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Dear Dr. Licciardone:

Thank you for your letter and for the position paper of The Osteopathic Research Center on the draft Strategic Plan of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM).

I believe that manual/manipulative interventions (including osteopathic manipulative medicine) offer intriguing possibilities and areas of promise for improving symptom management and for contributing to well-being and disease prevention. As longtime grantees of the Center, you and your group at the University of North Texas Health Science Center continue to impress me with your accomplishments and dedication to clinical research, research training, and dissemination of evidence-based information.

We also appreciate your bringing to our attention the value of using the more general term "spinal manipulation" in place of "chiropractic manipulation." This is an excellent suggestion and certainly consistent with our intent.

Thank you again for your interest and participation in NCCAM's strategic planning process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josephine P. Briggs".

Josephine P. Briggs, M.D.
Director