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THE CANADIAN CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION AND
THE CANADIAN MEMORIAL CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE
SUPPORT RECOMMENDATIONS OF
ROMANOW REPORT

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Canada's chiropractors welcomed the recommendations contained in the Romanow Commission's report. "Chiropractors treat over four million Canadians annually," said Dr. Greg Stewart, President of The Canadian Chiropractic Association, "and Mr. Romanow's report clearly states that patient access to health care services needs to be undertaken on a team basis. Right now, this doesn't happen. All health care professionals have a responsibility to their patients to work together in their best interests. A team approach based on evidence-based practices gets Canadians better quicker and often less expensively."

Dr. Jean Moss, President of the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College in Toronto, supported the commission's recommendations about preventing disease and on promoting healthy lifestyles. "Chiropractic education stresses the connection between healthy lifestyles, adequate nutrition, disease prevention, exercise, and consultation with your primary contact health care professional. These are especially important considerations in an ageing population such as we have in Canada."

"Now that Mr. Romanow's report is out" said Stewart, "the real work of change must start. The chiropractic profession will fully participate in public policy discussions and will work collaboratively with governments, other health care providers, and the insurance industry to act on these recommendations." Opening the Canada Health Act will afford a welcomed opportunity to examine other health care services not presently addressed in the legislation.

There are over 6,000 chiropractors in Canada. The chiropractic profession has been in existence for approximately 106 years and is a regulated health care profession in all provinces. Copies of The CCA and CMCC's submission to the Romanow Commission are available at: www.ccachiro.org and www.cmcc.ca

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