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Introduction: Due to the scarcity of published literature relating to the chiropractic treatment of nonmusculoskeletal conditions, particularly of pediatric patients, this paper attempts to facilitate a glimpse into a clinical practitioner's office where these conditions are routinely being treated.

Methods: For the purposes of this case series, children treated (2000-07) for nonmusculoskeletal symptoms (n=37) out of those who responded to the questionnaire were used for this case series. All pediatric patients were treated by the same clinician. In all cases active chiropractic care consisted of sacro-occipital technique and cranial pediatric treatments.

Results: Of the 37 (17 male, 20 female) nonmusculoskeletal pediatric patients, 5 were treated for immune function, 7 for developmental delays/dysfunction, 9 for birth trauma, 1 for seizure activity, 4 for learning problems, 3 for endocrine problems, 3 for migraines, 2 gastrointestinal issues, 2 for fussiness/agitated/anxiety, and 1 for enuresis.

Conclusion: Since it does appear from this case series that both pediatric nonmusculoskeletal conditions may benefit from SOT and cranial pediatric adjustive techniques, there is a greater need to investigate whether these responses to care are individualized to one practitioner or can be generalized to the chiropractic profession.

