

SP 25.0 Use of the Term 'Specialist'

Reviewed by Council September 2006
Effective March 1, 2007

Purpose and Objective

To identify the appropriate use of the title of specialist as well as the appropriate abbreviations and initials that may be used by members of the Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors.

Definition(s)

- a. A regulated member on the General or Courtesy Register may use the title of 'specialist' as well as the appropriate abbreviations and initials, providing he or she has successfully completed and is certified by one or more of the following specialty programs approved by the Council:
 - i. Chiropractic College of Radiologists (FCCR)
 - ii. College of Chiropractic Sciences (FCCS)
 - iii. College of Chiropractic Orthopedists (Canada) (FCCO(C))
 - iv. College of Chiropractic Rehabilitation Sciences (FCCRS)
 - v. College of Chiropractic Sports Sciences (FCCSS(C))
- b. A regulated member on the General or Courtesy Register may continue to use the title of 'specialist' as well as the appropriate abbreviations and initials, providing he or she continues to meet the additional requirements for maintenance of the specialty certification.
- c. Use of the title 'specialist' is permitted in advertising, providing it complies with the Advertising Standard of Practice approved by Council.

Enforceability

Any member identified to the Complaints Director who is using the title 'specialist' and is not certified by the specialty programs recognized by Council 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.

