HEALTH CENTER AIDS POLICY

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Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a significant, worldwide public health problem. Because straight chiropractic is concerned with the correction of vertebral subluxation, a major form of interference to the body's striving to maintain its own health, it shall be the policy of the Health Center that no person shall be denied the benefits of chiropractic care solely upon a positive diagnosis of HIV or AIDS infection. Likewise, no student intern shall be denied the right to train in the Health Center solely upon a positive diagnosis of HIV or AIDS infection. However, it shall be considered a matter of professional concern that the intern informs his/her patients and colleagues should they have either of these conditions.

Should an intern learn (through the case history, review and update, case update or during routine spinal check/exam) of a patient's positive diagnosis of HIV or AIDS made by another health care provider, the intern must consult a faculty doctor immediately prior to rendering care. Although chiropractic care does not include procedures that would allow for the transmission of the virus, special precautions will be taken.