

Request for Investigation of a Proposed Change in

National Upper Cervical Chiropractic Association (NUCCA) Protocol and/or Standards of Practice in Patient Care

The intent of this document is to provide the NUCCA Doctor with a means to advance the NUCCA Procedure. This document requests the NUCCA Standards and Certification Board to investigate proposed changes related to the assessment (detection) and correction of the Atlas Subluxation Complex (ASC) and its syndrome.

Such recommendations may include but are not limited to: changes in scientific understanding, biomechanical theory and application, technology use, objective measurement or instrumentation, new equipment, NUCCA subluxation assessment procedures, new or revised patient care protocols, and/or other paradigms or developments with the potential to increase the degree of subluxation reduction, correction and stability and/or ability to teach in support of NUCCA Chiropractors in the practice the NUCCA procedure.

Date Submitted: ___/___/_____

Submitted by:

Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City, State (Prov.), Zip (Post Code): _____

Office Telephone: _____ Cell or Home: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please list other NUCCA Doctors who support this proposal:

(4) Have you implemented the change in your practice? What has been your experience?

(5) How has the proposed change been measured before and after the correction and what documentation do you have to support your conclusions? (X-rays, Recorded Data, etc.)

Please submit all documentation with this Request.

(6) Please add any additional comments:

Please email this form and supporting materials to the following four addresses:

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Thank you for your submission.

This Page for Standards Committee Use Only

Review, Decision, Investigation and Implementation Process:

Date Received: ____/____/____

Received by: _____

Date Reviewed: ____/____/____

Decision: Investigate Not to Investigate Reason: _____

Category: One Two Three

Decision Letter sent to submitting doctor Date: ____/____/____

Request for clarification or more documentation:

Description of Review Process: _____

Selected Reviewers:

Proposed Timeline for Review:

Recommendation to the Board:

Certification and Standards Board decision on implementation of change:

Final Verdict Letter to submitting doctor Date: ____/____/____

Review of recommended change with: Education Board NUCCA UCRF

Categories in the Investigative Process

The NUCCA procedure is based upon scientific investigation. Each submitted proposal for change will undergo triage to determine the amount of investigation required to assure its reliability and validity for inclusion in the NUCCA protocol and to be taught at Conferences. Upon receipt of your proposed change, it will be placed into a Category for Investigation based upon the implications of the proposed change. As some proposed changes will aim to clarify a current standard or practice, others will have a greater potential to change NUCCA's standards and/or protocol. More investigation to include blinded clinical trials may be required for the proposed changes that could significantly change the current protocol. This may require time, personnel, and financial resources.

Category 1 – Review

Some proposed changes will require a thoughtful review of the information to see if it makes sense in light of NUCCA's current understanding, standards, and protocol. The more supporting documentation supplied with the proposal for change, allows for easier triage in examining possible protocol inclusion of the proposed change.

Category 2 – Testing by Board Certified Doctors

Some proposed changes will require thorough testing by Board Certified doctors. If this testing reveals greater impact on the protocol, it could be recommended for Category 3. You may be required to train the investigating Board Certified Doctors in method of the proposed change to assure consistent observations. As a minimum, two NUCCA Board Certified Doctors will test the proposed change using ten (10) pre-post film sets for compiling data to assure the change provides consistent and accurate results or outcome. Depending on the examiners' results in initial testing, further investigation may be required by involving more Board Certified Doctors and more cases. It is crucial for consideration of scientific due diligence in thorough inquiry of any proposed change. This may require time, resources, and patience.

Category 3 – Research Project

Some proposed changes will require a formal research investigation to test reliability and validity in its use. Category 3 proposals may require much time, personnel and financial resources for due diligence in determining inclusion into the NUCCA protocol.