

SP 24.0 Scope of Practice

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Purpose and Objective

Supplement the descriptions of scope of practice as spoken to in the *Health Professions Act* (HPA), *Regulation* to the HPA, and the *By-laws* to the HPA.

Definition

Scope of practice for registered practitioners will include:

- a. all activities outlined in the *Health Professions Act*, Schedule 2.3
 - a. examine, diagnose and treat, through chiropractic adjustment and other natural means, to maintain and promote health and wellness, and
 - b. provide restricted activities authorized by the Regulation.
 - b. all restricted activities as listed in the *Regulation* to the HPA, Section 13 and Section 14
 13. (a) to use a deliberate, brief, fast thrust to move the joints of the spine beyond the normal range but within the anatomical range of motion, which generally results in an audible click or pop;
 - (b) to insert or remove instruments, devices or fingers
 - (i) beyond the cartilaginous portion of the ear canal,
 - (ii) beyond the point in the nasal passages where they normally narrow, and
 - (iii) beyond the anal verge;
 - (c) to reduce a dislocation of a joint;
 - (d) to order any form of ionizing radiation in
 - (i) medical radiography, and
 - (ii) nuclear medicine;
 - (e) to apply any form of ionizing radiation in medical radiography;
 - (f) to order non-ionizing radiation in
 - (i) magnetic resonance imaging, and
 - (ii) ultrasound imaging.
 14. Advanced restricted activities include acupuncture and setting or resetting a fracture of a bone.
- c. therapeutic and diagnostic procedures taught in the core curriculum, post-graduate curriculum or continuing education division of one or more colleges accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education.
- d. taught by a faculty member or post graduate lecturer from a CCE accredited chiropractic college.
- e. other therapeutic and diagnostic procedures as approved by the Council of the ACAC.

Level of Skill

Regulated members must demonstrate expertise and be competent when selecting and utilizing a technique, device or procedure and must restrict themselves to a level that is appropriate to the member's skill with the delivery of the technique, device or procedure being performed.



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Continuing Education

Members shall be current with their knowledge and skills of techniques, devices or procedures to enable safe and effective treatment of the patient.

Enforceability

Any member identified to the Complaints Director as non-compliant in the Standard of Practice related to scope of practice is subject to the investigations and complaints process under Part 4 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.

