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U.S. Olympic Committee selects Team Chiropractor from Washington for 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing.

Federal Way, WA June 30, 2008 – The US Olympic Committee (USOC) has selected Jim Kurtz, DC, DACRB as Team Chiropractor for the 2008 US Paralympic Team competing in the 2008 Paralympic games, September 6 – 17.

Dr. Kurtz is the clinic director of NW Sports Rehab, a multi-disciplinary clinic in Federal Way, WA integrating chiropractic, sports medicine, acupuncture, massage, rehabilitation, and personal training.

Dr. Kurtz is a past member of the sports medicine staff of the PGA Tour. In 2004, Kurtz was selected for a sports medicine internship at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs where he helped prepare Olympic and Paralympic athletes for the 2004 Games in Athens. In 2007, he was selected as Team USA's chiropractor to the Parapan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Before heading to Beijing, Dr. Kurtz will work the 2008 US Olympic Trials in Track and Field to be held at the University of Oregon in June.

The Paralympic Games are the second largest sporting event in the world behind the Olympics. This multi-sport competition showcases the talents and abilities of the world's most elite athletes with physical disabilities. The Paralympics feature 22 sports, 19 of which are also contested in the Olympics. More than 4,000 athletes from 120 countries will participate in the summer Paralympics.

“Working with Paralympians has challenged me clinically and truly inspired me personally. I've realized that able-bodied people are often times more disabled than the disabled. We, so often, judge others by what we see on the outside, like skin color or a birth defect, a missing limb, or a wheelchair, etc., and fail to look any farther. Paralympians have taught me that it doesn't matter that you can't walk, that you can't see, that you can't hear, or that you are missing a limb or multiple limbs because strength comes from the heart, the soul, and the spirit, and there are no limits to those!”

