

SP 4.0 Surrogate Testing

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Purpose and Objective

As a regulated and primary care provider, it is appropriate to demonstrate professional competency and scientific validity in the use of diagnostic testing. The purpose and objective of diagnostic testing is to rationally assist in the differential diagnosis of a presenting condition in consideration of appropriate care and treatment of patients by their clinician. The assurance of use of rational and scientifically valid testing supports the practice of chiropractic generally.

Definition(s)

Surrogate testing is defined as the testing of one individual to infer information about another individual. Surrogate testing has an unsubstantiated basis and is deemed absolutely inappropriate for utilization by chiropractors in Alberta.

Enforceability

Any member identified to the Complaints Director as non-compliant in the Standard of Practice related to surrogate testing is subject to the investigations and complaints process under Part 4 of the *Health Professions Act*. Identification 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.

