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## **SUSAN L. VLASUK, DC, DACBR** **CURRICULUM VITAE OCTOBER 2004**

### **PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**

- **National College of Chiropractic**, Lombard, IL. Degree: Doctor of Chiropractic, *cum laude*, 1970
- **Western States Chiropractic College**, Portland, OR.  
Postgraduate Radiology, CCE-approved syllabus program, 300 classroom hours, 1976 through 1980  
2-year preceptorship with Chairperson, Department of Radiology 1980-1981
- **Western States Chiropractic College**, Clinical Nutrition, 72 hours, 1979 through 1982
- **National College of Chiropractic**, Impairment Rating, 105 hours, 1980 through 1982
- **National College of Chiropractic**, Thermography, 60-hour syllabus program 1983-1984  
Postgraduate symposia in thermography, 1984-1991, 200 hours
- **Postgraduate educational symposia**  
Approximately 2800 continuing education hours in subjects of examination and diagnostic procedures, advanced chiropractic technique, and diagnostic imaging

### **EXAMINATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

- Diplomat, National Board of Chiropractic Examiners  
Basic Science 1968 Clinical Subjects 1969
- Iowa Basic Science certificate 1968
- Diplomat, American Chiropractic Board of Radiology, June 1981
- Diplomat, American Board of Clinical Thermology, March 1985
- Board Certified, American Chiropractic Board of Thermography, July 1987

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## **PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE**

- License by examination in Washington, current
- Licensed in Iowa and Michigan (have not applied for renewal)

## **PRACTICE**

- Private practice - specialty in diagnostic imaging, providing radiographic and consulting services, 1979-present
- Owner, Neuro-Musculo-Skeletal Analysis Center, 1983-2002
  - practice name change in 2002 to *Susan L. Vlasuk, DC, DACBR, PS*, 2002-present
- Washington State Labor and Industries Chiropractic Radiology Consultant, November 1981 to present
- Shorewood Osteopathic Hospital, member, Chiropractic Service, 1984-1987.
- Private practice - general chiropractic practice, Bellevue, WA, 1970-1982

## **TEACHING**

### **POSTGRADUATE CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

- Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College
- Cleveland Chiropractic College - Kansas City
- Cleveland Chiropractic College - Los Angeles
- Los Angeles College of Chiropractic
- Palmer College of Chiropractic
- Parker College of Chiropractic
- Texas Chiropractic College
- Western States Chiropractic College

### **ADJUNCT FACULTY APPOINTMENT**

- Bastyr University, Naturopathic Medicine program – 1997 to present
  - Radiographic Interpretation I
  - Radiographic Interpretation II
  - Diagnostic Imaging

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## **RADIOLOGY COURSES PRESENTED**

- Radiography: Overview of Radiation Physics, Procedures, and Patient Positioning
- Essentials of Roentgen Interpretation
- Radiographic Technique Chart Formulation
- Osseous Embryology, Normal Radiographic Anatomy, Congenital Anomalies, and Normal Variants of the Spine and Pelvis
- Osseous Dysplasias, Nutritional and Metabolic Disorders of Bone
- Biomechanics, Subluxation, and Roentgenometrics of the Spine and Pelvis
- Tumors, Tumor-like Conditions, and Metastasis Affecting the Osseous System
- Osteomyelitis, Paget's Disease, Vascular Abnormalities, and Other Miscellaneous Conditions of Bone
- Soft Tissue Disorders Visible on Bone Radiographs
- Roentgen Signs of Chest Disease, Airway and Interstitial Disease, Infectious Diseases of the Lungs,
- Tumors of the Lungs and Bronchi; Chest Diseases of Occupational, Chemical and Physical Origin; Pulmonary Circulatory Conditions; The Pleura, Mediastinum, and Diaphragm; Cardiovascular
- Radiologic Report Writing
- Gastrointestinal and Urinary Roentgenology
- Skull, Sinuses, and Mastoids
- Template Acetate Overlay Analysis of Intersegmental Motion in the Cervical and Lumbar spine
- Evaluation of Upper Cervical Ligamentous Integrity - The 5-View AP Open-Mouth Study
- Extraspinal Findings on Thoracic Spine Radiographs
- Extraspinal Findings on Lumbar Spine Radiographs
- The Spine: Trauma, Spondylolisthesis, Disc Disease, Arthritides
- Documentation of Cervical Spine Injury
- Documentation of Lumbar Spine Injury
- Autonomic Syndromes
- Alternate Imaging Procedures (CT, MRI, myelography, ultrasound, bone scan, etc)
- Malpractice and Informed Consent
- Shortcuts to Better X-Ray Diagnosis - exercises in search pattern and report writing
- X-Ray Protocols in Chiropractic Practice
- Introductory Radiographic Technique for Paraprofessionals (48-hours)
- Radiographing the Child
- Radiographing the Elderly
- The Appendicular Skeleton (upper and lower extremities): radiographic procedures, patient positioning, normal radiographic anatomy, trauma, arthritides, and other conditions
- Scoliosis
- Challenge of the "Unknowns" - exercises in search pattern and report writing
- Time and Trauma - the effects of aging and injury on the spine and other joints
- The Cervicothoracic Region and Shoulder
- Headache and Autonomic Disorders
- Back to Basics: Radiology of the Lumbar Spine
- Medico-Legal Update for Diagnostic Imaging
- Alternate Imaging: What Test to Order When
- Improving X-Ray Quality
- Understanding and Avoiding Radiographic Artifacts
- Understanding and Avoiding Radiographic Distortion
- Radiographing the Lower Extremity

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## **INFRARED IMAGING COURSES PRESENTED**

- Thermography: Theory, Technique, and Interpretation (12, 24, 36, 48, 60, and 100-hour programs)
- Thermography and Its Importance in Chiropractic Practice as Documentation for Neuro-Musculo-Skeletal Disorders.
- Thermography: The Cervico-Facial Examination
- Thermography in the Documentation of Neuro-Musculo-Skeletal Injury
- The Unbiased Thermogram: A Plaintiff and Defense Tool
- Thermographic Findings in Vascular Conditions
- Non-Dermatomal Thermographic Findings in the Extremities
- Thermographic Findings in Thoracic Outlet Syndromes
- Causes of "The Cold Upper Extremity"
- Causes of "The Cold Lower Extremity"
- Getting Organized: Thermographic Records and Documentation
- Thermographic Physiology: How It Works
- Thermographic Demonstration of Autonomic Syndromes
- Thermography: Current Status and Utilization
- 100-hour Certification Course in Infrared Imaging

## **RETAINED BY MULTIPLE ORGANIZATIONS AS EDUCATOR, INCLUDING:**

- Washington Chiropractic Association
- ACA Council on Diagnostic Imaging (Council on Roentgenology)
- American Chiropractic College of Radiology
- American Chiropractic College of Thermology
- International Thermographic Society
- Oregon Association of Chiropractic Physicians
- Idaho Association of Chiropractic Physicians
- Idaho Association of Chiropractic Assistants
- Utah Chiropractic Association
- ACA Council on Chiropractic Orthopedics
- Washington State Trial Lawyers Association
- Alaska Association of Chiropractic Assistants
- Louisiana Union of Chiropractic Physicians
- Florida Chiropractic Association
- Chiropractic Rehabilitation Association
- North Carolina Chiropractic Association
- Department of Labor and Industries, State of WA
- American Herschel Society
- Kansas Chiropractic Association
- Alaska Chiropractic Association
- Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians

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## **MEMBERSHIPS**

### **GENERAL PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- **American Chiropractic Association**, 1971 to present
  - WA State Delegate to the ACA House of Delegates, 1982 to 1994
  - WA State Alternate to the ACA House of Delegates, 1994 to 2000
- **Washington Chiropractic Association**, 1970 to 1991
  - Chairman of the Board July 1984-Aug 1985; July 1986-1987
  - President, 1983-1984
  - First Vice President 1982-1983
  - Executive Board Member 1979-1982, Aug 1985 to 1987
  - Diagnostic Imaging Chairperson 1978 to 1991
  - Professional Education Chairperson 1978-1982
- **Washington State Chiropractic Association**, 1991 to present
- **Council on Diagnosis and Internal Diseases**, ACA, 1971 to 1991
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### **RADIOLOGY MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Chiropractic College of Radiology, 1981 to present
- ACA Council on Diagnostic Imaging (formerly Council on Roentgenology) 1979 to present
- Radiologic Health Committee, ACA, Washington State Representative, 1979 to present
- Radiation Advisory Committee, WA State Dept of Social & Health Services, 1979-1983
- American Chiropractic Registry of Radiologic Technologists, President, 1982-1985
- Joint Commission on Education for the Chiropractic Radiologic Technologist, 1982 to 1984
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### **INFRARED IMAGING MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Chiropractic College of Infrared Imaging (formerly Thermology), 1986 to present
  - President, 1986 to 1989
  - Secretary-Treasurer, 1995 to present
- International Thermographic Society, 1983-1989
- American Academy of Medical Infrared Imaging (formerly American Herschel Society), 1990 to 2004
- ACA House of Delegates Study Committee on Thermology, Chairperson, 1986-1987
- American Chiropractic College of Radiology, Thermology Committee Chairperson, 1985

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## **AWARDS/HONORS**

- WCA Outstanding Service Award for work in postgraduate education 1977-78
- WCA Executive Board Award for work in postgraduate education and radiologic health 1978-79
- WCA President's Award for work in postgraduate education and radiologic health 1980-81
- WCA Distinguished Service Award (Chiropractor of the Year) 1981-82
- ACA Meritorious Service Award for work with American Chiropractic Registry of Radiologic Technologists, 1982-83
- WCA Chiropractor of the Year 1983-84
- Fellow, International College of Chiropractic, 1985
- WCA Service Award for work in diagnostic imaging, 1985 & 1986
- ITS Service Award for work in thermography, 1986
- ITS President's Award for work in thermography, 1987
- Outstanding Service Award, American Chiropractic College of Thermology, 1988
- Fellow, International Academy of Clinical Thermology, 1989

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Relative X-Ray Exposure Levels, *Clinical Journal*, Washington Chiropractic Assn., Jan 1984
- Thermography: Is It Useful?, *AEES Bulletin*, Attorney's Eagle Eye Service, June 19, 1984
- The Ten-Day Rule, *Wavelengths*, American Chiropractic Registry of Radiologic Technologists, vol. III, No. 4 September-October 1984
- I Wish I Could Interpret, *Wavelengths*, American Chiropractic Registry of Radiologic Technologists, Vol. IV. No. 1, January-March 1985
- Radiation Exposures, Part I, *Wavelengths*, American Chiropractic Registry of Radiologic Technologists, Vol. IV, No. 2, April-May 1985
- Radiation Exposures, Part II, *Wavelengths*, American Chiropractic Registry of Radiologic Technologists, Vol. IV, No. 3, June-August 1985
- Thermography and Recent Washington State Appellate Court Decision, *AEES Bulletin*, Attorney's Eagle Eye Service, April 22, 1986
- The Chiropractic Consultant, *Journal of Chiropractic*, American Chiropractic Association, August 1986, pg 47
- AMA DATTA Opinion on Thermography: Summary and Update, *AEES Bulletin*, Attorney's Eagle Eye Service, October 21, 1986
- Update on AMA Council on Scientific Affairs Report, *AEES Bulletin*, Attorney's Eagle Eye Service, March 3, 1987
- Ad Hoc Committee for the Study of Thermology Report, submitted to ACA House of Delegates June 29, 1987
- Thermographic Utilization and Reimbursement, *ITS Journal*, International Thermographic Society, Nov/Dec 1987
- Thoracic Spine Films: Four Suggestions for Improved Quality, *WCA Association Report*, Washington Chiropractic Association, Spring 1988
- How to Produce Better Lumbar Spine Follow-up Films, *The Focal Spot*, ACA Council on Diagnostic Imaging, Vol. 5, No. 1, July 1988

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- Diagnostic Imaging Procedures for the Chiropractic Profession, In: Hansen DT (ed), *Chiropractic Standards of Practice and Utilization Guidelines in the Care and Treatment Of Injured Workers*, Chiropractic Advisory Committee, State of Washington Department of Labor and Industries, September 1988:28-33
- Update on Thermography, *AEES Bulletin*, Attorney's Eagle Eye Service, March 8, 1989
- *Introductory Radiographic Technique*, [manual], private publication, November 1989
- Chiropractic and Thermography: A Historic Perspective, *ACA Journal of Chiropractic*, November 1989:42-52
- Is Routine Mammography a Good Idea?, *The Focal Spot*, ACA Council on Diagnostic Imaging, October 1990
- Thermography in Chiropractic Practice, In: Vear HJ (ed), *Chiropractic Standards of Practice and Quality of Care*, Aspen Pub., Rockville MD, 1992, chapter 10, pp 195-220.
- Opposing Views on Thermography, *Dynamic Chiropractic*, Vol 9, No 2, Jan 1991:42-44
- Condensation and commentary on "The Role of Thermography in the Evaluation of Lumbosacral Radiculopathy," *DC Tracts*, 1991; Vol 3, No 1, pp 8-13
- What Good is Thermography?, *The Focal Spot*, ACA Council on Diagnostic Imaging, Vol 7, #1, Jul 91, p15
- How to Cut Expenses on Doctors' Reports, *Trial News*, 1992, Vol 27, No 6, p11
- How to X-Ray Those Big Patients, *Wavelengths*, American Chiropractic Registry of Radiologic Technologists, 1993; Vol XIII, No 3, p1
- Chiropractic Treatment for Acute Low Back Pain, *Alternative Medicine*, Vol 1, Issue 2, Sep 1997, Integrative Medicine Task Force of Evergreen Community Health Care, Evergreen Hospital Medical Center.
- Interprofessional Participation at Imaging Symposium, *Dynamic Chiropractic*, Vol 16, No 23, Nov 2, 1998, p 18.
- Sympathetic Nervous System Studied at Interprofessional Symposium, *Dynamic Chiropractic*, Vol 17, Issue 19, Sep 6, 1999.
- *Radiographic Interpretation I*, [manual for naturopathic physicians], private publication, September 1999.
- Providing Justification for Imaging, *Colorado Chiropractic Association CCA Update*, Vol 10, No 3, March 2000, p 14.
- Infrared Imaging Symposium Sparks Interest, *Dynamic Chiropractic*, Vol 19, No. 19, Sep 12, 2001, p30.
- Can You Take X-Rays for Another Doctor?, *WSCA Plexus*, Oct/Nov 2003, p14-15.
- Staff Training for Taking X-Rays and Other Duties, *WSCA Plexus*, Jan/Feb 2005, p23

## **REFERENCED INTERPROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

- *The Chiropractic Profession*, University of Washington, Department of Medical History and Ethics, Alternative Approaches to Healing, MHE 501 (core curriculum credit class), each Fall 1989-1999.
- *The Chiropractic Profession*, Standards of Practice, Blue Cross of WA, January 1996.
- *Safety of Chiropractic Manipulation* (relative to stroke), Eastside Spine Interest Group, 5-6-96.
- *Chiropractic Manipulation of the Spine*, Eastside Spine Interest Group, 2-10-97.
- *The Chiropractic Profession*, Evergreen Hospital Medical Center Integrative Health Care Task Force, 8-27-97.
- *Chiropractic Treatment for Acute Low Back Pain*, Evergreen Hospital Medical Center CME event, 12-4-97.