



West Hartford Group, Inc.

West Hartford Group – Position Paper

TOPIC: Chiropractic Vaccination Recommendations

Introduction

The administration of vaccination against preventable infectious diseases is an established component of preventive healthcare. Doctors of chiropractic are knowledgeable on matters concerning health and healthcare choices. As a result, chiropractors are often questioned by their patients about vaccination. The West Hartford Group, Inc. (WHG) has developed, by consensus, the following position regarding vaccination.

Position

- Scientific evidence supports vaccination as an effective public health measure
- There are risks that accompany any health intervention including vaccination but the positive benefits of vaccination for the greater good of public health outweighs the possible small risk of adverse effects.
- Continued research in the refinement and development of vaccines and the appropriateness of their use is encouraged
- Patients have the right to make their own health decisions, when appropriately informed about the benefits and the risks
- Overall, the WHG considers the issue of vaccination not directly relevant to the chiropractic profession's focus on spinal and musculoskeletal disorders
- The West Hartford Group encourages those who have questions or concerns about vaccination to seek information from established experts in this field such as the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) and [American Public Health Association](#)

[Immunization Information Resource Website](#) – From the American Public Health Association's Chiropractic Health Care section