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**Introduction** : Since its inception, the chiropractic profession has had patients report improvement of non-musculoskeletal complaints with the care rendered. However, the fact that a minority of patients currently seek wellness care from chiropractic providers may have more to do with consumers' current understanding of chiropractors' actual scope of practice than with the acceptability of chiropractors as wellness practitioners. Therefore, the chiropractic approach of the doctor may have some influence on the types of patients that may seek their care and sacro occipital technique appears to offer a "complete system of healing."

**Methods/Outcome** : A survey questionnaire sent to parents of an active group of pediatric patients (2000-07) (n=127) elicited 37 responses from active patients under age 12 who had presented for treatment of nonmusculoskeletal complaints. In all cases active chiropractic care consisted of sacro occipital technique and cranial pediatric treatments. Significant improvement was reported in 36 of the 37 patients receiving predominately sacro occipital technique chiropractic care.

**Conclusion** : The evidence is slowly emerging to confirm chiropractic care does appear to be a reasonable intervention for some non-musculoskeletal type patient presentations particularly when weighing its low-risk versus the higher risks of medications or surgery.