

BIOGRAPHY FOR DR. MARC VAN DRIESSCHE

for the nomination of the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians

My goal for retaining a position on the board is to promote an educational program to state athletic associations, detailing the need for CCSP and/or Diplomates in the treatment of athletes within their system. While working together as a team with junior high, high school and collegiate athletes as well as other like-minded healthcare providers to benefit all involved, this would facilitate athletes and other healthcare providers in learning the benefits of our combined outstanding education and treatment. In addition to this, I would like to develop a network of avenues for future Diplomates to attain on the field hours without having to search for available sideline opportunities.

My background has been in sports since high school and into college where I competed in Wrestling, Swimming and Powerlifting. After undergrad I was accepted to and graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1996. I've been a sports physician for junior high, high school athletics, semi pro football and mixed martial arts as a ringside Doctor since the beginning of my career.

In 1997, I was nominated as the chair to the Washington State Sports Council and upheld this position for several years. While working as the head of the sports council, we had the privilege of passing legislation that allowed Chiropractors in Washington State to perform extremity adjustments and receive reimbursements for them. Shortly thereafter, I received my certificate in extremity adjusting in 1998.

I became a Labor and Industries consultant in 2001 and an IME consultant in 2006 for Washington State Labor and Industries Program. From there, I obtained my certificate in sports in 2013. During this time with my ongoing relationship with the Washington State athletic commission, I was invited to be the first ringside Chiropractor at a sanctioned professional MMA fight in Washington State.

Lastly, I received my diplomate in 2018 then joined the FICS (Federation International Chiropractic Sport) in 2020. This sums up the most pertinent areas of education that correlate to this nomination.

I am honored to receive this nomination and look forward to having this opportunity to help as many of our sports minded physicians to attain their dreams and goals on or off the field and would greatly appreciate your acceptance.