

ARTHRITIS PATIENTS TURN TO CHIROPRACTIC



The Annuals of Internal Medicine (of all places) published the results of a survey of 232 people who had arthritis and were under a rheumatologists care. Of those, 63% responded to the survey by saying they were using some form of "complimentary care" as named by the study. Of those people, 31% were using chiropractic. These number may themselves be grossly under reported as only 45% of the patients told their doctor about using the other forms of care.

These reported numbers translate to over 19% of the public who is seeing a rheumatologists is also seeing a chiropractor. And if less than half of the patients are telling their doctor about it the actual number may be twice as high.

Possibly the most impressive statistic was that 73% of those trying chiropractic found it helpful. The reasons given why people said they tried the non-medical care were to control pain, because they heard it helped, because it was safe, it helped someone they knew, and because their prescription medication wasn't working.



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