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Carey PF. Why are chiropractors being sued?

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To the Editor:

Permit me to commend Paul F. Carey, D.C. and the editorial staff of JCCA for publishing "Why are chiropractors being sued?"¹ This article should be read and re-read several times by each and every chiropractic doctor and intern.

Not only does this timely article outline the facts surrounding law suits against health professionals, it identifies the intangible, yet critical, elements of being a caring and conscientious doctor. Dr. Carey reminds us all that our professional knowledge, clinical expertise, and record keeping are important. More important however, he reminds us that our communication skills and our motivation for seeing patients are equally important.

Financial pressures, practice building schemes and gimmicks, and personal concerns often cause doctors to lose sight of the most important aspect of practice: to provide undivided, thoughtful and caring attention to the patient. The inability to separate financial and personal distractions from patient care in the office is often a recipe for disaster. Distracted doctors make mistakes. Patients know – or sense – when the doctor is distracted and not listening.

Dr. Carey's contribution in this area can never be over-emphasized. Chiropractic needs more caring doctors who read, learn, and remain current with developments in the art, science and philosophy of chiropractic. Chiropractic also needs doctors who are up to date with the art of communication: doctors who listen, and follow the golden rule.

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