

ETSDP Update

(ETSDP stands for “Examinations, Tests, Substances, Devices and Procedures)

EPFX/SCIO IS UNACCEPTABLE

On May 17, 2007, the OBCE determined the EPFX/SCIO device is unacceptable for use by chiropractic physicians in Oregon. They also voted to consider this device again if there is a new USA-FDA, or new USA- FDA-IRB (investigational review board) clearance.

The board is concerned about this device’s biofeedback features, which appear to be more passive than active. (active biofeedback being standard for chiropractic in Oregon)
There is also real concern with the device’s purported ability to recognize if not diagnose a huge number of conditions based on the body’s response to micro current stimulation.

Following review by the ETSDP Committee, the OBCE spent numerous hours over the course of three meetings to review this device. This is the first time since the ETSDP rule was adopted in 1995 that an “unacceptable” determination has been the result of this review. For more information concerning this decision see the OBCE’s public meeting minutes for February, March and May of 2007 on the Board’s Web page.

(Update: On December 9, 2007 the Seattle Times reported, “[FDA bans import of unproven machine](#)”)

Laser/Phototherapy for non-NMS

Recently the OBCE determined that a variety of low-level laser and light therapy (LLLT a.k.a. phototherapy) is available to Oregon chiropractic physicians as a standard treatment for NMS conditions. (Winter 2007 BackTalk) Now the OBCE has determined that low-level laser and light therapy is standard for treatment of a variety of skin conditions and pathologies as taught at several chiropractic colleges.

However, the Board has received legal advice that LLLT for *purely cosmetic conditions*, which do not address a skin condition or pathology such as hair removal, is not within the scope of practice, and to the best of our knowledge are not currently taught in any chiropractic college course. (This could change if chiropractic colleges begin teaching in this area.)

ETSDP Rule Review

The OBCE will be reviewing the ETSDP rule at their January 17, 2007 meeting in their public session at the Board’s Salem office. Some participants in the recent EPFX/SCIO review believe the Board is not interpreting this rule correctly. Anyone interested in the ETSDP rule is invited to attend and participate in this discussion.