

We are celebrating family health at our offices this month. Part of this involves providing free scoliosis and nerve function tests for kids. The nerve function test evaluates the performance of the autonomic nerve system which is responsible for regulating the function of all of the organs, glands and blood flow in the body.

Last week one of our patients had her two daughters checked. One daughter had a clear posture exam and only minimal findings on her nerve function test. The other daughter was a different story. She had obvious postural distortions that were clear to the mother once they were pointed out. She had one leg consistently shorter than the other, and substantial abnormal autonomic nerve function readings, which can affect her health, growth and development.

Mom was very confused. She told me that when she takes the girls for their check-ups with their pediatrician, they get a clean bill of health. The pediatrician did not tell her about the things that I found. She wasn't denying my findings, because she could see them for her self once I showed her what to look for. She was just wondering how the pediatrician missed them.

My response to her is the point of this article. Doctors of different disciplines are trained differently. Pediatricians have different training than dentists. Dentists have different training than cardiologists. Cardiologists have different training than chiropractors. Patients who see a dentist will leave with a different diagnosis than they would have if they had seen a cardiologist. It isn't that either doctor made the wrong diagnosis. They each had their area of expertise and used a different approach when evaluating a patient.

Many people believe that pediatricians know all there is to know about the health of children, but no doctor knows everything there is to know about the human body. That is why there are so many different health disciplines. The chiropractic profession would not exist if medical doctors were trained to do what we do. They are not, so the chiropractic profession evolved to fill a void in health care that wasn't adequately being addressed by any of the existing disciplines.

I often have patients who come to me in pain after other doctors have told them that there is nothing wrong. No doctor can honestly tell any patient that there is nothing wrong with them. To do so, would infer that the doctor knows all that can be known about the body and has performed every possible evaluation. No doctor has that depth of knowledge and skill.

With all the advances in medical science, there is still far more that we don't understand about the body than we do understand. In this situation, the most accurate statement a doctor can make is that he or she hasn't found anything wrong using his or her skills and knowledge.

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