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**A RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS OF 761 CONSECUTIVE NEW PATIENTS
PRESENTING TO A NET CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC**

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INTRODUCTION: The aim of this study was to describe the profile of patients presenting to a private chiropractic clinic specializing in Neuro Emotional Technique (NET), and to identify any trends in the presentation of symptoms from these patients.

METHODS: From January 2005 until December 2005, patient information from 761 consecutive new patients presenting to a single private chiropractic clinic was collected. Demographic characteristics, chief complaints, and health status factors were examined.

RESULTS: 67.3% of participants were female, and 32.6% of the participants were between the ages of 31 and 40. 54.8% of patients presented with primary musculoskeletal complaints and 36.0% with non-musculoskeletal complaints. Of the musculoskeletal complaints, 40.3% of patients presented with back pain, 19.9% with neck pain and 10.3% with shoulder pain. The most common form of non-musculoskeletal complaints were immune and recurrent infections (12.4%), stress and anxiety (10.9%), and fatigue and lethargy (10.2%). 41.4% of participants reported a first time complaint; however, of the patients who had had the presenting complaint before, 60.7% reported having the complaint for more than 1 year. Musculoskeletal and non-musculoskeletal participants had similar pain profiles.

CONCLUSION: This retrospective analysis of 761 consecutive new patients to a private chiropractic NET clinic provided the first comprehensive description of the scope of patients and their presenting complaints. The patient profile of this NET clinic has a higher degree of non-musculoskeletal patients than that usually reported in non-NET chiropractic offices. Based on the profile presenting to this NET practice, the profile appears to be significantly different than other forms of chiropractic previously described in the literature. Further cross sectional research is required to determine if this particular clinic is indicative of all NET practices and whether the presenting symptoms, especially the non-musculoskeletal, are resolved with the NET technique.