

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

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Dr. Sweere is a Professor in the Chiropractic Clinical Sciences Division and the Chairman of the Department of Occupational Health, College of Chiropractic at Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, MN, U.S.A. He is a 1961 graduate of Northwestern and served as President of the Minnesota Chiropractic Association in 1976 and was the recipient of the MCA *Chiropractor of the Year Award in 1979*. He was the first recipient of the Northwestern College of Chiropractic's *Distinguished Alumnus Award*. He is a member of the American Chiropractic Association; a Diplomate of the American Board of Chiropractic Orthopedists; and a Diplomate of the American Chiropractic Board of Occupational Health. He is a Fellow of the International College of Chiropractors. He was the coordinator and principle instructor of postdoctoral orthopedics at Northwestern from 1976 through 1979 and from 1996 through 1999. He has been honored as a two-time recipient of the NWCC *Teacher of the Year Award* (1990 and 2006), and the 2002 Minnesota Chiropractic Association's *John Allenburg Meritorious Award*. In 2006 he received the *Joseph Sweere Living Legacy Award* from the Council on Occupational Health of the American Chiropractic Association. He was the recipient of the *2007 Brilliant Star Award* at the NWHSU Stars Among Us Gala. Dr. Sweere is also the coordinator of NWHSU's continuing education programs on Occupational Health and has been a member of the postgraduate faculty of ten chiropractic colleges. Dr. Sweere is a past member of the American Public Health Association and presented technical papers at the APHA Conferences in 1986 and 1987. He is listed in Marqui's *Who's Who in the Midwest*; *Who's Who in Chiropractic International*; *Who's Who among American Teachers*; *Marqui's Who's Who in Industry and Finance*; *the Manchester Who's Who among Executives and Professionals* and *Strathmore's Who's Who*. He is the Chairman of the Rehabilitation Review Panel, and a former member of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board for the Department of Labor and Industry for the State of MN.

Dr. Sweere was the principle investigator for the Viracon Project, an industrial spinal injury prevention program from 1980 through 1986. He is the developer of the Biomechanical Stress Index involving physical and biomechanical screening for the prevention of work-related lower spinal injuries. He is the founder, current President and member of the Board of Directors of the International Academy of Chiropractic Occupational Health Consultants (IACOHC). In August of 1988, Dr. Sweere was a featured presenter at an international conference on occupational health sponsored by the National Institutes of Occupational Safety and Health, (NIOSH) Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Public Health Service. He functioned as a presenter on occupational health at the World Chiropractic Congress in Sydney, Australia in October of 1988 and the European Chiropractic Union Convention in Bergen, Norway in June of 1989. He also presented at World Chiropractic Congresses in London, England in 1993 and Cancun, Mexico in 1994 and at the National Safety Council Congress in Los Angeles, CA in 1998. Dr. Sweere was named to the Advisory Council of the International Federation for Holistic Medicine at its organizational meeting in Havana, Cuba in July of 1994 where he presented a paper entitled, "The Subluxation Complex". He was a featured presenter at the Alternative Interdisciplinary Conference for the Management and Prevention of Acute and Chronic Pain in Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico in June of 2000. In September of 2000, he was a featured presenter at the Swiss Chiropractic Congress 2000 in Basel, Switzerland. He is the Editor of Chiropractic Family Practice – A Clinical Manual, a multi-authored chiropractic text, published in May of 1992 by Aspen Publishers of Gaithersburg, Maryland. Dr. Sweere was selected by the American Chiropractic Association in 1999, to serve as the chiropractic spokesperson at the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Stakeholder's meetings in Atlanta, GA, and Washington, DC, regarding its Proposed Ergonomics Standard for the prevention of neuromusculoskeletal disorders. Dr. Sweere has served as a business consultant to numerous U.S. companies as well as non-profit health related organizations. He is the author of Golden Rules for Vibrant Health in Body, Mind and Spirit – A Holistic Approach to Health and Wellness; Basic Health Publications, 2004. Dr. Sweere practiced chiropractic in Owatonna, MN for twenty-five years and has been a full-time chiropractic educator since 1986. He is considered a leading authority on the art, science and philosophy of chiropractic as well as occupational health and wellness education.