

SP 26.0 Setting a Fracture

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Purpose and Objective

To assist members, who have attained chiropractic orthopedist Diplomate status by defining the advanced restricted activity of setting a fracture.

Legislative Context:

Section 7.1 of the Government Organization Act

- 2(1) *The following, carried out in relation to or as part of providing a health service, are restricted activities:*
- (c) *to set or reset a fracture of a bone.*

Section 14(2) – Advanced Authorized Activities (Chiropractic Regulation)

14(2) *A regulated member*

- (a) *who has successfully completed a specialty program in orthopaedics approved by the Council,*
- (b) *who meets the additional requirements for continuing competence related to setting fractures set by the Council,*
- and*
- (c) *who has received notification from the Registrar that the authorization is indicated on the appropriate register*

may, in the practice of chiropractic and in accordance with the Standards of Practice perform the restricted activity of setting or resetting a simple fracture of a bone.

Definition(s)

Members of the Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors will be allowed to set or reset simple, non-displaced fractures as part of their therapeutics, subject to satisfying the following requirements:

1. The member has attained chiropractic orthopedist Diplomate status through a Chiropractic Orthopedists board exam acceptable to the College of Chiropractic Orthopedists (Canada) and maintains status.
2. The member has acquired the postgraduate knowledge incorporated in the curriculum of the orthopedic specialty program, in the following:
Casting / Splinting – Technique of Application
 - a) Time frame for x-ray / imaging (i.e., MRI and/or bonescan)
 - b) Complications of casting
 - c) Delayed union
 - d) Nonunion / pseudounion
 - e) Aseptic necrosis
 - f) Reparative process for fractures
3. The member restricts him or herself to setting simple, non-displaced fractures.
4. Despite any authorization to perform a restricted activity, regulated members must restrict themselves in performing a restricted activity to the activity that the member is competent to



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perform and that is appropriate to the member's area of practice and the procedure being performed.

Continuing Education

Members will maintain his or her specialist certification by annually fulfilling the requirements approved by the specialty College and remaining current with their knowledge and skills level to enable safe and effective treatment for the patient.

Enforceability

Any member identified to the Complaints Director as non-compliant in the Standard of Practice related to setting fractures will be subject to the investigations and complaints process under Part 4 of the *Health Professions Act*. Identification of noncompliance may occur as a result of Practice Visit process, patient complaint or any other means by which this information may be brought to the attention of the Complaints Director.

