



Spring 2015

# NUCCA NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE NATIONAL UPPER CERVICAL CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION - NUCCA

## President's Letter

### Whatever Happened to Gonstead?

In his book "Upside Down and Right Side Up with BJ", BJ describes what he calls the greatest mystery of history. He talks about a city in Cambodia, N'Angkor, a city with a population of 1 million and suburbs of 30 million, covering what current scientists are saying is almost 400 square miles. It would seem that something happened, and over a short period of time everyone in the city disappeared. In his book, BJ says the following "Then, where are all these people? Where have they gone? Why did they so suddenly disappear? When the end came why did they leave so suddenly as in one day? Did they migrate? If so, where? What became of them?....The unknown answer to THAT question is what makes this the greatest dead city of mystery the world now knows." In his book he goes on to share some ideas on what might have happened.

As a student at Palmer, of all the specialty techniques (as they were called at that time), the most popular was Gonstead. They had the largest club and it was my perception that they enjoyed the greatest acceptance. Gonstead was embraced and taught within Palmer's technique curriculum as early as 1964, long before I arrived. I heard Clarence Gonstead teach on campus. I was fortunate enough to be under quality Gonstead care at the Five Points Clinic.

Recently I did a search that included the Gonstead organizations and The Gonstead Clinic in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. I did a search for doctors trained in their protocols. I was utterly surprised to find that the presence of Gonstead in the field was a shadow of what I would have expected, given its dominance 30 – 40 years ago and its name recognition (we have all heard of Gonstead). Locally I could only find two practitioners; one had attended 3 conferences and another about 20.

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So, I learn that with time things change. We cannot ignore something, and then hope that 10 years later it will be there for us. NUCCA does not have the name recognition that Gonstead has, even to this day. What we do have is a committed group of people. Doctors and family/staff who support a robust program of education, certification and research. We do not sit around, but I think there are lessons that we can learn.

If we want this work there for our children and grandchildren, we can't just ignore it, and hope that it will be there. We need to support and nurture it. Each of you does that with your membership, with your attendance

at the conferences, and for those that can - your support through the Gregory Circle. We are a family, we are a team, and we are a group with a cause. We help people in ways few others can, and for that we should always be grateful. On behalf of the NUCCA board we thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you in Newport Beach.



**Lee G Yardley, D.C.**

*President*, NUCCA Board of Directors  
Board Certified Instructor, Co-Chair, Educational  
Committee Director, UCRF

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## Election Of Officers

### To Occur at the 2015 Spring Conference

"The NUCCA Board of Directors shall consist of eleven (11) members and each Director shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Five Directors shall be elected by the membership - two in even-numbered years, and three in odd-numbered years."

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Dr. Tym Flory and Dr. Laura Ferrao, will submit one name for each Director to be elected. Members present at the member meeting on

Friday, April 24, 2015 may make additional nominations from the floor. The directors receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected for the respective term until his or her successor is duly elected and installed.

Be ready to submit your nominations, and vote in your new NUCCA directors!

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# 2015 SPRING RESEARCH UPDATE

by Dr. Charles Woodfield and Dr. Gordon Hasick



Leading the Way ~ En avant! Saskatoon, SK, 4-5 October, 2014



## Leading the Way – En avant!

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, October 4-5, 2014

This annual conference rallies scientists and patients in exploring cutting edge multidisciplinary approaches to improving quality of life from neurodegenerative disorders. Sponsored by the National CCSVI Society (NCS), now with a new name Canadian Neurovascular Health Society, dedicated to healthy blood flow and nerve conduction in Canadians. NUCCA has presented to this audience several times previously by Drs. Hasick and Woodfield.



In 2014, Dr. Hasick delivered a one hour presentation with an update on our research, including the migraine study. Dr. Hasick met with Dr. Michael Arata, a Newport Beach interventional neuroradiologist who specializes in autonomic disorders. Dr. Arata is speaking at the 2015 Spring Conference Research Update, presenting his cutting edge science. For a sneak preview go to: [www.autonomicspecialists.com](http://www.autonomicspecialists.com). Make plans to attend the 2015 Spring NUCCA Conference today.

## IRAPS - International Research and Philosophy Symposium

Sherman College of Chiropractic, Spartanburg, SC  
October 17-19, 2014.

Dr. Woodfield presented a NUCCA information session and research update for three classes on October 17th before the conference began that afternoon. It provided an excellent opportunity to present the NUCCA procedure and our research to a student audience. Several students were referred to the website for more information, and urged to visit the new Monograph website.



Sunday, October 19 began early, featuring five NUCCA presentations and an hour long panel discussing upper cervical chiropractic. Dr. Philip Schalow presented a case

report on myasthenia gravis, then gave Drs. Giffen's and Orem's relief of pediatric constipation presentation from the 2014 Spring NUCCA Conference. Dr. Schalow answered several questions on taking pediatric x-rays, adjusting and follow up care.



Dr. Philip Schalow

Dr. Woodfield presented "Changes in quality of life assessments and MRI measured intracranial compliance of migraine subjects receiving a National Upper Cervical Chiropractic Association (NUCCA) atlas correction." As Dr. Jon Chung had to leave early, the migraine presentation provided a great segway into his topic regarding a concussion case report. The other presentation, "Examiner reliability in analysis of orthogonal radiographs," received many comments and questions.

The Upper Cervical panel was a huge success in presenting unity among the upper cervical procedures. The topics included:

1. Current status of technique development of upper cervical approaches
2. Recent and historical research regarding upper cervical chiropractic
3. Differences in subluxation analysis and adjusting procedures used by various UC technique groups
4. Clinical/case management of patients presenting with UC subluxation
5. Collaboration among differing UC technique groups



Left to right: Dr. Michael Lenarz, Moderator; Dr. Robert Brooks, NUCCA; Dr. Julie Mayer-Hunt, Orthospinology; Dr. Charles Woodfield, UCRF; Dr. Andy Roberts, Upper Cervical Specific (HIO)

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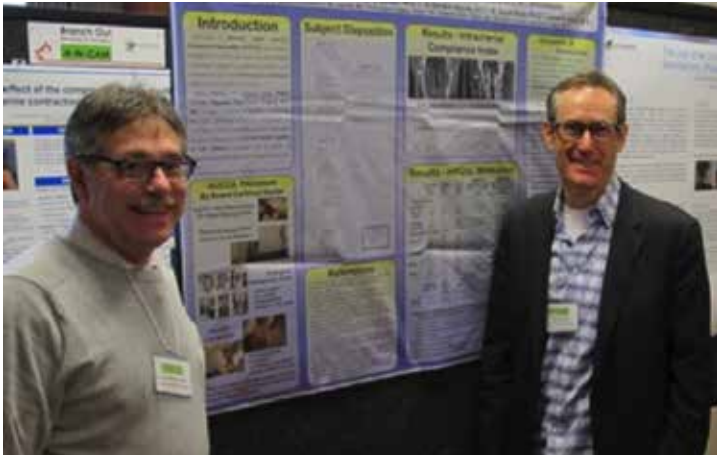
### 10th IN-CAM Research Symposium

Calgary, AB, November 7-8, 2014



*Dr. Scholten at the Podium*

NUCCA was well represented at the 10th IN-CAM Research Symposium, with two posters and a platform presentation. "Initiating the development of a chiropractic practice based research network: Evaluating the feasibility of using online software to collect patient information," was presented by Dr. Jeff Scholten. The project received IN-CAM funding. Manuscript preparation is underway for publication in the indexed literature.



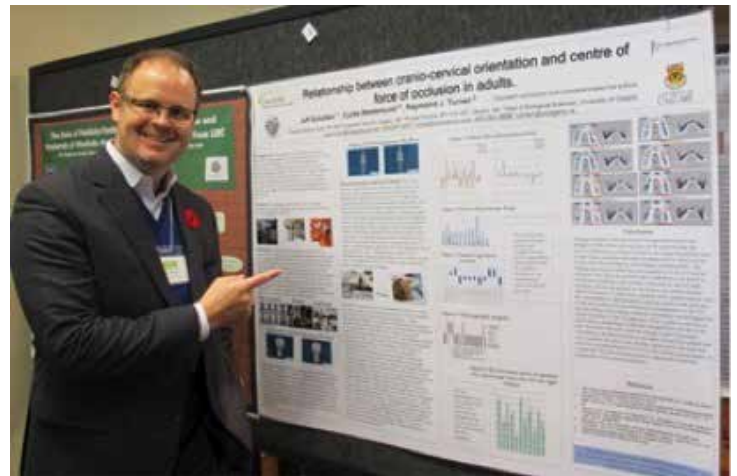
*Dr. Hasick and Dr. Woodfield at poster*

Drs. Hasick and Woodfield displayed a poster, "Changes in intracranial compliance and quality of life in migraine subjects receiving an atlas intervention," describing the findings of the NUCCA Migraine PC-MRI Study.

The Symposium had several interesting topics discussing studies on determining cost savings, studies on "N of 1" and several studies using heart rate variability as an outcome assessment in measuring autonomic effects from massage therapy.



The nutrition break sponsored by our organizations allowed opportunity for Drs. Scholten, Woodfield and Hasick to interact with many well-known IN-CAM researchers from across North America.



*Dr. Scholten showing the poster*

Dr. Scholten's poster titled, "Relationship between cranio-cervical orientation and centre of force of occlusion in adults" focused on the before and after NUCCA correction's effect on dental occlusion as measured with the Tech Scan instrument. This project is an exploration of a possible dynamic or functional assessment in determining presence of the Atlas Subluxation Complex.

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### NUCCA Phase Contrast Migraine Study

A manuscript titled, "Effect of atlas vertebrae realignment in subjects with migraine" was submitted to the Mayo Clinic Proceedings and we are currently waiting to hear from them. As the Proceedings have yet to publish a chiropractic paper, submission to Headache or Cephalalgia is the current contingency follow up.



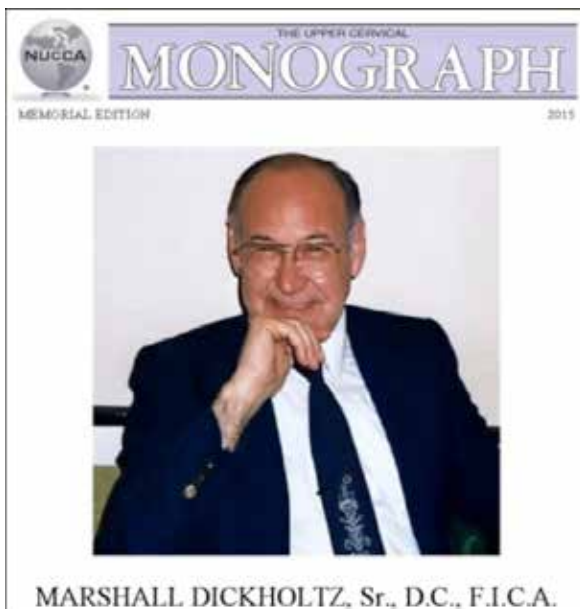
Advanced MRI data analysis is underway at Magnetic Resonance Innovations, Inc. (<http://www.mrinnovations.com/>). This technology enhances images, allowing exploration of additional hemodynamic and hydrodynamic flow pattern changes. Dr. Beggs at Bradford University, UK will assist in interpretation of the advanced analysis to assist in preparing a manuscript.



### Online Upper Cervical Monograph

The Dr. Marshal Dickholtz, Sr. memorial has been completed. If you submitted material for this special edition of the UC Monograph, thank you very much.

Not only will the edition be online, it will be printed and handed out at the 2015 Spring NUCCA Conference. Another reason for you to make your plans to come to Newport Beach now!



### NUCCA Radiograph Inter-examiner Reliability Study

The abstract submitted to 2015 ACC-RAC in March 2015 was accepted for a poster session. Manuscript preparation is ongoing, along with preparation of the inter-examiner study protocol for IRB consideration. Having a biostatistician on the NUCCA research team would be extremely helpful in the long run.



### 2015 ACC-RAC Conference: Interprofessional Collaboration: Working Together for a Better Future

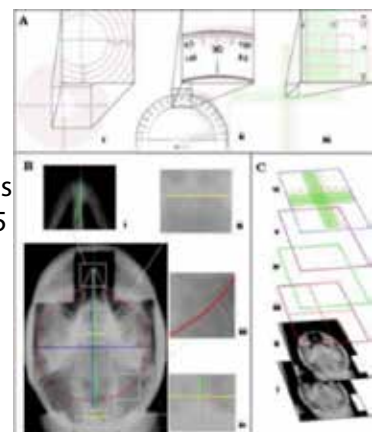
Las Vegas, NV, March 19-21, 2015



NUCCA is highlighting two posters this year; Inter-examiner reliability in analysis of orthogonal radiographs and MRI measured change in intracranial flow following upper cervical chiropractic care of a migraine headache subject—a case report. Conference organizers requested Dr. Woodfield peer review submissions again this year. Having a NUCCA presence at these conferences shows the profession we are serious and persistent in conducting research.

### Radiographic Animation Study (RAS) Analysis Project

Dr. Vazquez from Life University West is finalizing data analysis with the biostatistician while beginning manuscript preparation. His abstract was accepted for a poster at 2015 ACC-RAC however he will be unable to attend. It may be possible for Dr. Woodfield to display the poster.



## Report of Findings by Dr. Steven MacDonald, D.C.

### Dear Doctor:

NUCCA launched its successful November 2014 Small Steps program to raise funds for research that helps validate the work that all of us are so passionate about practicing in our offices. We have based our lives on NUCCA care, in order to help others. We are reminded of this with the passing of Dr. Marshall Dickholtz, Sr. I don't think that any of us have met a man like this that epitomizes so completely why we all practice this work. After practicing and helping thousands of patients, he dedicated himself to research in the later part of his life. He knew that we needed to show and prove to the world what we all try to accomplish every day in our practices. He gave his life to successfully accomplishing these goals. We have all been inspired by his dedication.

The annual Small Steps program asked our patients to donate for NUCCA research. It is actually based on supporting Dr. Dickholtz's passion. It is truly wonderful what NUCCA has accomplished with its research projects in the last several years, and the goals we continue to pursue. We have been fortunate to have Dr. Chuck Woodfield, who worked so closely with Dr. Dickholtz Sr., as acting director of our research projects. He delivers presentations throughout the world on our behalf. So many doctors and patrons have stepped forward and financially supported our research. The Small Steps program is an annual opportunity for all NUCCA doctors to ask their patients to help support the NUCCA care that has helped them. If we can manage to get all doctors in the future to participate with their practices and expand our fundraising programs, we can overwhelmingly raise money to validate and further our work in the world.

All of our doctors have given so much in order to practice this work and help patients every day. It is so inspiring

and impressive their dedication to NUCCA. The 2014 Small Steps program was truly financially successful this year in helping NUCCA achieve the validity it so richly deserves in the world. We have accomplished so much because of the sacrifices of Dr. Ralph Gregory and Dr. Dickholtz Sr. – we have come so far because of them. We are inspired by their greatness, passion and dedication. They live on in each one of us every day. The Small Steps program and research is carried on each year in their spirit. We are truly blessed to be able to practice this work and help so many.

We thank all the doctors who participated in this year's program and urge all to take part next year. We all play a part in insuring that NUCCA continues to grow through research. This was the passion of Drs. Gregory and Dickholtz.

I want to thank all of our NUCCA doctors for all that they do every day for their patients. I continue to be inspired by their dedication and integrity and all the new young doctors coming into NUCCA. It is an honor for me to practice among this fine group. We still have so much to accomplish, but with this dedication I am convinced that we will continue to grow in numbers and presence in the world. We will reach our goals of scientific validation, and help more achieve greater health through adjusting the ASC.

Thank you.



**Steven N. MacDonald, D.C.**

*NUCCA Fundraising Committee Member*

## 2014 Small Steps Update

The 2014 Small Steps campaign was very successful, thanks to 31 NUCCA doctors that participated! The total amount raised by these participating doctors was **\$53,677!** Added to the **\$30,000** that will generously be matched by the Tao Foundation, that brings the grand total to over **\$83,000!**

We would like to recognize the generosity of your NUCCA patients in helping us prove the value of NUCCA to the world!

# Conference Update

## Fall 2014 Conference Recap

The 2014 Fall NUCCA Conference was once again a great success! We were very happy to see you all there! Here are some pictures from the President's Reception during the conference:



## Spring 2015 Conference Update



The spring NUCCA conference is right around the corner, in Newport Beach, California. Join us April 23-25 to review the NUCCA standards of care, and attend some new informative sessions as well. This conference has been titled "**Dr. Dickholtz Sr. Commemorative Conference**" to honor our last founding director, who has had a huge effect on many of us NUCCA doctors. Members of the conference will receive the Dr. Dickholtz memorial edition of the Monograph. Join us to honor this great man.

Plan to attend the Business Meeting & Elections, scheduled 4-6 p.m. on Friday, April 24th. At this meeting, new board members will be nominated and officers will be elected, so we need our NUCCA membership to be active in the discussion!

Also new at this conference: All doctors who purchase a table at the job fair will automatically receive a 6 month classified ad, listing the need for an associateship/internship.

Dr. Michael Arata will be joining Drs. Hasick and Woodfield at the Research Update on Saturday morning at the conference. Dr. Arata is an innovator in the treatment of dysautonomia – he will present about the TVAM procedure (Transvascular Autonomic Modulation). Internationally recognized in both the treatment of venous disease and interventional radiology, Dr. Arata has performed many thousands of image-guided procedures.

Be sure and plan to attend the following events at the April conference:

**Job Fair** – Friday noon-1 p.m.

**Member meeting/board elections** – Friday 4-6 p.m.

**President's Reception/Banquet** – Friday 7-9 p.m.

**Research Update with special guest Dr. Michael Arata** – Saturday 9-11 a.m.

[Click here](#) to get more information and register for the 2015 Spring NUCCA Conference. Also, don't forget to reserve your hotel room at the Radisson Newport Beach by calling (949) 833-0570 or (800) 333-3333.

## Upper Cervical Council Update

The ICA's Council on Upper Cervical Care has been in development since a meeting of leaders in our community, facilitated by Dr. Gerry Clum, took place in 2008 at Life West Chiropractic College. Since that historic gathering, progress has continued and the first official elected board was installed in October of 2012. Elections allow for 1/3 of the board to be elected annually with the President and Vice-President being elected separately with bi-annual mandates.

The Upper Cervical Council has strength in our ability to accept the diverse opinions and findings of each upper cervical organization. We support the possibility that collaboration amongst the various upper cervical groups can bring growth for all organizations. As we work together to assimilate our divergent perspectives, and build on our commonalities, all of us will develop and gain knowledge from this process.

The council has a broad mandate and is very ambitious in its strategic plan:

- The immediate goal of the Council was to create, launch, and see to completion a successful Diplomate program in chiropractic upper cervical procedures. As the current Diplomate candidates begin their third and final year, this successful program is set to wrap up mid-2015, with graduation in early 2016 at the second Upper Cervical eXperience. A second Diplomate program will launch in early 2016. There are currently 20 Diplomate candidates, including a number of NUCCA members: Dr. Jeff Scholten, Dr. Johanna Hoeller, Dr. Trish Gregg, Dr. Jean Paul Bohemier, Dr. Matthew McNally, and Dr. Philip Schalow.
- The Council facilitated the development of an Upper Cervical Student Society to allow upper cervical to have a steady, collaborative, concise and clear voice on our campuses. Work is ongoing to allow for this autonomous group to be fully and successfully launched.
- The council has just submitted a paper for peer-review to a pub-med indexed journal entitled, "Cranio-cervical chiropractic procedures, a précis of upper cervical chiropractic" which, if published, will assist the profession in understanding the current state of development of upper cervical chiropractic.

- The Council has initiated the formation of a web-based learning hub dedicated to gathering and sharing information regarding all things related to the upper cervical spine; including general knowledge as well as technique-specific content. There will be space for all upper cervical procedure organizations that wish to participate, to have a dedicated area to increase knowledge about, and interest in, their own procedures.
- Upper Cervical Diplomates need to have an annual gathering. The Council has facilitated an amalgamation of this proposed conference with the current collaborative upper cervical community gatherings; Fusion, Evolution and Innovation. This new conference, called the Upper Cervical eXperience, took place February 26-28, 2015 in New Orleans. The 2016 Upper Cervical eXperience will be organized by the Upper Cervical Council and will feature the first graduate class of Diplomates in chiropractic upper cervical procedures.

The ICA's Council on Upper Cervical Care has excellent NUCCA representation: Dr. Jeffrey Scholten (President), Dr. Robert Brooks (Chairman), as well as Dr. Kyrie Kleinfelter and Dr. Bill Davis (Public Relations Committee).

The Council's influence is only as strong as its membership, and we request your involvement. Elections for Board positions (three year terms), are held annually in the fall, with the President and Vice-President elected biannually in even years. If you support the idea of a Specialist in Upper Cervical Chiropractic Procedures and unity between the various upper cervical procedures, please join us! Annual membership to the Council is \$150 and can be attained by emailing Molly Rangnath at [MRangnath@chiropractic.org](mailto:MRangnath@chiropractic.org).



## NUCCA Job Fairs

The NUCCA Job fair is celebrating its 7th anniversary. The first NUCCA Job Fair was held in the spring of 2007. Dr. Kyrie Kleinfelter saw the need for an event to help match students and new doctors with successful established NUCCA doctors who would mentor them through internships and associateships. She took on the responsibility of organizing the event and has continued to do so ever since. The NUCCA Job Fair has also been a good venue to advertise practices for sale and shared office space available.

**NEW in 2015!** Doctors who participate in the Job Fair will also have their opportunities listed on the NUCCA website for 6 months at no additional charge.

The Job Fair at the Spring NUCCA Conference will be held at noon on Friday, April 24. There is a fee of \$100 for a doctor to participate – to advertise their office. It is free for students and doctors who are looking for associateships, preceptorships, or other opportunities to attend. Bring business cards and resumes. Some doctors may do interviews at the conference.

### Here's what participants have to say about the NUCCA Job Fair:

*"Through the years I have met two of the best associate doctors we've ever had in our office through the NUCCA Job Fairs. We've engaged in preceptorships with several other great docs-to-be too. Even when I'm not in the position to immediately hire an associate, I participate in the Job Fair to build relationships for the future."*

**Dr. Kyrie Kleinfelter**

*"I really got to know Dr. Kleinfelter at the Job Fair when I was in my 5th trimester at Palmer. Even though I was still early in school, we determined we'd be a good match for preceptorship. I left with the skills and confidence I needed to start my own office back home. I am so glad for the NUCCA Job Fair and for the experience I had in Dr. K's office. I recommend all students attend the Job Fair every time they attend a NUCCA conference to build these kinds of relationships."*

**Dr. Amanda (Dininger) Mullholand**

*"The NUCCA job fair has been a big success for me! I met my associate doctor at the fair in 2013. It was a great way for us to connect and see if we would be a good fit for each other. The NUCCA Job Fair is a fantastic way to meet face to face with potential interns and associate doctors. I highly recommend taking part in the job fair if you are looking for interns and associate doctors. It's a big win-win for all! Thank you NUCCA for the awesome job fair!"*

**Dr. Jamie Cramer**

*"Working at Precise Chiropractic has been a life changing experience. Coming from Palmer College of Chiropractic, my NUCCA encounters were limited. I chose to work at Precise Chiropractic because of the strong work ethic enforced in the office, the up-to-date technology, the friendliness of the staff and because of all the knowledge and experience that Dr. Cramer has on the NUCCA technique and running a successful office."*

**Dr. Natalie Dabrownny**

# DOCTOR SPOTLIGHT

by Dr. Ankur Tayal

## Satisfaction Gained Through Adversity: Switching to NUCCA

*For this edition of the "Spotlight", I thought I would go a different direction. At the last conference in Newport Beach, a classmate of mine and I were sitting with some Board Certified Doctors, and my classmate was sharing that this was his first NUCCA conference; his current intention is to start a new NUCCA practice from scratch. This means he needs to learn the actual procedure as well.*

*The folks at the table realized this was no small task, and we also figured it would be a great opportunity for a DOCTOR SPOTLIGHT.*

*I followed up with my friend and colleague, Dr. Andrew McCanse, to learn about his experience – victories and struggles – in starting a new NUCCA practice from scratch, while also learning the technique with minimal formal training thus far.*



Dr. Andrew McCanse

### NN: Can you describe your journey to NUCCA for me?

AM: I originally practiced in South America for 3 years after graduation. During that time there was no access to quality, consistent x-rays and other tools to help with deciding when, where, and how to adjust... this meant I had to develop a different skillset when working with patients.

I began to find that the better patient outcomes came from less "invasive" force in the adjustment. I noticed that lighter force applications and fewer inputs would actually yield better results, such as stronger corrections, longer holds, and better symptomatic changes! I continued to

utilize less and less force to accomplish the correction and was working with a triceps pull-type of adjustment when addressing the upper cervical area. This ultimately led me to look into properly learning NUCCA.

It has simply been my desire and drive to attain better results. I took nobody's word for it, but through extensive testing and application of Chiropractic Principles, I'm finding that NUCCA is the way to go for me.

Upon returning to the US, I began speaking with friends and colleagues and sought out how to start the journey of doing "NUCCA Proper." Even with colleagues' encouragement, the process has actually been quite frustrating.

### NN: What has been frustrating about this transition?

First and foremost, I am on my own. I don't have an office (associateship / mentorship) to learn the work, so I feel like my progress is slow thus far. The most difficult part has been figuring out the process to actually become NUCCA proficient!

The paradox is as follows: The website says go to the conference. At the conference, they say read the textbook. Everyone seems to say, "You don't learn NUCCA from the textbook, you have to go to the conference." When I went to the conference and asked where and how people learned the NUCCA work, most replied they had "done an associate position for x number of years..."

I've figured out that the best way to learn the work is by studying close with one in practice, like an associateship or mentorship. My struggle is that neither of these are a great option for me, so how am I to proceed?

Furthermore, I've learned that one either does NUCCA, or one does NOT. There isn't really any in between. You cannot "dabble" in NUCCA. Where I currently practice, I do not have the tools available to do it properly. I need to purchase a new X-ray system to allow me to take a vertex. Without a good vertex, I obviously can't do a proper analysis and so it goes....

In the meantime, I am working diligently on systems to improve my skills and analysis. I feel like it's really starting to come together, however, and I'm excited for when I move to my new location (9 months away) and have everything ready to go.

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**NN: Nice. I think once you pick up that new x-ray system, you'll be ready to go. You are much farther along than you think, and I'm excited for you. Any final thoughts to share?**

Yes, please! Two things:

- 1) I received my first call from a patient looking specifically for a NUCCA Chiropractor. NUCCA was recommended by a close friend whom she trusts and respects. She received my name from the NUCCA website, as I am a dues paying member.

Here is the challenge: I do not have the tools in my current location to do NUCCA properly, so I really shouldn't have been on the website listing. I had a valuable conversation with her and she will be waiting 9 months until I open the new clinic and have the necessary tools available. She is excited about it, and so am I.

This part of the system may be worth looking into, as I did qualify to be listed, but I probably shouldn't have been. Upon this realization, I did contact NUCCA and ask to be taken off the directory until I have the new office, but to leave it up to the honor system may be a mistake, as folks could abuse the brand.

- 2) Obviously NUCCA is not something that is learned overnight, nor in a few years – it's a process that takes place over a lifetime. But there are a few resources that would be invaluable to someone in my circumstance:
  - Access to films to practice the analysis.
    - If NUCCA could set up a database (Google Drive) with a set of films (pre blank, pre analyzed/ post blank, post analyzed) this would help greatly.
  - Videos would help greatly
    - Going through the adjustment setup
    - Going through the legcheck
    - Going through the analysis
    - Going through the x-ray setup

**NN: Thanks Dr. McCanse! We'll see you at the conference in April, and look forward to your progress!!**

*I may be biased, but Dr. McCanse's story is inspiring because it is one of integrity, class and excellence. It is one of a doctor coming to his own conclusions after rigorous testing of what he learned in school, and constantly striving to be better. Learning NUCCA is a daunting challenge, and I commend Dr. McCanse for grabbing it by the horns and taking it full-on. He is doing everything he can to become first proficient, and then excellent in this work, and he deserves our support, encouragement and congratulations.*

*I look forward to seeing you all at the conference in April!*



# Upper Cervical eXperience

NUCCA was represented at the Upper Cervical eXperience in New Orleans, Louisiana on February 27, 2015. The eXperience was a great success. Check out some of the awards that were handed out at the Gala Dinner.

Presented by the ICA's Council on Upper Cervical Care at the Upper Cervical eXperience.

## The B.J. Palmer Lifetime Achievement Award

*In honor of a lifetime of achievement in the philosophy, science, and art of upper cervical chiropractic.*

**Dr. Robert Brooks**

## The Upper Cervical Chiropractor of the Year

*In sincere appreciation of the outstanding leadership and service to the upper cervical chiropractic profession.*

**Dr. Jeffrey Scholten**

## The Upper Cervical Researcher of the Year

*In sincere appreciation of the research contributions made to the field of upper cervical chiropractic.*

**Dr. Scott Rosa**

## The Impact Award

*Given in recognition of services and contributions, which have made lasting impact in upper cervical chiropractic.*

**Greg Buchanan**

## The Innate Clinic Award

*To the team of unique individuals that come together to facilitate a better expression of life and health in their clinic and community.*

**Brooks Spinal Care**

