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## A Matter of Consent

**Richard Brown, DC, LL.M, FRCC,  
FBCA, FEAC, FAECC, FICC**

### Webinar Outline

The relationship between a health care provider and their patient is based on trust. A fundamental tenet of the chiropractor-patient relationship is the obtaining of voluntary, valid and informed consent to care, whether this be an examination, investigative procedure, treatment or disclosure of confidential information. Any failure to obtain consent can have serious legal and professional consequences. This presentation will explore matters of consent and the obligations binding on chiropractors in the course of their clinical practice. It will cover issues related to adequacy, capacity, exceptions, children, and research as well as the general themes of conveying risks, benefits and alternatives to care. It will outline how risk should be communicated, particularly in light of the case of *Montgomery v Lanarkshire Health Board*. An overview of professional obligations in relation to consent and the GCC Code (2016) will be given along with a review of existing guidance and potential pitfalls and misconceptions.

### Learning Outcomes

- Understanding of the key issues of consent
- Understanding of chiropractors' obligations in the context of consent
- Understanding of effective communication of risk
- Awareness of guidance on consent, and possible pitfalls

### Speaker

Richard has been Secretary-General of the World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) since 2015. He is a 1990 graduate of AECC University and was in continuous private practice for 25 years before relocating to Toronto, Canada.

Richard is a past president of the British Chiropractic Association (2009-2013) and has held a number of roles with the European Chiropractors' Union, including its first Secretary-General (2009-2015). He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Chiropractors, and has also been awarded Fellowships of the European Academy of Chiropractic, British Chiropractic Association, AWCC University and the International College of Chiropractors. In 2020 he was the recipient of the Chiropractor of the Year award from the American Chiropractic Association.

As owner and director of a large interdisciplinary clinic in Stroud, Gloucestershire, Richard gained first-hand experience of working collaboratively with other health professions, including general medical practitioners, surgeons, physiotherapists, exercise professions and podiatrists. In his clinical practice, Richard worked extensively in professional sport, including the English Premier League (football), elite athletics and Moto-GP. He served as a member of the medical team in the athletes' village at the London 2012 Olympic Games.



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## Speaker cont'd

With a Masters Degree in Law (LL.M) from Cardiff University, Richard has for many years worked as an expert witness in both the UK and Ireland and retains a busy medicolegal consultancy. Covering areas of clinical negligence, fitness to practice and statutory regulation, Richard has also been involved in drafting codes of ethics and standards of proficiency in Europe, Africa and Asia. He has been instructed in over 300 matters involving fitness to practice and has appeared before the Professional Conduct Committee on numerous occasions over the past 20 years.

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### **Ethical and Compliant Communication of Patient Services**

Tues 2nd Nov 2021, 7 - 8pm

Speaker: Celia Champion, Painless Practice

### **Motivational Interviewing**

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Speaker: Prof Lesley Haig, AECC UC

### **Interprofessional Communication**

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Speaker: TBC

### **The RCC Clinical Practice Standard for Communication**

Weds 12th Jan 2022, 7 - 8pm

Speaker: Phil Jones MRCC, LRCC (Pain)

### **Effective Clinical Communication**

Weds 26th Jan 2022, 1 - 2pm (RCC AGM – members only)

Speaker: Professor John Skelton, University of Birmingham

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