

Joseph R. Merckling Jr. DC

Education

Doctor of Chiropractic (Sept. 1999-Dec. 2002)

New York Chiropractic College (NYCC), Seneca Falls, NY

- Member Phi Chi Omega Chiropractic Honor Society
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude with cumulative GPA 3.78
- Member Student American Chiropractic Association (SACA)
- Member Sports Science and Human Performance Club

Bachelor of Arts (Sept. 1995-June 1999)

Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT

Major in Biology (pre-professional), Minor in Chemistry

- Member Tri-Beta Biological Honor Society
- Member of Quinnipiac University Honor Society
- Cumulative GPA 3.5

Related Experience

Merckling Family Chiropractic, P.C. (Oct.2006-current)

- Sole Owner of Chiropractic Office
- Responsible for all phases of patient care including examination, diagnosis, reports, education and treatment of patients, spinal radiographs and quality assurance
- Responsible for all administrative duties including billing, coding, bookkeeping, accounting, payroll, and employee management

Advanced Medical Rehabilitation P.C. (April 2003-Sept.2006)

63-32 99th street, Rego Park, NY 11374

- Associate chiropractor in multidisciplinary office
- Responsible for all phases of patient care including examination, diagnosis, reports, education and treatment of patients, spinal radiographs and quality assurance

Turner Chiropractic Office (March 2003-April 2003)

- Perform spinal screenings at various locations for patient recruitment and to promote chiropractic awareness

Chiropractic Intern, Seneca Falls and Levittown Student Health Centers, NYCC (Sept. 2001 to Dec. 2002)

- Practiced chiropractic in multi-DC supervised clinic.
- Examined, diagnosed, and treated patients through adjustments, ancillary therapeutic treatments, patient education and rehabilitation
- Provided physical exams and chiropractic care to mentally ill chemical abuse patients and Geriatric patients for a 4 week rotation

Pop Warner Pre-season Physical Exam Screening for Football,

Office of Dr. Phillip Santiago, Lake Hiawatha, NJ (Aug. 2002)

- Performed over 75 physical exams on 5-13 year old football players

Scoliosis Spinal Screening at East Meadow Middle School, NY (July 2002)

- Performed spinal screenings on sixth through eight graders at East Meadow Middle School under the supervision of Dr. Richard Meoli

Chiropractic Intern at USA Team Handball Tournament, Nassau Community College, NY (April 2002)

- Provided chiropractic care including adjusting and soft tissue therapy to over 400 athletes at the National Team Handball Tournament over a three day weekend

Chiropractic Intern at Syracuse Festival of Races, Boilermaker Race, and IC4A Race (Sept. 1999-Sept. 2001)

- Provided Chiropractic care, including adjusting, soft tissue therapy, and patient education for the participants at athletic competitions, through the Sports Science and Human Performance Club.

Continuing Development

NYSCA D7: 8th Annual CE and Coffee Seminar (4CE credits)

6/21/2018

Various speakers covering topics including MRI interpretation for Cervical and Lumbar spine, Current developments in Interventional Pain management and Complex and minimally invasive Neurosurgical spinal treatment approaches.

Vestibular Rehab and Chiropractic Practice (1CE credit)

5/16/2018

Collaborative Rheumatology and Chiropractic Care for Fibromyalgia and Dermatologic Arthropathy (2 CE credits)

4/17/2018

NYSCA Spring Convention 2018 (16 CE credits, 6 Cat1)

3/9-3/11/2018

Various speakers covering topics including NYS Workers Comp, Recordkeeping/Documentation, Laws and Ethics, Clinical interventions/Evidence based models, Boundry issues.

NYSCA Fall Convention 2017 (17 CE credits, 5 Cat1)

11/3-11/5/2017

Various speakers covering topics including Laws and Ethics, Clinical interventions/Evidence based models, Research trends.

NYSCA Spring Convention 2017 (12 CE credits, 2 Cat1)

3/10-3/12/2017

Various speakers covering topics including NYS Workers Comp Spinal Impairment rating, Elastic therapeutic taping, Advice for sex and back pain, Soft tissue rehab devices, assessment and adjusting pediatric patients.

NYSCA Fall Convention 2016 (10.5 CE credits, 4.5 Cat1)

10/21-10/23/2016

Various speakers covering topics including MRI case studies, TMJ management, Proper documentation/recordkeeping, clinical interventions and evidenced based models of healthcare.

NYSCA Spring Convention 2016 (12 CE credits, 6 Cat1)

3/11-3/13/2016

Various speakers covering topics including Biopsychosocial factors in low back pain, musculoskeletal nutrition, evidence based practice, Workers compensation and Electrodiagnosis in practice.

NYSICA Fall Convention 2015 (15 CE credits, 8 Cat1)

10/2-10/4/2015

- Various speakers covering topics including Medicare, No-Fault, Workers Compensation, Golf sports injuries treatment/prevention and ICD-10 coding, recordkeeping, documentation.

Chiropractic ICD-10 Coding Recordkeeping Documentation and Compliance (4CE credits, 4 Cat1)

5/7/2015

- Dr Marty Kotler on the transition to ICD-10 diagnosis coding documentation, recordkeeping and compliance

Disc herniation pain and treatment options (3 CE credits)

1/15/2014, 2/18/2014 and 3/8/2014

- Dr Sathish Subbaiah and Dr Morgan Chen neurosurgeons discussed current management and treatment options for disc injuries

NYSICA Spring Convention (12CE Credits, 6 Cat1)

March 7-9, 2014

- Topics included Primary spine care provider clinical excellence, NYS WCB guidelines, Sacroiliac joint Non-invasive treatment options, Headaches a Neurological perspective, Introduction to ICD10, Spine care an Integrated practice an ethical view.

NYSICA Fall Convention (10.5 CE credits, 4.5 Cat1)

Oct 25-27, 2013

- Topics included Documentation and managing back pain in the injured worker. Affordable care act and the NYS Health benefit exchange, and Diagnosis and non-operative management of Cervical & Lumbar spine disorders

NYSICA Winter Convention (16CE credits, 10Cat1)

March 8-10, 2013

- Topics included Medicare EHR/PQRS, No-fault, and Workers Compensation updates. Audit prevention/documentation. ConnecTx Introduction.

ICPA – Perinatal Care (12CE credits)

Dec 8-9, 2012

- The Webster technique –demonstration and hands on proficiency exam. Physiologic, medical, and emotional causes of Dystocia

NYSICA Winter Convention (15CE credits, 4 Cat1)

March 16-18, 2012

- Topics included Medicare, No-fault, Workers Compensation, Audit prevention, Low tech Rehab, Fascial Manipulation, Differential lab diagnosis, and Therapeutic laser application

Creating Patient care plans (1 CE credit, Cat 1)

- David Klein of Footlevelers online webinar

NYSICA Suffolk County CE & Coffee (4 CE credits, 4 Cat 1)

June 16, 2011

- Topics included NYS No-fault proposed regulatory changes from the NYS Insurance department, and Dr David Pinkus on the Nuts and Bolts of Treatment plans.

NYSICA's Winter Convention (12 CE credits, 4.5 Cat 1)

March 19, 2011 – March 20, 2011

- Topics included NYS Workers Compensation changes, and Active care with Low tech Rehabilitation of the Spine, Dr. Van Vorst, Dr Mark Sanna, Dr Jason Brown.

New York State Workers Compensation Board Medical Treatment Guidelines Online Training (Nov. 2010)

- Introduction to the Medical Treatment Guidelines (0.25CE credits)
- General Guideline Principles (0.25CE credits)
- Overview of forms and Processes (0.50 CE credits)

NYSCA's Fall Convention (16CE credits, 10 Cat 1)

September 24th- September 26th 2010

- Topics included Vertigo Management, Worker's Compensation, Medicare, Coding, and Low Tech Rehab with Mario Fucinari, DC, CCSP, and attended delegates meeting.

NYSCA's Fall Convention (12 CE credits, 4 Cat 1)

October 2, 2009 – October 4, 2009

- Topics included Medicare, Worker's Compensation, No-Fault, Physical Diagnosis and Low Tech Rehab, Documentation and Risk Management, and attended delegates meeting.

NYSCA's Winter Convention (16 CE credits, 6.5 Cat 1)

January 25, 2008 – January 27 2008

- Topics included Medicare, Workers Compensation, No-Fault, and coding and ethics workshops. Rehabilitation of the Spine, by Craig Liebenson, DC.

NYSCA's Fall Convention (14 CE Credits NYCC, 4 Cat 1)

September 28, 2007- September 30, 2007

- Topics included Medicare, No-Fault, and Workers Compensation Workshops. Hospital based Chiropractic Rehabilitation, Clinical and Emergency department protocols.

The Art of Chiropractic: A symposium of Chiropractic Technique 2nd annual (12 CE Credits NYCC, 3 Cat 1)

April 21, 2007- April 22, 2007

Hospital Privileges and Protocols (6 CE Credits NYCC)

December 7, 2006

- Hospital organizational standards, admission procedures, credentialing, and the integration of chiropractic and allopathic medicine.

Surgical Observation, Hawthorne Center for Special Surgery

- Observed three full spine Manipulations under anesthesia, in Hawthorne, NJ September 2002

Professional Presentations And Publications

Maximum Medical Improvement in NYS Workers Compensation – Spinal Impairment rating and the C4.3 form

- Presented at the NYSCA Spring 2017 convention, 3/11/2017 2 Hour CE credit Category 1. Included: Determining maximum medical improvement timelines, documentation/imaging/EMG requirements, Impairment overview and case studies with mock completion of the C4.3 form.

Chiropractic Medicare Documentation, Recordkeeping and

Compliance

- Presented at the NYSCA Fall 2015 convention, 10/2/2015 1 Hour CE credit Category 1. Included: Responding to requests for records, contraindications, Functional Goals, ICD-10 coding and proper documentation for medical necessity.

News 12 Long Island Naturally – Webster technique

- Interviewed and appeared on featured segment on August 3, 2016 discussing pregnancy and the Webster technique related to chiropractic and safer natural births.

“Chiropractic Care and the Temporomandibular joint”

- Presented relevant anatomy, common pathology/conditions, case management, and treatment options for TMJ related complaints to a Study group of dentists and oral surgeons. November 23, 2009.
- Presented to New York State Chiropractic Association District 7 Suffolk county. January 19, 2011.
- Presented at New York State Chiropractic Association at Fall Convention October 23, 2016 1 hour CE credit.

“Decisions, Decisions” Cover Story, ACAnews, March 2011

- Interviewed and quoted in article written by Rebecca Jones.

“What is Correct Posture?” Article written for Bellport.com 9/2010

Learning for Life Program

- Addressed students and business ownership classes at South Country Middle and High Schools discussing the Chiropractic profession and relevant requirements, job skills, and small business ownership. Annually 2010-2015.

Lobbying for Chiropractic in Albany, NY

- Presented and educated State Assembly and Congress leaders on new legislative laws relating to issues effecting the chiropractic profession in New York State as a representative of NYSCA. May 1, 2007, March 2011, February 2012, April 2018.

Lobbying for Chiropractic in Washington D.C.

- Educated Congressmen, Senators and Health aids on chiropractic education and recent legislative issues of the American Chiropractic Association (ACA) during the National Chiropractic Legislative Conference, March 2001, March 2002

**Licenses and
Certifications**

New York State Chiropractic License – X010618

New York State Workers Compensation Authorization

- Treatment and IME Authorized, C10618-9B, Rating Code: DC

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners

- Parts I, II, III, IV, and physiotherapy completed

Webster Technique Certification –optimal chiropractic analysis and adjusting techniques for pregnant women

CPR AED certified – AHA

Infectious Control Certification

- Certified by Clifton Springs Hospital, NY

National Provider Identifier

- Individual Type 1 – 1033200563
- Business Type 2 – 1538250071

**Hospital
Affiliation**

John T. Mather Memorial Hospital – member of Chiropractic Collaboration which strives to provide exceptional, coordinated patient care, education and outreach. Since 7/18/2013.

**Participating
Provider**

Optum Health/ACN Group Includes Aetna, Oxford, United Healthcare, MPN, GE Wellness, and Great West.

ASHN includes Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO, HMO, MediBlue HMO/PPO, Direct POS, Direct HMO, Cigna HMO/POS, and HealthFirst

Medicare (PAR), Cigna PPO, Oscar, Triad Healthcare Inc., Multiplan, PHCS, 1199 SEIU, FECA/Dept. of Labor, Federal HealthNet/TRICARE

**Professional
memberships**

**New York State Chiropractic Association (NYSCA) State
Regional Director**

- Member since 2006, District Board of Directors since 2007, District Secretary 2009 to 2011, District Vice President 2011-6/2017, District President 6/2017-6/2018. State Delegate 2009-6/2017. State Regional Director 6/2017-present, State Insurance Committee Co-Chairman 2011-present

American Chiropractic Association

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- Member since 2007

International Chiropractic Pediatric Association (ICPA)

- Member since 2012

Optum Health Chiropractic Professional Advisory Committee

- Member 2011-2015

Business Networking International

- Member since 2006, Membership committee 2007 to 10/2015, Vice President February 2011 to 10/2014, President 10/2014 to 10/2015

Bellport High School Business Advisory Board

- Member 2008-2015

Bellport Chamber of Commerce

- Member since 2006

Suffolk County Medical Reserve Corps.

- Member since 2008