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Dr. Morgan conducted a busy practice in Vancouver until his retirement in 1983. He was not content to just practise, but has also spent much of his 34 years being involved with many of the political aspects that have had a tremendous impact on Chiropractic. His efforts have helped the profession gain its present standing with the other major health disciplines.

Although he was introduced to chiropractic at an early age, it wasn't until he met the Johnstone family of Regina, and married their daughter Gerry, that he realized the great opportunity of a career in chiropractic. Up to this point, he had worked for Fleet Aircraft and served three and a half years in the R.C.A.F. as a pilot. When he received his discharge from the Air Force, he enrolled in CMCC's first class on September 18, 1945. Like many students, he was on a Veteran's Affairs allowance, and also worked part time to help make ends meet.

During his school years he was considered the "committee man" as he always found the time to see the need and help get the tasks accomplished. He served as president of the Students Administrative Council in 1946-47. He also won many of the undergraduate awards which culminated at graduation with him being awarded the Walter Sturdy Scholarship for general proficiency throughout the four years. He has been described as a highly respected person by both his classmates and the faculty.

Upon graduation he, Gerry and their son Scott moved to Vancouver to open his office. His potential in the political arena was soon recognized and he was elected to the British Columbia Association Board in September 1949. He served as president from 1955-7, and gave 16 years of tireless service to this provincial board.

He also served on the Canadian Chiropractic Association and Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College boards, and became president of the CCA for 2 years from 1961 to 63.

It was during this time that he chaired the CCA education committee, which was responsible for establishing the Canadian Chiropractic Examining board, with the help of Dr. Jim Langford and the late Dr. Fred Clubine. This helped to standardize licensing requirements across Canada.

When the Hall Royal Commission on the Health Services held hearings across Canada, it was Dr. Morgan who prepared the CCA brief with the help of Drs. Don Sutherland, Bruno Marini, Don MacMillan and the late John Burton. This brief was presented at Toronto in May 1962, together with briefs from the CMCC and the other provincial Associations. The rebuttal presentation took place at Ottawa in October 1962. This also led to the inclusion of chiropractic benefits in public and private health insurance plans.

In the same year, the B.C. Association was facing a strong attack to have chiropractic care removed from Workman's Com-

pensation benefits. Dr. Ralph Chatwin, the president, with Dr. Morgan's assistance, prepared a brief for the Royal Commission on Workman's Compensation. Together they were able to refute this attack on the chiropractic profession.

Dr. Morgan has also been the recipient of many awards and honours for his service and dedication to the profession. In 1967 he received the Centennial medal celebrating Canada's 100th Anniversary, and also the 25th Anniversary medal of Her Majesty the Queen in 1977. He has been awarded Honorary memberships in the Canadian Chiropractic Association, the B.C. Chiropractic Association, and a life membership in the CMCC Association. In 1969, he received a Fellowship in the International Chiropractic College.

He has also been active in community life, being involved in Kiwanis since he graduated. Another organization that has benefitted from his tireless energy over the past 30 years is the Association for Mentally Handicapped People. He has served on the board of directors for the past 16 years, and has been awarded an honorary membership in the Association.

The Morgans have four children, the eldest son, Scott, was born during college days. Merrilee is the eldest daughter, Brent the second son, and Sydney the second daughter. Merrilee is retarded and lives at home, the other three are married. Gerry and Wilf have three grandchildren, and consider themselves very fortunate in that all of their family live in Vancouver, and they are able to see their family grow. Dr. Morgan retired from active practice in 1983, but still finds it difficult to fit in all the things he retired to do.

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*Vertebral Artery – Traumatology and Functional Pathology*  
(*Arteria Vertebralis – Traumatologie und Funktionelle Pathologie*)  
edited by G. Gutmann,  
Springer Verlag, Berlin/Heidelberg, 1985  
330pp., approx. CND \$60.00

A superbly organized and extensive literature review on the traumatology and functional pathology of the vertebral artery.

This text was edited by G. Gutmann, head physician of the Clinic for Manual Therapy in Hamm/West Germany, and urgently awaits its translation into English. In consideration of those who are unable to read German, each chapter is followed by an English summary reflecting and elaborating on the most important points discussed.

The study group "Arteria Vertebralis" of the German Association for Manual Medicine under the direction of the editor presents in this book the results of a three year long interdisciplinary collaboration on the subject. Following an in depth discussion of functional anatomy and topography, the various mechanisms of injury and their possible locations are described. The effects of traction, rotation, and shearing forces on the vertebral arteries are well explained with the help of numerous biomechanical illustrations and diagrams. The chapter on "cerebral vascular auto-regulation" demonstrates the significance of autoregulation and the loss of it following occlusion of a blood vessel. Special emphasis is placed on methods of differential diagnosis within the realm of cerebrovascular disturbances, especially with respect to the symptomatology and diagnostics of disequilibrium and vertigo.

Various chapters discuss the possibilities of traumatization of the large vessels of the neck, covering topics such as emergency resuscitation, manual therapy, and surgical spinal fusion procedures. One of the chapters written by Gutmann deals with the problem of vasospasm within the vertebrobasilar system. Not only will it impress the reader with its excellent discussion of this important topic, but also it is followed by an enormous bibliography (379 references altogether) that will be of great value for the person with special interest in this area.

The final chapters deal with surgical approaches of the cervical spine as well as angiographic studies. An invaluable text for students and practitioners alike who seek more information on an area of great importance for chiropractic.

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*Empirical Approaches to the Validation  
of Spinal Manipulation*  
ed. A.A. Buerger and P.E. Greenman  
Springfield: Charles C. Thomas, 1985. 288 pages.

This text is a collection of papers presented at a conference held at Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine, in the spring of 1983. It brought together world authorities in manipulation, epidemiology, biostatistics, and biomechanics. The objective was to review the pertinent data related to manipulation and judging from the contents of this text, this was achieved.

The text is neatly divided into sections allowing for quick reference to selected areas. The sections deal with the various components of the low back and of manipulation. This division is very characteristic of the majority of the symposia published except that this one presents material that is very relevant to anyone in the field of manipulation. It is for this reason that the reader found the material not only applicable but also relevant to the practice of chiropractic. Few texts have been published that contain research material related to manipulation to the extent that this text has. Consequently, this is an invaluable text for chiropractors, who should be familiar with trials in manipulation.

Although, the first three sections are basically review articles of the biomechanics, epidemiology, and differential diagnosis of the low back, they are very well done. They do not contain excess verbiage but rather present the material in a concise and simple format, transforming complex facts into simple statements. For those who wish to pursue any of the facts presented, the authors have included an excellent list of references of recently published material.

The subsequent sections dealt with the trials and concepts of manipulation. Although the majority of the trials presented have already been published, it was interesting to see them presented in a more simplistic form. The one study presented which is of particular importance to the chiropractor was the one by Cassidy, Kirkaldy-Willis, and McGregor. Their study reported the results of a 5 year study of manipulation and chronic low back pain. This study is significant to the chiropractor because it the only study of this kind to categorize the results according to diagnosis. Furthermore, all the manipulations were performed by chiropractors. Consequently, the results reported are very important clinically.

The final section deals with the concepts of manipulation. It covers the more recent theories of the biomechanical and the neurological aspects of back pain and the role of manipulation.

In summary, this text does not include a detailed description of all the areas presented. This is not intended nor implied. What it does and does very well is to present to the reader a series of review articles summarizing the most recent information available on low back pain with a special emphasis on manipulative trials and theories. As chiropractors, familiarity with this information is essential. It is for this reason that I strongly recommend this text not only to the practicing chiropractor but also to the student, who will find this information invaluable.

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*Clinical Examination of the Locomotor System*

G.P. Balint, K. de Ceulaer, W.W. Buchanan

Prepared, published and printed by *Medicopea International Inc. for Rhone-Poulenc Pharma Inc., Montreal. 92 pages.*

This book was meant to provide a review and an updating of the "principles and procedures involved in diagnosing and assessing the rheumatic patient". Even though this is an excessively ambitious task for a 92 page book, the authors have done a respectable job presenting concise educational material.

The book is divided into six major chapters; physical examination, history, regional examination, radiology, laboratory tests, and diagnostic criteria. Considering their length, the chapters on laboratory

tests and diagnostic criteria were very well done. Numerous laboratory tests have been reviewed. The diagnostic possibilities for both positive and negative tests were presented. Diagnostic criteria were presented in a point form arrangement with a diagnostic grading scale including differential diagnoses that were to be ruled out. The chapter on regional examination was above average while the remaining chapters were adequately prepared given the length of the book.

Overall the book is well worth reading. It contains good information and is easy to read which makes this book very beneficial to students. Practitioners would find this book of interest especially in the review of laboratory tests and diagnostic criteria.

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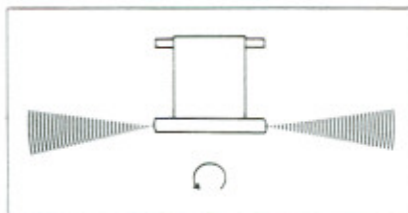
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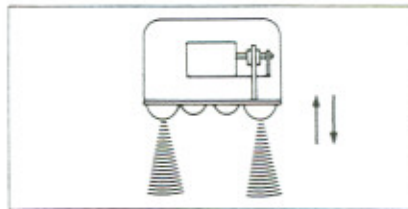
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