

# The First Research Agenda for the Chiropractic Profession in Europe

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## **For which topic were research priorities identified?**

chiropractic profession

## **In which location was the research priority setting conducted?**

international

## **Why was it conducted at all?**

Research involving chiropractors is evolving and expanding in Europe while resources are limited. Therefore, we considered it timely to initiate a research agenda for the chiropractic profession in Europe.

## **What was the objective?**

to identify and suggest priorities for future research in order to best channel the available resources and facilitate advancement of the profession

## **What was the outcome?**

a ranking list of 19 research topics

## **How long did the research prioritization take?**

No information provided.

## **Which methods were used to identify research priorities?**

Delphi; survey

## **How were the priorities for research identified exactly?**

Step 1: identification of themes: survey asking participants to list research topics they considered important for the chiropractic profession in Europe. Step 2: data processing. Step 3: Delphi round 1: survey with structured list of domains with specific items asking: Should more research be conducted on..., Should we examine..., and Should we investigate..., subsequently specific items or populations listed, participants were asked to rate each item. Step 4: Delphi round 2: participants were asked to re-rate items. Step 5: Delphi round 3: participants were asked to re-rate items

## **Which stakeholders took part?**

Academics, clinicians. Survey: 25 participants. Delphi round 1: 46 participants. Delphi round 2: 48 participants. Delphi round 3: 41 participants.

## **How were stakeholders recruited?**

Academics and clinicians, who had attended any of the ECU/EAC Researchers' Day meetings since their inception in 2008, were invited to participate.

## **Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?**

Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.