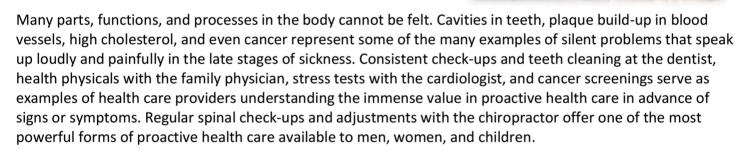
## Proactive Health Care DOES NOT wait for Pain

The presence of pain does not represent a strong indicator of a person's overall health status. In other words, health cannot be accurately measured by the presence or absence of pain. Incredible amounts of research indicates that pain does not usually represent the root of a problem but alters an individual to a greater problem that advanced far beyond the body's ability to cope or manage. Pain usually represents a final symptom rather than a root cause. Achieving optimal health and healing means addressing the causes of health conditions rather than simply masking pain.

Many care providers agree that pain speaks loudest and stays longest. A problem existed long before the pain and demands attention before the pain will subside. Long term health and improvement without drugs or surgery require intervention that gets to the source. Chiropractors focus on finding and addressing the structural cause of painful problems rather than simply treating the symptoms or the effects of the cause.



The benefits of a chiropractic adjustment go far beyond pain relief, and the benefits begin to manifest in many ways that prevent pain from ever occurring. Research from 2015 looked at spinal MRI scans of a large population of people who experienced no pain or symptoms. Over twenty percent of those studied were found to have disc degeneration, herniations, or protrusions in the spine with no symptoms. These ailments would eventually lead to chronic low back pain and the likelihood of needing to use powerful pharmaceuticals or invasive surgery. This example represents one of many ways in which a silent and unhealthy condition exists without pain until the condition becomes extremely advanced and nearly irreparable.

The benefit of chiropractic has no prerequisite of pain. Kids, adults, and even infants of all ages experience the benefits of chiropractic without ever experiencing conditions in need of pain resolution. Chiropractic benefits everyone. Doctors of Chiropractic undergo extensive training and education that enables them to assess, diagnose, and begin the process of allowing the body to heal proactively. The proactive path to optimal health begins with chiropractic.