

Health Information Website Evaluation Checklist

Evidence-Based Chiropractic Practice by Dr. Michael T. Haneline

Website Title _____

Sponsor _____

URL _____

Apparent conflicts of interest

Does the website allow advertising?

☐ Yes ☐ No

• If yes, does the owner/ sponsor market (a) specific product(s)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

• If yes, is the owner/ sponsor the inventor/ creator of the product?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- If yes, be very wary of any health information that may be provided and cross-check with other, more reliable sources.

Credibility

If an individual, does the author list his or her qualifications?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Does the author of the website have a relevant doctoral degree?

☐ Yes ☐ No

• If no, does the author of the website have any relevant degree? I

☐ Yes ☐ No

• If no, is there any other validation of the author's credibility?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- If no, be very wary of any health information that may be provided and cross-check with other, more reliable sources.

If an organization is involved, does it appear to be legitimized?

☐ Yes ☐ No

• Does the organization have an adequate number of members?

☐ Yes ☐ No

• Is the organization national or state wide?

☐ Yes ☐ No

References

Is a list of references in support of the website's opinions provided?

☐ Yes ☐ No

• If yes, are they relevant to the health topic being covered?

☐ Yes ☐ No

• Are the references from reliable sources?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- If no, is any other valid evidence presented that may be provided and cross-check with other, more reliable sources.

☐ Yes ☐ No

- If no, be very wary of any health information that may be provided and cross-check with other, more reliable sources.

Health Information Website Evaluation Checklist

Evidence-Based Chiropractic Practice by Dr. Michael T. Haneline

Content

- | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Does the website cover the health issue(s) adequately? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does the website have a professional appearance? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the grammar acceptable? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the grammar acceptable? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the information accurate? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the information presented in a consistent manner? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the website free of contradictions? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Are readers advised to contact a health professional with questions? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the information current? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Applicability

- | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Does the website provide relevant health information? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Is the information relevant to the largest population? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does the website provide important information? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Overall impression regarding the trustworthiness of this website

Good— Accept almost all of the material that is presented.

Fair— Accept some material, but exclude: _____

Poor— Do not accept any of the material.