

The Chiropractic Association of Ireland

Chiropractic Care for all ages.

Finding the right chiropractor is vital for you and your family. The Chiropractic Association of Ireland (CAI) is the only national organisation to insist that its members are trained to the highest educational standards and only graduates of ECCE/CCE/CCEI/ACCE* accredited institutions are permitted to join the association.



THINKING OF PRACTICING CHIROPRACTIC IN IRELAND?
DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN
THE CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND (CAI)



WHO WE ARE:

- The Chiropractic Association of Ireland, (CAI) was founded in 1983. It is a voluntary self-regulating supervisory body, serving the Chiropractic profession and the people of Ireland.
- The CAI Membership is made up of over 150 Chiropractors, that hail from all over the world.
- All members abide by our: Constitution, Code of Ethics, Disciplinary Code, Standards of Practice and CPD Guidelines.
- Yearly AGM that all members are invited to participate in.
- We act to represent our members on a national and international level, creating proper guidelines and code of ethics, to ensure the promotion of Chiropractic in Ireland, ensure its viability and safety of our members and the patients they care for.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS – WHAT WE DO FOR OUR MEMBERS

Support

All members have direct access via phone or email to the administrator of the association. **Admin has direct communication with the members of the Executive Board**, who collectively hold a wealth of knowledge and experience to support you; with any issues or concerns that you may have. Not only as a new member, but throughout your membership in the CAI.

Admin has years of experience in assisting all members, but especially new members in dealing with any concerns or problems that arise, such as Work Permits, Insurance, Work Practices, Complaints from patients etc. Please avail of this service, we are here to assist you; no matter how slight you feel the issue/problem maybe. We are here to support you – at all times.

As a member of the ECU/WFC our members are protected and given support should threat arise to the profession.

New graduates and chiropractors who have not practised in 5 years or more are enrolled in our **GEP Program**. Under CAI Guidelines, all primary Chiropractors/Mentors must have a minimum of 5 years' experience. This ensures that GEP candidates receive the proper guidance and support, in the transfer from academia to real life practices.

Education:

CAI Annual Conference – The CAI organises its own annual national conference with speakers from all over the globe. This ensures that you are privy to a range of speakers on your doorstep and allows you to connect with colleagues and also build and grow your practice and introduce you to different techniques.

All CAI members receive a **discounted** rate with 1st Year Graduates receiving an even bigger discounted rate – so make sure if you are a New Graduate, that you attend our Annual Conference and avail of that **extra special rate**. Attendance at the annual conference will contribute **to 12 CPD Credits for your yearly CPD Cycle requirement**.

Continuous Education:

Webinar Wednesdays – the CAI organises 1-hour seminars on various topics and speakers; 4-6 times per year. These are **FREE** to all CAI members and will also contribute to your CPD Cycle.

Chiro Connect - Adjusting Technique Days: organised regionally to help Chiropractors share and update their adjusting skills. There are held in chiropractic offices and are an informal way of sharing & practicing various techniques and wisdom with other Chiropractors. These are at no costs.

As members of the ECU all CAI members gain free access to online **CPD seminars** hosted by the **EAC programme**.

CPR all members must be CPR compliant; the CAI organises CPR courses at a reduced fee to members.

Legalities

Risk Management Webinars are also organised for all our members. Subjects such as Informed Consent, how to protect yourself and your patients to reduce claims and proper record keeping.

Access to the Health Services Executive's (HSE), Healthmail Service. This service is **provided by the HSE to CAI Members only**. Healthmail is a secure clinical email service that allows health care providers to send and receive clinical patient information in a secure manner.

Indemnity Insurance: Indemnity Insurance schemes are carefully scrutinized in order to offer our members comprehensive cover, at a discounted rate. Admin & Executive liaise with insurance providers annually, to ensure we not only get the correct cover for all our members. Additionally, as we are representing a large number of Chiropractors; we have the bargaining power to ensure the best rates and the best cover. This give you peace of mind that both you and your patients are properly covered and don't have to deal with this daunting process on your own.

Patient's Health Insurance: Patients wishing to claim back fees for treatment from a 3rd party insurance, e.g. VHI, LAYA etc. Can only claim back if their Chiropractor is a member of CAI. These companies regularly contact Admin, for updated membership lists.

Garda Vetting in Ireland is now law; associations must have members vetted for their specific activity. CAI ensures that you are vetted, and **costs are part of your application fee**.

Work Permits are only issued by the Government **if the applicant is a member of CAI**.

Representation

The CAI represents the wellbeing of Chiropractic and its members on a national and international front on ECU, WFC and locally in relation to the government and legislation.

Members of the Executive attend various forums throughout Europe and the world, to represent all our members and also give feed back to our members, on the profession in other parts of the world.

The CAI is in regular contact with the Department of Health, to secure the regulation of the profession and protection of title. This will include the setting up of a Chiropractic College in Ireland.

Community

The CAI website is the 'go to' site used by members of the public seeking to find a Chiropractor in their local area. The CAI website hosts a list and map of CAI members, which makes it easier for the public to find our members in their locale. It also hosts information for members and the public about Chiropractic in Ireland.

CAI Members Private Facebook Page: Where members can reach out to each other on various topics.

CAI Membership Fee also includes Full Membership in the **World Federation of Chiropractic**, (WFC) and **European Chiropractic Union**, (ECU) which costs €190.

Members are kept up to date with '**Article Alerts**' from the **European Academy of Chiropractic**, (the ECU educational arm). Also, **WFC Quarterly Reports** & updates.

Access to the following resources, e.g., legal, international websites and PR programs.

At every National Conference, the CAI hold a wine reception for all members to meet each other and members of the Executive.

Members are the foremost and deciding voice of the association. Your voice as a member counts.

Monthly newsletter with updates from the Executive. Regular video posts from our President

Chiro Connect - Adjusting Technique Day – organised several times a year, throughout the Republic.

As an Association, we have a **General Assembly, which involves all members of CAI.**

We are stronger together – come join us!

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*If you have more questions about moving to Ireland, please e-mail Admin – we'll be delighted to assist you in finding an employer, Work Permits, integrating into Irish lifestyle. We look forward to welcoming you to the CAI:
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