



Professional Standards

Applies to Naturopathic Physicians

The College of Complementary Health Professionals of BC was created on June 28, 2024 through the amalgamation of four health regulatory colleges:

- College of Chiropractors of BC
- College of Massage Therapists of BC
- College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC
- College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of BC

All current requirements for standards of clinical and ethical practice issued by the four colleges remain in place upon amalgamation.

This document was created by the College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC and will be updated to reflect the amalgamation.

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The following professional standards describe the responsibilities of naturopathic physicians in providing care to the public in B.C.

Patient-Centred Care

- Put the interests of patients before the interests of the naturopathic physician in providing safe, professional, quality patient care.
- “Do no Harm”.
- Respect the patient’s right to privacy and confidentiality.
- Respect the patient’s right and ability to make informed choices regarding their care.

Unique Body of Knowledge

- Ensure the Therapeutic Order is the foundation of practice.
- Base practice on a unique, scientifically based body of knowledge and expertise.
- Practise according to evidence-based and peer-supported principles.

Competent Application of Knowledge

- Competently apply knowledge in assessing, treating, and managing patient care.
- Assess outcomes of care provided.
- Maintain competence by undertaking continuous learning and professional development.

Professional Ethics

- Practise in accordance with the ethical guidelines for the profession.

Professional Responsibility and Accountability

- Maintain accountability in the public interest.
- Ensure that practice meets the legislative requirements and professional standards of the profession.
- Assume primary responsibility for maintaining own competence and fitness to practise.