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# Dr. Haldeman Receives Inaugural Lincoln Research Prize

By John Mayer, D.C., Ph.D., Lincoln College Endowed Chair, University of South Florida

On August 27, 2011, at the Florida Chiropractic Association National Convention in Orlando, Florida, Scott Haldeman, D.C., M.D., Ph.D. was awarded the Inaugural Lincoln Research Prize for Chiropractic and Biomechanics. Among the outstanding nominees for the Prize, Dr. Haldeman was selected for demonstrating excellence in clinical research that most significantly contributed to the body of knowledge and also directly impacted patient care over the past three years.

The Prize was founded by its three sponsors, the Florida Chiropractic Foundation for Education & Research (FCF), Lincoln Chiropractic College Education & Research Fund

(LCERF) and Florida Chiropractic Association (FCA), along with the Lincoln Endowed Research Chair at the University of South Florida, in order to bring attention to chiropractic research and build the image of chiropractic in the scientific research community worldwide. At \$20,000, the Lincoln Research Prize is the largest research prize in the chiropractic profession.

During 2008-2010, Dr. Haldeman was the lead scientist on two renowned international research initiatives: The 2000-2010 Bone and Joint Decade Task Force on Neck Pain and Its Associated Disorders and “The Special Focus Issue on the Management of Chronic Low Back Pain” published in The Spine Journal, the official journal of the North American Spine Soci-

ety. These projects are the most comprehensive and possibly the most important bodies of research ever assembled regarding evidence-based management of spinal pain disorders. The knowledge gained from these research projects has been disseminated worldwide and directly translated into practical applications for patient care by a wide variety of health care specialists.

Between 2008-2010, Dr. Haldeman also produced over 25 peer-reviewed research papers that were published in high impact scientific journals, gave numerous keynote research lectures and scientific presentations around the world, and served as chair of the research council for the World Federation of Chiropractic, among other accomplishments and research activities.

## About the Florida Chiropractic Foundation

A not-for-profit organization, the Florida Chiropractic Foundation funds chiropractic scholarships and research. To learn more about the Foundation, visit [www.floridachiropracticfoundation.org](http://www.floridachiropracticfoundation.org) or call 407-654-3225.



Inaugural Lincoln Research Prize Winner Scott Haldeman, M.D., D.C., Ph.D. (center) with (from left) Ken Dougherty, D.C., President, Florida Chiropractic Foundation; John Mayer, D.C., Ph.D., Lincoln Chair at the University of South Florida College of Medicine; Mark Wieland, D.C., President, Florida Chiropractic Association; and Glenn Bontrager, D.C., Chairman, Lincoln Chiropractic Education and Research Fund.

Dr. Haldeman's career research accomplishments are extensive and include approximately 270 published scientific papers, book chapters, and abstracts, and service on many of the most decisive research and clinical practice committees related to spine care over the past three decades. Borrowing the words of the prominent researchers who provided letters of recommendation to support his nomination, Dr. Haldeman is widely recognized as "the single most influential scientist in the chiropractic profession." He serves as a model for interdisciplinary and integrative research and clinical care related to the management of neuro-musculo-skeletal disorders. He also currently holds positions as Clinical Professor, Department of Neurology, University of California at Irvine and Adjunct Professor, Department of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, University of California at Los Angeles.

In his remarks at the awards ceremony, Dr. Haldeman noted, "The simple fact that there is a prize of

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this magnitude to support chiropractic research is a major move in the advancement of chiropractic knowledge around the world. To receive the Inaugural Prize is a particular honor.” He chose to donate the prize money to the World Spine Care Program to help people with spinal disorders in the underserved communities around the world.

The three sponsors of the Lincoln Research Prize—FCF, LCERF and FCA—collaborated over a decade ago to raise funds for the endowment of the Lincoln Chair at the University of South Florida, the first fully endowed chair in chiropractic and biomechanics at a public university. All three sponsors have committed to the annual funding of the \$20,000 prize. On behalf of the sponsors, FCF Chairman Dr. Ken Dougherty noted, “The Lincoln Prize, as initially proposed by Dr. Ed Williams, FCA CEO Emeritus, is designed to further implement and encourage chiropractic research and to build its image in the scientific community.”

The Lincoln Research Prize was named to highlight its relationship to the Lincoln Chair and to further perpetuate the name of Lincoln Chiropractic College, a highly regarded chiropractic institution before it merged with the National College of Chiropractic in the late 1970’s. The former LCERF chairman, Dr. Ed Maurer, engaged the LCERF and FCA to initiate the funding effort for the Lincoln Chair in 1995.

Given that the Lincoln Research Prize is the largest monetary award in chiropractic research, it is already established as one of the most significant research prizes in the field. As the Prize grows in stature in future years, the sponsors of the Prize envision that the Prize will ultimately become the top honor in the world for chiropractic research. This prominence will elevate the contribution of chiropractic research, thereby helping to transform patient care through evidence-based practices. The call for nominations for

the 2nd Lincoln Research Prize is expected to be released in spring 2012. 

*Dr. Mayer is the Lincoln College Endowed Chair in Biomechanical and Chiropractic Research, and a tenured faculty member in the College of Medicine of University of South Florida. Dr. Mayer is the principal investigator and co-principal investigator on federally-funded, injury prevention research projects. He is instructor for the Health Promotion and Wellness, Critical Inquiry 3, and Primary Care Clerkship-Low Back Pain graduate courses at the USF College of Medicine. He serves as a manuscript reviewer for several scientific journals and advisory board member for various health and research organization. He is also an honorary member of the Florida Chiropractic Association.”*



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