

Foreword

Over the past 100 years, the practice of chiropractic has branched into dozens of specialty techniques. However, historically, for a third of this time, from the 1930s into the 1960s, the predominant practice of chiropractic involved primarily the upper cervical spine. Over the past four decades, advocates of upper cervical chiropractic have continued to refine the application of their techniques. They have become increasingly sophisticated as to the diagnosis of the upper cervical subluxation complex, they have engaged in clinical research, and they have documented observational case studies. All the while, they have continued to search the anatomical and neural-physiological research by others in an attempt to explain their clinical research results and observational case studies. The results have been a resurgence of interest in upper cervical chiropractic theory, science, and application.

Now, a comprehensive text has been produced that can be used by all chiropractors and other interested parties as a resource to enhance the understanding of the upper cervical spine, basic science, theoretical science, and published case studies. This book, *Upper Cervical Subluxation Complex*, by Kirk Eriksen, DC, is not a technique text, but rather a text of science. As a result, it will appeal to all individuals who have an interest in the upper cervical spine for any reason. Dr. Eriksen has included detailed aspects of upper cervical anatomy, neuroanatomy, neural-physiology, diagnoses, pathology, clinical syndromes, logical theories, and hypotheses, as well as reviews of case studies.

The task of putting this text together must have been monumental. The result is a unique assembly of information that will not only benefit individual chiropractors, but will also benefit our entire profession because of the sharing of the science that supports the observations of clinical chiropractic.

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