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Dear Mrs Denoon

**CHIROPRACTIC UPPER CERVICAL MANIPULATION AND
CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICES**

At the meeting of the General Council held on 7 October 2004, members considered your letter of 27 August (receipt acknowledged on 6 September) and have authorised me to respond as follows.

With regard to the specific numbered questions listed in your letter, the position is as follows.

1. The research was commissioned by the British Chiropractic Association, on behalf of the profession.
2. The research is being supervised by Jenni Bolton, Professor of Chiropractic Education.
3. The GCC does not hold the level of detail that you request.
- 4/5/6. The research is a large prospective cohort study, documenting patient outcomes following cervical manipulation.
- 7/8. The research commenced in 2001 and is ongoing.
9. It is anticipated that the results of the research will be published within the next two to three years.
10. The GCC remains of the view, as stated in its letter of 8 April 2004, that association does not equal causation and that currently there is no evidence that neck manipulation causes stroke.
11. *The Bone and Joint Decade Task Force on Neck Pain and Associated Disorders* is an international, multi-centre, multi-disciplinary study. Academic institutions affiliated with the Task Force include the World Health Organisation for Neurotrauma Prevention and universities in France, North America and Sweden. Two of the research projects of the Task Force are
 - Risks Associated with the Treatment of Neck Pain. This is comprised of two epidemiological studies of adverse outcomes associated with