‘The 3 Questions Model’
Clinical decision-making that facilitates appropriate patient management in chiropractic practice.

- **Q1**: Will more appropriate care be delayed?
- **Q2**: What is the likelihood of doing harm?
- **Q3**: Is there enough information to answer 1 & 2?

**Arrive at diagnosis, clinical impression or defendable management plan.**

- **Likely**
  - Refer to most appropriate health care professional.
  - Be vigilant for ‘red flags’; indicators of serious illness or injury. Ensure mutual respect and clear communication.

- **Unlikely**
  - Decline care.
  - Be on the lookout for contra-indications; Absolute Relative.

- **No**
  - Further investigation.
  - For additional tests and procedures consider; Reliability & Validity Risk vs Benefit Sensitivity & Specificity.

**What has gone wrong** with the person as a whole?
Decide on likely origin of S/S... Is that all it could be? Could there be more than one condition? Is there anything that doesn’t fit?

**Consequences** of making an incorrect decision?

**Active care**
- Lifestyle/activity

**Passive care**
- Treatment

**Measure outcomes** of care
- Subjective
- Objective
- Patient specific
- Functional

Comply with EBG
- Individually applied PICO
- Patient goals values and expectations
- Clinicians experience, expertise & scope
- Available evidence

**Accept patient for chiropractic care**: Solo management.

**Accept patient for chiropractic care**: Co-management.