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The Audible Release

Hello To All Our Members!!

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Hello to all our members.

I hope this publication of the Audible Release finds you and your families well. A lot has happened since our last handout. Thank you as always to our

wonderful sponsors and speakers at recent meetings, we appreciate the continued support and involvement with our efforts to expand our scope of practice and build our profession. Just a reminder, we will not be having a December meeting and will instead see everyone for the Holiday Party. We hope to see everyone soon to celebrate the end of 2024!

With homes, families, practices, and lives being changed by these historic storms, be sure to support everyone in our communities and stand together! We wish all of you a prosperous and happy holiday season as you celebrate with your family and friends. Happy Holidays!



29th ANNUAL PCCS GOLF TOURNAMENT

29th Annual PCCS Golf Tournament Tom Hughes, DC

The 29th Annual PCCS Golf Tournament was held on November 14, 2024. Once again played at Bardmoor Golf & Tennis Club in Largo, the weather was a great and both players and sponsors had a great day! As most of you know, we had to reschedule due to the hurricanes. We are so thankful for the sponsors and the 46 golfers who came out to compete for the coveted PCCS Championship as well as other fun and exciting contests. The official results are below:

<u>1ST PLACE</u> (54) <u>2ND PLACE</u> (56) <u>HONESTY AWARD</u> (68) That's a great score! Chris Waters Susanti Chowdhury

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Proceeds from this event help support the general operation of the Society as well as raise money for our PAC. The total amount raised for our PAC is still being determined but needless to say it is more than we had prior to the tournament!

The PCCS Board of Directors and members would like to thank all the players, sponsors, raffle contributors and volunteers for making the event a success.

I hope you will take a moment to review the list of sponsors and raffle contributors who supported this year's tournament and make the choice to patronize those who support our Society.

See you next year for the 30th Annual Tournament. Until then, hope you hit'em long and straight!

29th Annual PCCS Golf Tournament was a great success. Here are some highlights from the day.











































Calendar of Events

Monthly Dinner Meetings Join us In-Person

Last Tuesday of the Month www.pccschiro.org/annual-calendar

Marriott Upstairs 12600 Roosevelt Blvd. N St. Petersburg, FL 33716 6:30-8:30 pm

Dinner/Speaker at 7 pm
Please RSVP to Evite for dinner attendance

December

NO GENERAL MEETING

January

GENERAL MEETING

January 28th - General Meeting Location: St.Petersburg Marriott - 2nd Floor, Speaker Tillie Allison from Westshore Financial Group

February

GENERAL MEETING

February 25th - General Meeting Location: St.Petersburg Marriott - 2nd Floor, Speaker Susanti Chowdhury, MD, PA

January Board meeting 14th, 12:30 p.m. Zoom

February Board meeting 11th, 11:30 p.m. Zoom

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Hurricanes and Mental Health

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Now that we are finally at the end of the 2024 Hurricane Season, it is important to recognize and reflect on some of the significant mental health stress that we all experienced this season. While we now look to recover as a community, please keep in mind the long term effects of these significant stressors and identify, educate, manage, and advocate for yourself and your patients.

Pre-Storm Anxiety and Anticipatory Stress

In the days or weeks leading up to a hurricane, the anticipation of potential destruction can lead to heightened levels of anxiety and stress. Research shows that the uncertainty surrounding hurricanes, from concerns about evacuation to potential property loss, contributes to significant psychological strain (Kaplow et al., 2019). This anticipatory stress often manifests physically, contributing to tension-type headaches, muscle stiffness, and other somatic symptoms that chiropractors frequently address. Stress increases the release of cortisol and adrenaline, hormones that, over time, may exacerbate inflammatory processes and musculoskeletal pain (Sapolsky, 2015).

Post-Storm Psychological Impact

Following the storm, stress responses can vary. The aftermath of a hurricane, characterized by property damage, displacement, and loss of life, is associated with an increased risk of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, and anxiety (Neria et al., 2008). These mental health challenges can further impact physical health, as prolonged stress leads to poor sleep, fatigue, and worsened chronic pain. The strain on social support networks, economic instability, and the ongoing uncertainty of rebuilding can lead to chronic stress, exacerbating conditions such as low back pain or fibromyalgia (Andersen et al., 2017).

Chiropractic Strategies to Support Mental Health

As primary care providers with a holistic focus, chiropractors are uniquely positioned to support patients dealing with hurricanerelated stress. Several strategies can improve mental health outcomes and reduce stress:

Mind-Body Integration: Incorporating relaxation techniques, such as breathing exercises and mindfulness practices, into patient visits can help mitigate the body's stress response. Mindfulness-based stress reduction (MBSR) has been shown to reduce symptoms of anxiety and depression in those affected by trauma, including natural disasters (Greeson et al., 2014).

Physical Activity: Encouraging regular physical activity can help patients manage stress. Exercise releases endorphins, which act as natural painkillers and mood elevators. Chiropractors can emphasize the importance of stretching, strengthening exercises, and even low-impact activities like walking to promote physical and emotional well-being. Patient Education: Providing information on proper body mechanics and posture during stressful times can prevent musculoskeletal injury and pain exacerbated by emotional stress. Education on the physiological effects of stress can empower patients to recognize and address early symptoms before they escalate.

Referral to Mental Health Professionals: Chiropractors should not hesitate to refer patients to psychologists or counselors if signs of PTSD, severe anxiety, or depression are present. Collaborative care that addresses both physical and mental health leads to better outcomes (Kisely et al., 2010).

Hurricanes induce significant mental stress, both before and after the storm, impacting physical health in ways that chiropractors must recognize. By incorporating stress management techniques, promoting physical activity, and educating patients, chiropractors can play an essential role in supporting mental health alongside physical recovery. Additionally, recognizing when to refer patients for psychological support is critical in ensuring comprehensive care.

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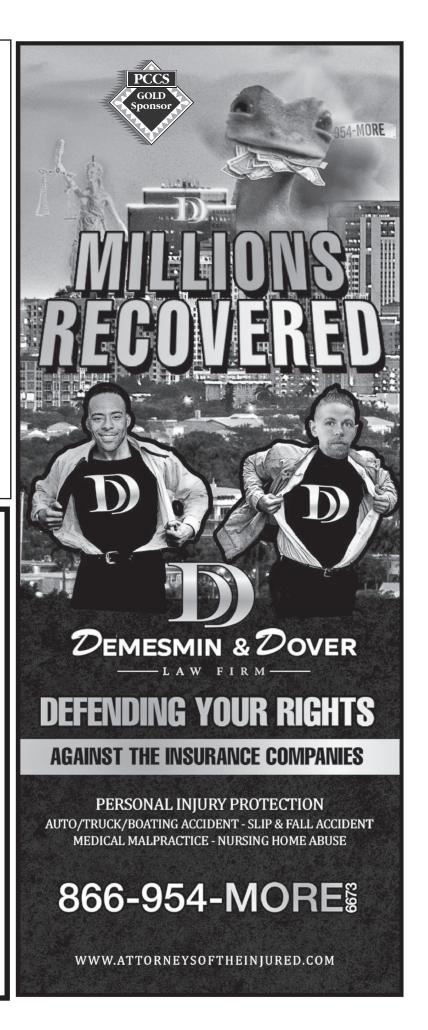
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