

# Chiropractic and World Timeline Events

**1886**

Richard Sears begins the R.W. Sears Watch Co. in Minneapolis. His company would become Sears, Roebuck and Company.

**1895**

D.D. Palmer reportedly performs the first chiropractic adjustment.

**1895**

The X-ray is discovered by Wilhelm C. Roentgen.



**1902**

J.C. Penney Co. begins as the Golden Rule Store in Kemmerer, WY.

**1904**

Chiropractic regulation in U.S. begins when Chiropractic School Davenport, Illinois, issued Minora Paxson an OP certificate.

**1906**

The Universal Chiropractors Association (UCA), the earliest ancestor of today's ACA, is organized in Davenport, Iowa, as a legal protective society for DCs.

**1922**

*Reader's Digest* began publication.

**1923**

*Time Magazine* began publication.

**1922**

More than 80 chiropractic schools are in operation. Enrollment at Palmer tops 3,000.

**1929**

Standard Process is founded by Royal Lee, DDS.



**1953**

IBM introduces the first commercial computer.

**1954**

Bill Luckey begins publishing a periodic newsletter, the antecedent of today's *Chiropractic Economics*.

**1955**

Douglas Laboratories is founded by Sam Lioon.

**1958**

*Chiropractic Economics* debuts as a magazine published six times per year.

**1962**

Dee Cee Labs founded.



**1962**

Palmer College of Chiropractic begins teaching liberal arts courses.

**1963**

President Kennedy is assassinated on Nov. 22.

**1963**

Chiropractic becomes legal in the state of New York.

**1963**

Today's NBCE is chartered. It will give its first exams in 1965.

**1968**

The ACA and ICA respond to a biased report by the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, which recommends against including chiropractic in Medicare.

**1969**

Neil Armstrong becomes the first man to walk on the surface of the Moon.

**1970**

The presidents of leading straight chiropractic colleges form the original Association of Chiropractic Colleges and seek to form an accrediting agency independent of the ACA and ICA.

**1974**

President Nixon resigns and Gerald Ford, an appointed vice president, becomes president.

**1974**

Louisiana becomes the last state to enact a chiropractic licensing statute.

**1975**

The first interdisciplinary meeting to review the "Research Status of Spinal Manipulative Therapy" is convened by the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Diseases and Stroke (NINCDS), marking the beginning of chiropractic research.

**1976**

Chester A.Wilk, DC, and four co-plaintiffs, sue the AMA for violating antitrust laws.

**1981**

The *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics* becomes the first (and still only) chiropractic periodical to be indexed by the National Library of Medicine in Index Medicus.

**1984**

Systemic Formulas founded.



**1985**

MPN Software founded.



**1985**

IAHE DBA/Upledger Insitute founded.



**1986**

Infinedi founded.



**1990**

The U.S. Court of Appeals upholds the lower court's ruling that the AMA was guilty of conspiracy.

**1990**

Performance Health founded.



**1995**

*Chiropractic Economics* gets a new look and a new publisher, The Doyle Group.

**1995**

Chiropractic turns 100.

**1996**

Erchonnia founded.



**2001**

Medzone founded. The makers of PainZone.



**2002**

The Port Orange, Fla., campus of Palmer College is founded.



**2003**

The Foundation for Chiropractic Progress is established.



**2003**

The HIPAA Privacy Rule compliance requirements go into effect.

**2006**

LiteCure founded.



**2008**

Mike Reed, DC, is named medical director of the U.S. Olympic Team —a first for chiropractic.



**2009**

The HITECH Act establishes incentives for converting to EHR software.

**2014**

Abacus Health Products, Inc. founded.



**2016**

TruGen3 founded.



**2015**

As of Oct. 1, any provider covered by HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) required to use ICD-10 codes.

**2017**

On Sept. 1, Texas Senate Bill 304 passed, protecting Texas DCs' ability to diagnose and ensuring chiropractic's governance by the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

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**1897**

Dow Chemical founded.

**1898**

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. founded.

**1899**

D.D. Palmer and a Davenport, Iowa, allopathic physician feud and the struggle between chiropractic and allopathic medicine begins.

**1900**

Milton S. Hershey introduces the milk chocolate Hershey bar in the U.S.

**1906**

D.D. Palmer is found guilty of practicing medicine without a license and serves 23 days in the Scott County Jail.

**1910**

B.J. Palmer introduces X-ray to the chiropractic profession at the Palmer School of Chiropractic.

**1915**

North Dakota and Arkansas are the first states to issue chiropractic licenses.



**1930**

A merger of the Universal Chiropractors Association and an older ACA forms the National Chiropractic Association (NCA), today's ACA.

**1944**

The NCA founds the Chiropractic Research Foundation.

**1945**

Hill Laboratories Co. founded.



**1952**

Foot Levelers founded.



**1958**

The Chiropractic Research Foundation, organized by the NCA as a nonprofit philanthropic agency in 1944, is reorganized as the Foundation for Accredited Chiropractic Education.

**1959**

Alaska and Hawaii are admitted to the union as the 49th and 50th states.

**1961**

B.J. Palmer, son of the founder of chiropractic and founder of the ICA, passes away.

**1964**

The ACA's director of education warns *Chiropractic Economics* readers about the AMA's intent to eliminate chiropractic.

**1965**

Medicare is established, providing hospital and medical benefits to people over 65 and financed through Social Security.

**1966**

Scrip Chiropractic Supply founded.



**1967**

The Activator Method Chiropractic Technique was co-invented by Drs. Arlan W. Fuhr and Warren Lee.

**1971**

Nike is founded.



**1971**

The CCE is chartered as an independent body, separate from the American Chiropractic Association.

**1972**

*Money Magazine* is launched.

**1974**

The Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare approves the CCE as the accrediting agency for chiropractic education.

**1974**

Sombra founded.



**1978**

In March 1978 the first issue of the *Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics* (JMPT) is published.

**1978**

David D. Palmer, the grandson of the founder of chiropractic, dies at age 71.

**1980**

The Association for the History of Chiropractic is established.

**1980**

Biotone founded.



**1987**

Federal District Judge Susan Getzendanner rules in favor of DCs in the second trial of Wilk et al. vs. AMA et al. Her ruling will be sustained by higher courts.

**1988**

A merger between the ICA and the ACA fails.

**1989**

The Berlin Wall is torn down.

**1997**

*Chiropractic Economics* launches its annual Salary and Expense and Fees and Reimbursements surveys.

**1998**

The ACA files suit against the federal government to protect patients' rights to receive chiropractic care under Medicare.

**1999**

Nations around the world prepare to deal with Y2K (year 2000) computer problems.

**2000**

The ACA files Trigon lawsuit for discriminatory reimbursement policies.

**2004**

A major U.S. government study show that 40 million have used chiropractic and consumer demand for alternative health care is increasing.

**2004**

*Chiropractic Economics* celebrates 50 years in publishing.

**2004**

Chiropractic services are now included as part of the standard medical benefits package available to veterans.

**2005**

Hurricane Katrina wreaks havoc along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

**2009**

RockTape founded.



**2009**

ChiroTouch founded.



**2010**

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) is signed into law.

**2010**

Chiropractic care becomes fully integrated in the treatment of athletes at the Winter Olympic Games.

**2018**

The Farm Bill, or Agriculture and Nutritional Act, signed into law by President Trump, legalizing industrial hemp, the crop from which cannabidiol (CBD) is derived.

**2019**

*Chiropractic Economics* celebrates 65 years in publishing and gets a new look.



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