

SP 16.0 Laser Registration

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Purpose and Objective

The Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors accepts the use of lasers as part of the scope of practice of chiropractic in Alberta. This standard will identify the appropriate operation of lasers by members of the ACAC.

Definition(s)

Members will be allowed to use lasers as part of their therapeutics, subject to satisfying the following requirements:

- (1) Class 1 and Class 2 lasers are considered to be non-therapeutic.
- (2) Class 3b and 4 lasers must be registered with the ACAC prior to initiating operation.
 - including an onsite compliance inspection prior to applying for registration
 - including an onsite compliance inspection and output calibration every 5 years.
- (3) Laser owners shall ensure the operation of lasers or laser systems comply with the Radiation Protection Act.
- (4) Laser owners shall ensure protective eyewear, signage and certification are in place wherever an owner has installed a 3b or 4 laser.
- (5) Laser owners shall ensure proper training has been provided to all ACAC members who have access to, are operating or working with 3b or 4 lasers.
- (6) Members must restrict themselves in performing activities to those that they are competent to perform and to those that are within the scope of practice for chiropractors in Alberta.

Enforceability

Any member identified to the Complaints Director as non-compliant in the Standard of Practice related to lasers is subject to the investigations and complaints process under Part of the *Health Professions Act*. Identification of non-compliance may occur as a result of the Practice Visit process, patient complaint or any other means by which this information may be brought to the attention of the Complaints Director.

