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Oceana - SW Pacific

Many dream or fantasize about practicing in a tropical paradise. So why are there so few DCs in the beautiful Pacific Islands?

The socio-political and economic realities of this region indicate that there exists the need for 147 DCs in 8 major populated island countries, plus 9 additional DCs (semi-retired) in 9 other small island countries.

The current 18 DCs meet only 11% of the projected need for chiropractic care in this region of the world. Now, where is that bathing suit when its time to pack?

Summary Statistics:
(based on CIA sources)

Oceana has a total population of 6,803,755

It breaks down like this:
5,172,033 population in
Papa New Guinea = 75

full time DCs.
1,631,722 people in 16 other islands = 63 full time DCs + 9 other retired type situations.

The methodology of estimating the number of DCs is based on economic and population demographics for each country compared with their relative value in countries where the profession is fully established such as the United States & Canada.

Pacific Islands - Individually

American Samoa –
need 3 DC / zero now

Official Name American Samoa,
Unincorporated territory of the USA, claimed 1900
Capital City Pago Pago
Languages Samoan, English is Official
Currency US Dollar
Religions are Christian and Catholic
Population 68,688 (July 2002 est.)
Land Area 199 sq km (76.8 sq miles)
Latitude/Longitude 14° 20S, 170° 00W
GDP=\$8000 USA parity

French Polynesia –
need 16 DC (2 semi-retired there now)

Capital City Papeete, on the island of Tahiti
Languages French (official), Tahitian (official)
Official Currency - Franc
Religions Protestant, Catholic, others

Population 257,847 (July 2002 est.)
Land Area 4,167 sq km (1,608 sq miles)
Latitude/Longitude 15° 00S, 140° 00W
GDP=\$10,800 USA parity

Guam –
need 20 DC (8 there now)

Official Name Guam, an unincorporated territory of the United States, claimed 1898 -
Capital City Hagatna -
Languages English, Chamorro, Japanese -
Official Currency US Dollar -
Religions Catholic, others

Population 160,796 (July 2002 est.)
Latitude/Longitude 13° 30n, 144° 48E
GDP=\$21,000 USA parity



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Pacific Islands - Continued

New Caledonia –
need 18 DC (1 there now)

Official Name New Caledonia, a French overseas island 1853 –
Capital City Nouméa -
Languages French, Melanesian-Polynesian dialects –
Official Currency - franc
Religions Catholic, Protestant, others –

Population
207,858 (July 2002 est.) -
Latitude/Longitude 21°
30S, 165° 30E
GDP=\$15,000 USA parity

Papua New Guinea -
need 75 DC (2 there now)

Official Name
Independent State of
Papua New Guinea
Capital City Port Moresby
Languages English, Motu,
native dialects
Official Currency Kina
Religions Protestant,
Catholic, local beliefs
Population
5,172,033 (July 2002 est.)
Land Area 452,860 sq km
(174,849 sq miles)
Latitude/Longitude 6° 00S,
147° 00E
GDP=\$2500 USA parity

Saipan –
need 6 DC (1 there now)

Official Name Northern
Mariana Islands, a
commonwealth territory of
the USA, claimed 1947
Capital Island of Saipan
Languages English,
Chamorro, Carolinian
Official Currency US \$
Religions Catholic,
traditional beliefs
Population
77,311 (July 2002 est.)
Land Area 447 sq km
(172.5 sq miles)
Latitude/Longitude 15°
12N, 145° 45E
GDP=\$12,500 USA parity

Samoa –
need 3 DC (nobody there)

Official Name
Independent State of
Samoa Capital City Apia
Languages Samoan,
English
Official Currency Tala
Religions Christian, others
Population
178,631 (July 2002 est.)
Land Area 2,830 sq km
(1,093 sq miles)
Latitude/Longitude 13°
35S, 172° 20W
GDP=\$3500 USA parity



Solomon Islands –
need 6 DC (nobody there)

Official Name Solomon
Islands Capital City
Honiara Languages
Melanesian, English,
locals dialects
Official Currency Solomon
Island Dollar Religions
Anglican, Catholic,
Baptist, others
Population
494,786 (July 2002 est.)
Land Area 28,900 sq km
(11,158 sq miles)
Latitude/Longitude 8° 00S,
159° 00E
GDP=\$2000 USA parity

Marshall Islands -
need 1 DC (retired)
(nobody there now)

Official Name Republic of
the Marshall Islands
Capital Majuro
Languages Marshallese,
English
Official Currency US \$
Religions Protestant,
others
Population only 66,000
Land Area 181 sq km (70
sq miles)
Latitude/Longitude 9°
00N, 168° 00E
GDP=\$1670 USA parity

Pacific Islands – Individually, cont'd

Cook Islands –

need 1 DC (retired)
(nobody there now)

Official Name Cook Islands, a free association territory of New Zealand, claimed 1901
Capital City Avarua
Languages English (official), Maori
Official Currency New Zealand Dollar
Religions Christian

Population - 20,350
Land Area 240 sq km (92.7 sq miles)
Latitude/Longitude 21° 14S, 159° 46W
GDP=\$5000 USA parity

Micronesia –

need 1½ DC
(nobody there now)

Official Name Federated States of Micronesia
Capital City Palikir
Languages English (official), Polynesian dialects
Official Currency US Dollar
Religions Catholic, Protestant, others

Population 135,869 (July 2002 est.)
Land Area 702 sq km (271 sq miles)
Latitude/Longitude 6° 55N, 158° 15E
GDP=\$2000 USA parity

Nauru –

need 1 DC (retired)
(nobody there now)

Official Name The Republic of Nauru
Capital City There is no official capital
Languages Nauruan (official), English
Official Currency Australian Dollar
Religions Christian

Population 12,329 (July 2002 est.)
Land Area 21.2 sq km (8.2 sq miles)
Latitude/Longitude 0° 32S, 166° 55E
GDP=\$5000 USA parity



Palau -

need 1 DC (retired)
(nobody there now)

Official Name Palau
Capital City Koror
Languages English (official), Palauan, others
Official Currency US \$
Religions Christian, local beliefs

Population 19,409 (July 2002 est.)
Land Area 508 sq km (196 sq miles)
Latitude/Longitude 7° 30N, 134° 30E
GDP=\$7100 USA parity

Tonga –

need 1 DC (retired)
(nobody there now)

Official Name Kingdom of Tonga
Capital City Nuku'alofa
Languages Tongan, English
Official Currency Pa'anga
Religions Christian, others

Population 106,137 (July 2002 est.)
Land Area 720 sq km (278 sq miles)
Latitude/Longitude 20° 00S, 175° 00W
GDP=\$2200 USA parity

Tuvalu –

need 1 DC (retired)
(nobody there now)

Official Name Tuvalu
Capital City Fongafale
Languages Tuvaluan, English
Official Currency Tuvaluan Dollar
Religions Church of Tuvalu, others

Population 11,146 (July 2002 est.)
Land Area 26 sq km (10 sq miles)
Latitude/Longitude 8° 00S, 178° 00E
GDP=\$1100 USA parity

“Second Quarter Issue of 2005 will come out late June with news of the WFC’s report for the Consultation on the Identity of Chiropractic.”

Pacific Islands - Continued

Vanuatu –
need 1.5 DC (nobody
there now)

Official Name
Republic of Vanuatu
Capital City Port-Vila
Languages English,
French
Official Currency Vatu
Religions Presbyterian,
numerous others

Population
196,178 (July 2002 est.)
Land Area 12,190 sq km
(4,707 sq miles)
Latitude/Longitude 16°
00S, 167° 00E
GDP=\$1300 USA parity

Wallis and Futuna –
need 1 DC (retired)
(nobody there now)
Capital City Matá Utu -
Languages French,

Polynesian dialects -
Official Currency
Comptoirs Francais du
Pacifique franc - Religions
Catholic –

Population
15,585 (July 2002 est.) -
Land Area 274 sq km
(105.7 sq miles) -
Latitude/Longitude 13°
18S, 176° 12E
GDP=\$2200 USA parity

*“Look for more
information this summer
about the WHO – World
Health Organization’s
official publication of the
**GUIDELINES on the
Training and Safety of
Chiropractic.**”*

The Tropical Tag-team Practice - by Steve Arthur, DC

"Practicing on a small tropical island (**Saipan** is about 15 miles long by 7 miles wide) I soon realized that if I didn't arrange the practice correctly I would soon feel trapped and island bound, instead of "living the dream" on a beautiful tropical island. After the initial 6 months of building the early foundation of the practice I contacted a close friend from Chiropractic College. He soon joined me and we worked together for several months to build up the practice.

We devised a practice schedule of two-month rotations. One of us would stay in Saipan and run the practice while the other one took two months to travel. Saipan is in relative close proximity to Asia. Predictably, I toured Asia, spending the most time in Thailand practicing kickboxing. My associate

was an avid surfer who spent most of his time surfing in Bali. When transitioning we scheduled a one week overlap, so patients would feel comfortable with the frequent changes. This also gave us a chance to talk chiropractic, get adjusted, update our plans and goals, and hang out together enjoying Saipan.

As we had the only chiropractic office on the island, patients were loyal to the office and soon realized that either myself, or my associate would always be there. We had very similar adjusting styles and tried to be as similar in our chiropractic approach as we could.

Our apartment, car and even gym membership were jointly owned so it seemed like everything was half priced (although in reality we just split the

usage to six months a year each). Six months of travel, no burn out, unlimited adventure, a beautiful tropical island, and a lot of happy/ healthy patients. It was in every sense of the word PARADISE.

Obviously there are many advantages as well as disadvantages to being the only chiropractic practice in a city, country or on an island. If one can properly maximize the advantages the rewards can be so enormous, that the disadvantages are easily overlooked. Paradise is out there and it's calling for chiropractors!"

Today, Dr. Arthur is again the solo chiropractor on the island and he is still looking for another partner to re-create a symbiotic relationship practicing in **chiropractic paradise.**



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Asian – Pacific Chiropractic Union

It was 1997, at the WFC 1st sponsored conference on Chiropractic Education in Manila, Philippines that a dozen SE Asian DCs from countries such as Taiwan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, Singapore and of course Philippines met to discuss their common needs and concerns; plans on furthering earlier efforts in forming the SE Asian Regional DC Association, somewhat modeled as the group in the Mediterranean region.

Bruce Vaughn, Thomas Ong, Sonny Uy, Jeremy Chen, Janet Sosna are just some of the names that come to mind who were in attendance.

The discussions touched on the lack on legal recognition in most jurisdictions, except for Hong Kong, that was under way with its official legislation.

Second major problem was the presence of DCs that had in some way compromised their license in their home country; that the region could become a refuge for more of the same, until regulation comes into effect in their countries.

That was 8 years ago and little progress has been made to further organize

the region's chiropractic groups but we can report that some progress has been made within each country, both on the government front and with greater numbers of practicing chiropractors.

However, the success of the European Chiropractic Union has not slipped their mind and there are occasional discussions about duplicating this model for the Asian region. This does offer greater strategic possibilities beyond just meeting the "survival" issues of the profession.

Not to discount this idea, but consider taking the needs of the chiropractic profession within the greater Austral-Asian area, the CDC would like to invite the leadership within this region to take a satellite view and consider including the Oceania islands and those "down-under" countries where the profession has become fully established.

The argument submitted to keep the scope of a regional association limited to Asian countries was focused on their cultural and traditional similarities.

Europe has great diversity of culture and yet the boundaries of the ECU

membership extend as far south as Israel and Turkey and East to include former Soviet Union countries.

The second argument is that there is the fear that those countries with larger numbers of practicing DCs would dominate the Union leaving the Asians marginalized.

The benefits far outweigh the perceived imbalance. The United Nations for example gives each country one vote to offset this imbalance.

Considering the potential benefits for attracting more Australian and New Zealand graduates into Asia and the need to do the same for the Pacific Island nations, rational people can craft suitable guidelines to address the needs for the profession to grow in the region.

A master plan that looks to leverage the strength of the larger groups and focus common issues and resources to greater regional stability seems to offer better long-term planning potentials.

What can the ECU contribute to facilitate the development of the APCU? Will we see true leadership, where personalities surrender to the greater good of the profession?



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Chiropractic Education in India

Earlier editions have fully discussed the CDC efforts in play at starting a chiropractic school in Bangalore. We resume this discussion by stating that Dr. Auerbach went to Bangalore in January 2005 to present the MOU, (Memorandum of Understanding) by Macquarie University of

Australia to lead the school's developments, and Dr. Charmaine Korporaal from South Africa's Durban Institute of Technology, Chiropractic Department, has prepared the curriculum to be used in India.

Both, the MOU and the curriculum have been

approved by the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences. The next significant development is that the funding for this program has been procured by Dr. Jimmy Nanda, founder of the India Association of Chiropractic Doctors. A starting date is to be announced.

India Association of Chiropractic Doctors

The June 2005 WFC Congress will present to its membership the application submitted for the formation of the IACD.

India has traditionally been challenged in forming such a

representative organization because of its lack of permanent chiropractic practices.

Dr. Shailly Prasad, now in Bangalore and has been active in facilitating Palmer's Chiropractic

Abroad Program in India, as well as maintain a small private practice.

Dr. Jimmy Nanda, also from Canada, has made government contacts and has formalized the IACD application with the WFC.

About Our Organization...

These are some of the major goals and objectives of the CDC:

To maintain a website for the purposes of providing International Information Source on the availability of Chiropractic and for recruiting purposes.

To include health education efforts and to enhance public health programs in communities where we provide

humanitarian work; such as the Spinal Health Therapist training course.

To recruit, encourage and coach DCs who can & will pioneer the Chiropractic profession in countries where there are little or no Chiropractors today.

To support the organizational development of a strong and unified Chiropractic National Association in

each country.

To partner with universities within 3rd world countries in establishing chiropractic training programs that meet International standards.

To participate in International organizations that are involved with the delivery and/or the representation of Chiropractic.

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