


## Trends in Interdisciplinary Referrals to and from Chiropractors: CAM and Mainstream Providers

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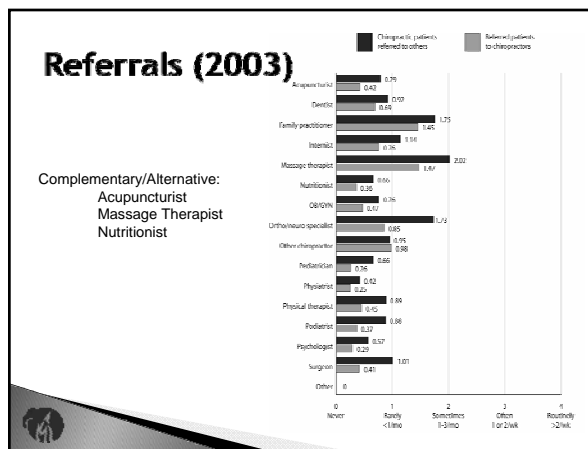
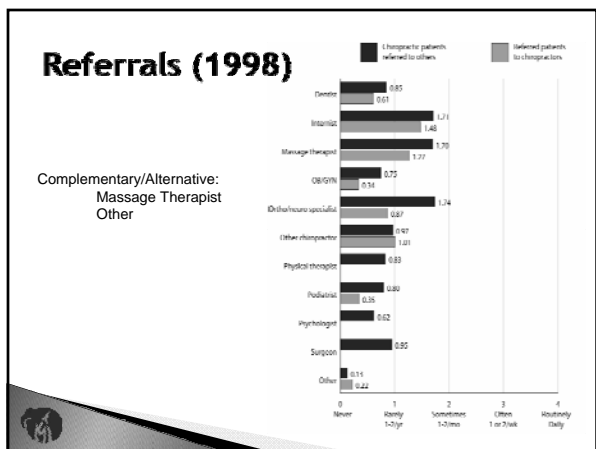
In 1993, NBCE published the first practice/job analysis of the chiropractic profession, based on data collected in 1991 and 1992. Updated surveys have been performed in 1998, 2003, and 2009.

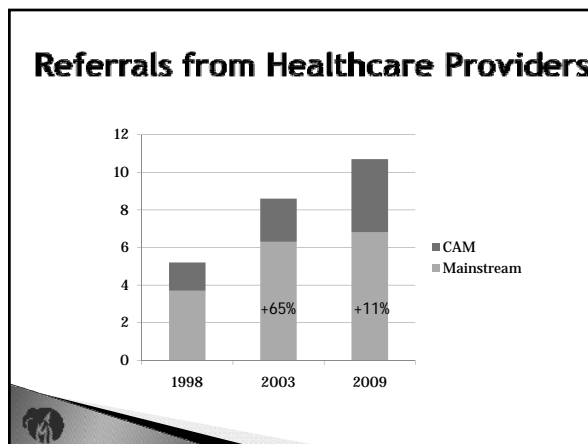
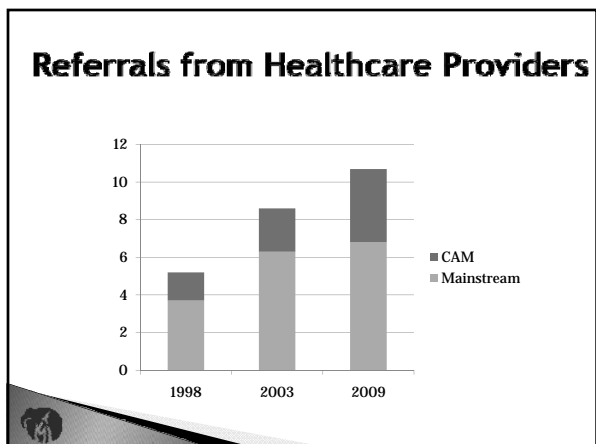
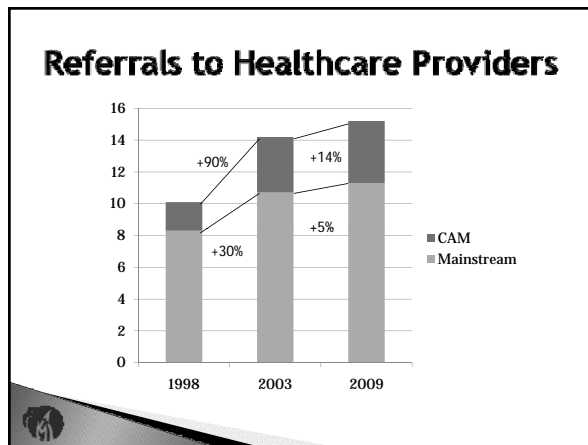
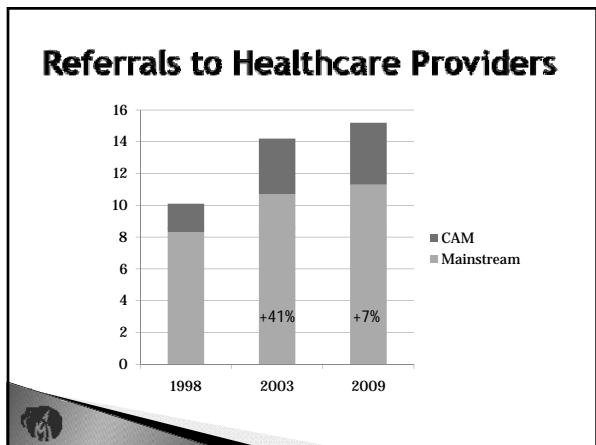
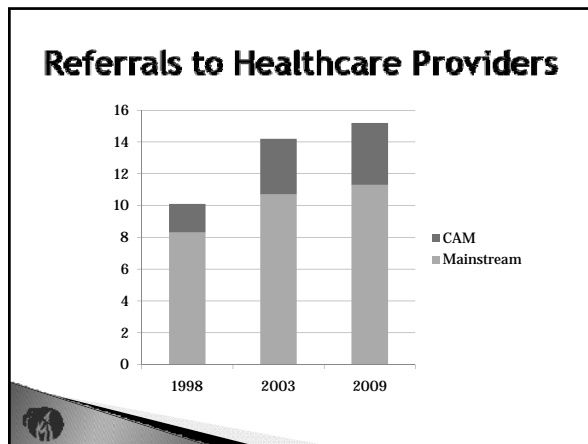
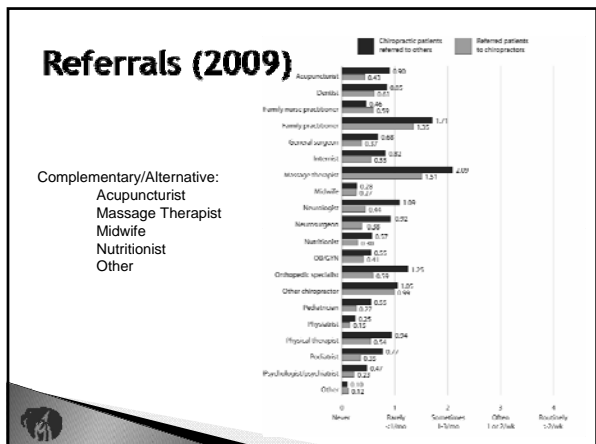


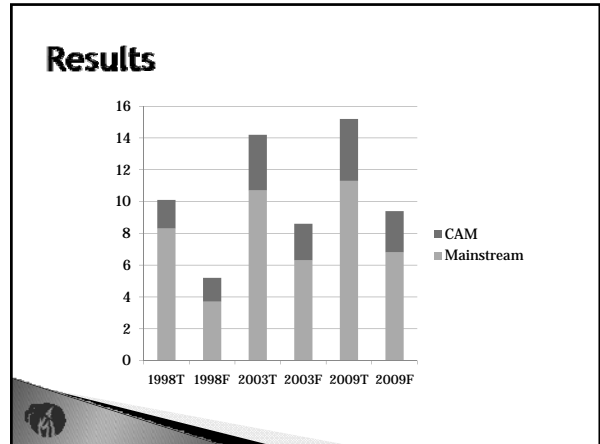
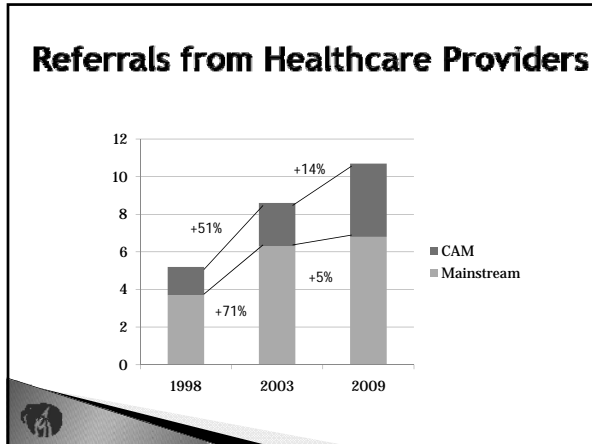
## Practice (Job) Analysis Surveys

The Survey of Chiropractic 1998 gathered data from 3,177 full-time practitioners concerning interdisciplinary referrals.

Similar questions were asked in 2003 (2,167 respondents) and 2009 (2,371 respondents).





### Conclusions

Interdisciplinary referral of patients between chiropractors and other health providers is growing (but growth may be slowing).

Both complementary and mainstream health providers receive patients from and send patients to doctors of chiropractic.

### Discussion

These data are based on self-reported monthly estimates of a previous year's practice activity.

As such, they are liable to various biases, as well as over- and under-estimations of actual practice activities.

Additionally, classification of provider type may have been inaccurate (e.g. nutritionist, psychologist).



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