 committee members, Dr. Fanselow will be making the case for the role chiropractic can play in non-opioid pain management.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

ASSOCIATE WANTED - Boston, Massachusetts: Large, multifaceted, spinal correction, family practice looking for long term associate. You bring the passion, energy and integrity, we will teach you the skills to be the best. Our associates have an excellent record of success in practice. Email resume, references and cover letter to drchris@drquigley.com Call Dr. Chris Quigley at 617-720-1992 between 11am - 2pm Mon-Wed-Thursday.

FOR SALE - Bennett x-ray unit, manufactured 1987 and in perfect working condition, perfect for new doctor or seasoned professional looking to convert to digital processing. In perfect condition. Asking \$1000 + \$850 dismantling fee. Kindly contact Dr. Michael Rauch at (781) 821-4440 to make further arrangements for purchase.

OFFICE COVERAGE NEEDED - Want to spend the summer on Nantucket!? I am looking for 3 - 6 months office coverage for a family oriented practice. After 26 years in practice, I am taking a sabbatical. May or June, through September or October (dates are flexible). Some Knowledge of Applied Kinesiology, Cranial Sacral and Diversified a plus. More importantly, I want someone who is confident in their chiropractic skills and heart centered in their adjusting. Must be BCBS and Medicare provider. Swim in the ocean on your lunch break, go canoeing be-

fore work, fish in the evening, or bike on the bike paths, and of course, practice chiropractic! Email me at drmindylevin@gmail.com

PRACTICE FOR SALE - Watertown, MA - High quality long established practice with focus on ART, motion palpation and diversified spinal corrections. Beautifully appointed 1,200 sq. ft office in high visibility and desirable growing suburb of Boston. Collections over 200K per year with no money spent on advertising. Offered for 124K. Owner ready to retire but will stay for smooth transition. Perfect practice for associate ready to branch out on their own or new graduate with the right skill set. Contact greg@chiroequity.com or (908) 419-7510 for further details.

WIN WIN WIN OPPORTUNITY - Zennie needs a home. Tax write-off for 2016. Awesome Hi Lo adjusting table. Zenith Hi Lo Table, Black Leather (some wear on the chest piece), Forward motion head piece with lo-force drop mechanism, Abdominal / Spring/Lock (perfect for pregnant women), Pelvic crank up and Drop Adjustable ankle rest. Available in Kingston, MA. \$1500. Dr Le-Bel's Knee chest table (not official Gonstead). Goldenrod fabric, needs screws for hinges, \$200. Contact drsue@drsueTLC.com.