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## **Research Agenda Conference VI Slated for July**

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The *Research Agenda Conference VI: Advancing the Science of Chiropractic (RAC VI)*, will be held July 27-29, 2001, in Kansas City, Missouri. The conference is jointly sponsored by the Consortial Center for Chiropractic Research (CCCR), the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), and the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Health Professions.

"We're very pleased that this conference has developed a reputation as a 'must attend' event for anyone interested in participating in the scientific development of chiropractic," said William Meeker, DC, MPH, project director for RAC VI. Dr. Meeker is research director of the CCCR and the Palmer Center for Chiropractic Research, where the consortium is headquartered.

Last year's research agenda conference attracted more than 200 professionals from nearly every chiropractic institution. RAC VI will feature nationally prominent scientists; clinicians and administrators from chiropractic and other health professions; interactive plenary sessions and workshops; and lectures and small group facilitated discussions. Topics are targeted to participants with varying scientific backgrounds or learning needs: writing case reports; research manuscript submission and publication; grant -roposal writing and submission; and research project administration.

Plenary sessions include:

- "Evidence-Based Approaches to Practice, Education, and Policy: The Significance and Impact of Chiropractic Research."
- "Cost and Cost-effectiveness of Chiropractic Care."
- "Lessons from the Workshops: Chiropractic Theory Revisited."
- "Defining the Optimum Adjustment and Case-Management for Clinical Research and Policy-Making."

Attendance at RAC VI will be limited to the first 200 registrants. For further information, email Ms. Lori Byrd, project coordinator, at [byrd\\_l@palmer.edu](mailto:byrd_l@palmer.edu), or by calling her at 563-884-5198. For the most current information about RAC VI as it develops, check the CCCR website at [www.c3r.org](http://www.c3r.org).

The Consortial Center for Chiropractic Research (CCCR) was established in October 1997 with a \$2.5 million grant from the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) of the National Institutes of Health. The research facilities of 10 chiropractic colleges and universities comprise the CCCR. The CCCR is one of 13 NCCAM-sponsored centers in the U.S. for the study of complementary and alternative therapies, and the only NCCAM center focused on chiropractic research.

RAC VI will be the sixth in an annual series of conferences supported by the Chiropractic Demonstration Grants Program, which was established in 1994 by the U. S. Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Health Professions.

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