

Barriers and Priorities. The past, present and a path forward?

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Synopsis

This presentation explores the importance of strengthening research within chiropractic educational institutions and the challenges that currently limit research capacity.

The key barriers include a weak research culture, a shortage of experienced researchers and mentors, inadequate resources and funding, and limited integration with research-intensive universities.

The central argument is that research capacity is not an end in itself. Strong research programs enhance education, promote evidence-informed clinical practice, improve professional credibility, and ultimately lead to better patient care.

To address current limitations, the presentation proposes several priorities for the future: 1. fostering a stronger research culture, 2. investing in faculty and student development, 3. building partnerships with established universities, 4. improving methodological quality, and 5. focusing research on questions that matter to patients, clinicians, and society.

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THE STARTING POINT

Where are we now and where do we want to go?

How can universities create an environment in which research can thrive and contribute to our profession?



Key barriers

The challenge is not a lack of interest —it is the environment around research.

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Limited research culture

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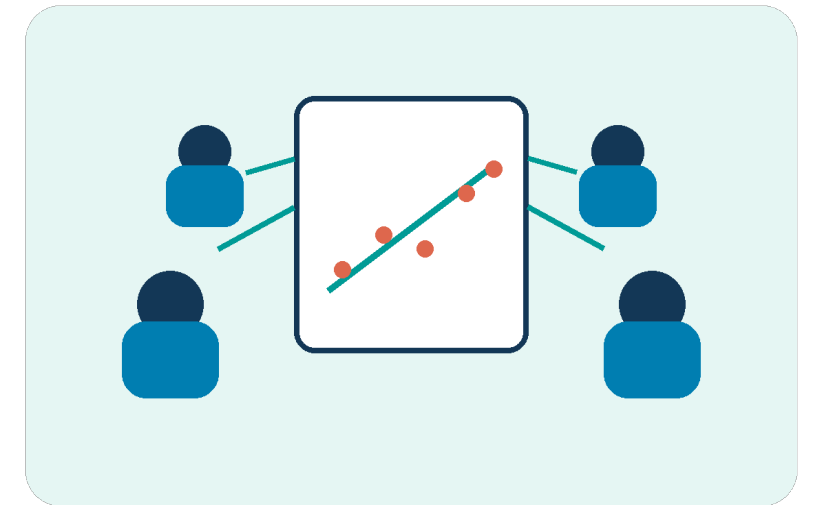
Too few experienced researchers and mentors

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Insufficient funding, time and infrastructure

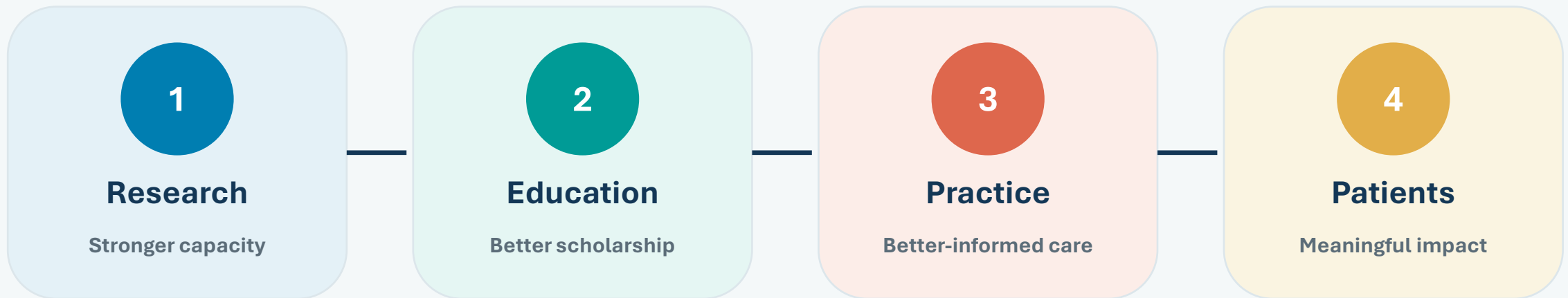
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Limited integration with research-intensive universities



Why does this matter?

Research drives academic credibility, educational quality, professional growth, and better patient outcomes



Five priorities for the future

1

**Build a strong
research
culture**

2

Invest in people

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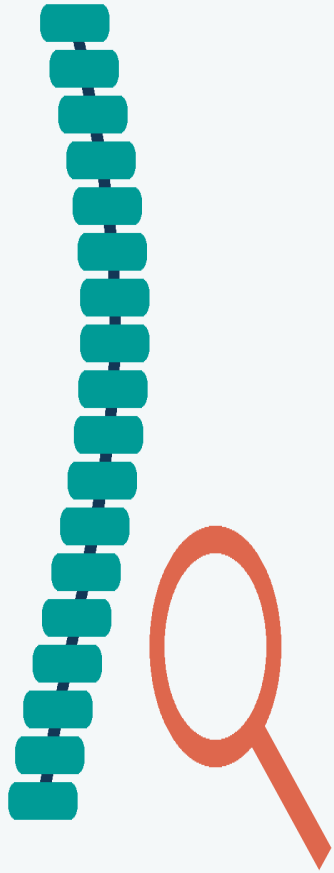
**Strengthen
partnerships
with
universities**

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**Focus on
quality, not
quantity**

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**Address
questions that
matter**



TAKE-HOME MESSAGE

Build the research environment that chiropractic needs

The future of chiropractic research depends on institutions that support scholarship, collaboration, mentorship, and scientific excellence.

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