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# Chiropractic Care During 1918 Influenza Epidemic Reveals Startling Statistics

## Pandemic Preparedness from Chiropractic Records of 1918 Influenza Epidemic

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### Pandemic Preparedness

The 1918 Influenza Epidemic swept the world. As we face another possible flu epidemic, a look at chiropractic care [1918 influenza epidemic](#) records is enlightening for pandemic preparedness.

### 1918 Influenza Epidemic Records from Walter C. Rhodes, DC

"The Official History of Chiropractic in Texas," by Walter C. Rhodes, DC, states *chiropractic* care came into its own during the 1918 influenza epidemic. The following statistics from his chiropractic records leave no doubt chiropractic care offers value for influenza and pandemic preparedness.

### Pandemic Preparedness from Chiropractic Records of 1918 Influenza Epidemic: IOWA

During the 1918 influenza epidemic, Davenport, Iowa, medical doctors treated 4,953 influenza cases with 274 deaths. At the same time, 150 chiropractors, students and faculty of Palmer School of Chiropractic treated 1,635 cases during the influenza epidemic with only one death.

The state of Iowa reports medical doctors treated 93,590 influenza patients with 6,116 deaths or one out of 15. The rest of the state, except for Davenport, reported 4,735 patients treated by chiropractor care with a loss of 6 which is 1 out of 789 during the influenza epidemic.

### Pandemic Preparedness from Chiropractic Records of 1918 Influenza Epidemic: NEW YORK CITY

Reports from New York City during the influenza epidemic of 1918, show 950 out of 10,000 patients medically treated died. Whereas 25 patients out of 10,000 died under drugless methods. It's not clear if drugless is chiropractic care but it is assumed.

### Pandemic Preparedness from Chiropractic Records of 1918 Influenza Epidemic: OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma chiropractors reported 3,490 cases of influenza with 7 deaths during the 1918 influenza epidemic. It's interesting because medical doctors gave up on 233 influenza patients so chiropractors were called in and saved all except 25 with chiropractic care.

### Chiropractic Influenza Epidemic Ward: WWII Base Hospital, #84 Unit in Perigau, FRANCE

Dr. S.T. McMurrain, D.C. impressed his commander, Lt. Col. McNaughton during the 1918 influenza epidemic in Southwestern France. He requested Dr. McMurrain's commission in the Sanitary Corps. All influenza cases were sent to Dr. McMurrain for chiropractic care.

### 1918 Influenza Epidemic and Chiropractic Records for Pandemic Preparedness

Interviews with chiropractors during the 1918 influenza epidemic reveal their practice picked up. Chiropractic care also became an acceptable science with new patients and students after the influenza epidemic. For pandemic preparedness, a look at chiropractic care [1918 influenza epidemic records is enlightening](#). [Click here](#) to read other alternative remedies used successfully during the 1918 influenza epidemic.

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