

## SP 6.0 Patient Preparation

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### **Purpose and Objective**

As a regulated and primary care provider, it is appropriate to demonstrate professional propriety during chiropractic examination. The purpose and objective of appropriate patient preparation is to ensure adequate exposure for thorough examination.

### **Definition(s)**

Adequate patient preparation for an initial chiropractic examination requires that the area to be examined must be exposed to the skin and be adequate to allow for a thorough examination of related areas of clinical significance.

Exposure must not be excessive and the patient's dignity must be preserved through gowning or adequate cover.

### **Enforceability**

Any member identified to the Complaints Director as non-compliant in the Standard of Practice related to patient preparation 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 Practice Visit process, patient complaint or any other means by which this information may be brought to the attention of the Complaints Director.

