

OBCE MISSION

The mission of the Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners is to serve the public, regulate the practice of chiropractic, promote quality, and ensure competent ethical health care.

Outcomes to Achieve

Public Protection

- The public will benefit from quality chiropractic care and will be protected from all undue harm by chiropractic physicians. Chiropractic physicians will assure appropriate care for chiropractic patients.
- Transparency and public access to information concerning licensees will be improved without being overly punitive.
- Chiropractic physicians subject to the OBCE's complaint and disciplinary process will be treated equitably and fairly.
- Should a violation be determined, sanctions will be consistent with other violations of a similar nature and proportional to the potential for harm to the public.
- All affected parties will have the right of access to the process. Information will be made available to the extent allowed by law. Confidentiality will be protected to the furthest extent possible.
- Sexual misconduct by licensed Oregon chiropractic physicians will be eliminated.
- Runners, cappers, and unethical excessive treatment will be eliminated.

Professional Competency

- The Oregon public will be assured of access to high-quality chiropractic health care.
- Candidates for licensure will receive timely examination for professional competency in all areas of chiropractic.
- The public will have confidence that licensed chiropractic physicians in Oregon will have maintained competencies and skills necessary to practice safe and effective chiropractic.

Professional Standards

- There will be clarity and consistency in administrative rules and standards.
- The Oregon public will be better protected and chiropractic physicians will be better informed about standards of practice based on strong (or high levels of) evidence.

- Patients and chiropractic physicians will have access to a process of critical assessment, which determines whether Examinations, Tests, Substances, Devices or Procedures (ETSDP) are “standard,” “investigational,” or “unacceptable” for use by chiropractic physicians in Oregon.

Liaison/Communication

- A unified chiropractic presentation to the Legislature and the Public. The OBCE will develop stronger and more effective partnerships with associations, colleges, and other chiropractic stakeholders.
- The chiropractic profession will understand the mission of the OBCE, and where that intersects with its role in public relations. The chiropractic profession will understand the role of the professional associations.
- The public and patients will receive information about the role of the Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the chiropractic profession. The public will have access to current available information on Oregon chiropractors.
- Patients, public, chiropractic physicians, and other government agencies will have access to policy decisions concerning chiropractic health care and regulation.
- (Board and committee member recruitment) Continued success with quality participants.

Diversity

- The Oregon chiropractic profession and governing bodies will reflect the ethnic and language diversity of the Oregon public and chiropractic patient base.
- The OBCE Affirmative Action Plan will address the goals of the State of Oregon Affirmative Action policy.

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