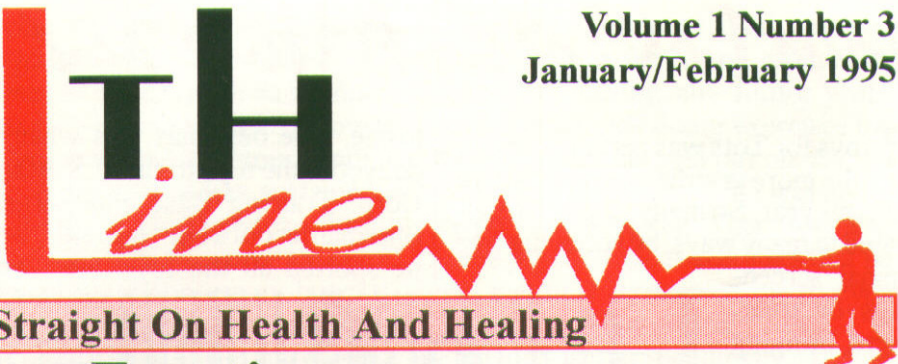


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The Hospital ... A New Frontier

"To visit strange new lives and new civilizations. To boldly go where no ~~man~~ ^{Chiropractor} has gone before..."

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As we embark on the beginning of Chiropractic's second 100 years of existence, 1995 marks a new age of acceptance for this valuable form of healthcare.

Until now, a CHIROPRACTOR has never "officially" set foot in a Dade County, emergency care hospital. However, on September 12, 1994, an unusual meeting was called to order at the Golden Glades Regional Medical Center in North Miami Beach. A meeting that was to change that state of affairs. Present were: a Neurosurgeon, a Neurologist, a Cardiologist, a Urologist, Plastic Surgeons, an Orthopedist, Internists, General Practitioners, a Pediatrician, a Physiatrist, the Chief of Staff, Administrators, the Chief Executive Officer and a... *Chiropractor?*

Yes, a Chiropractor. And no, the other physicians did not look for horns and a tail. Nor did they rub their eyes in disbelief when I walked in. As a matter of fact, they served me dinner and referred to me as Doctor Baron.

No hostility at all, it must be how Americans feel now when they visit Vietnam.

During the dinner, I was informed of the hospital's consideration of including a Chiropractor on their staff in an official capacity. I was able to supply them with the appropriate answers to their questions, since I successfully arranged for a similar project at the Doctors Hospital in Broward County last year. I particularly emphasized that they needed Chiropractic care if they wanted to completely appeal to their public.

I was asked to submit to a firing line of questions at a meeting on October 20, 1994. The Executive Medical Board of the Hospital used the meeting as a third and final stage of their research before voting. Frankly, they were not sure how to work with a chiropractor when presented with certain case scenarios and wanted to hear my answers to those questions. And, I must admit that their questions were asked with genuine interest. There wasn't a threat-

ening or belittling tone in the group.

In my opinion, their questions concerned emotional issues, rather than procedural ones. I believe some of the question were ego motivated while others were merely concerned with how and when a Chiropractor should be called in on a case.

I reminded myself to make eye contact with everyone, and try at least to get a smile or a nod of encouragement from each person in the room. Much to my surprise, they then decided to vote right there with me in the room! My nervous anticipation peaked as the Chief of Staff stated, "All in favor of granting the Chiropractors staff privileges, say aye". With a resounding exclamation, every single physician in the room said "aye!" There was not one abstention.

The next thing I new, I was hearing words of praise and clapping hands. I brought another Chiropractor with me for back up and I have to admit that at that point, I wanted to pick him up out of his seat and kiss

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