



Clinical Practice Standard: Naturopathic Injectable Therapies

Principle	Outcome Statement
As a naturopathic physician licensee, you must meet the following Principles within the Clinical Practice Standard: Naturopathic Injectable Therapies	People receiving health services from a naturopathic physician licensee expect that their health care practitioner will:
Principle 1: Naturopathic physician licensees must have additional training to perform and apply injectable therapies within scope of practice.	Be trained and competent to provide injectable therapies safely, effectively and within scope of practice.

Definitions

Injectable therapies: refer to therapies which involve the use of a needle and/or syringe to put drugs or other substances into the body that include the performance of restricted activities set out in the *Complementary Health Professionals Regulation*, including the acts of administering by injection a substance or Schedule III drug and administering a Schedule I, IA or II drug by injection.

Additional Training: refers to structured education with an objective assessment of knowledge and skill beyond entry-level competency that includes both theoretical and practical components including:

- Theory and principles of the technique and/or approach
- Assessment and diagnosis
- Treatment



- Proper handling, including storage and preparation, of substances when applicable
- Risk, and management as applicable

Medical aesthetics: refers to elective non-surgical procedures that include the performance of a restricted activities set out in the *Complementary Health Professionals Regulation*, primarily intended to alter or restore a person's appearance.

Principle 1: Naturopathic physician licensees must have additional training to perform and apply injectable therapies within scope of practice.

To meet this standard, Naturopathic physician licensees must:

- 1.1 Have additional training to perform and/or order injectable therapies within scope of practice including but not limited to:
 - 1.1.1 Prolotherapy;
 - 1.1.2 Medical and non-medical Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) solutions and injections;
 - 1.1.3 Viscosupplement solutions and fillers;
 - 1.1.4 Corticosteroids;
 - 1.1.5 Medical and non-medical Botulinum toxin;
 - 1.1.6 IV and Chelation therapies;
 - 1.1.7 Ozone and Oxidative therapies; and
 - 1.1.8 Immunizations.
- 1.2 Hold appropriate current life support certification to manage potentially life-threatening emergencies.
- 1.3 Have within the practice environment the appropriate emergency medical supplies readily available.
- 1.4 Perform injectable therapies only when frequency to maintain currency and competence is sufficient.
- 1.5 Administer injectable substances only if they are approved by Health Canada (with the exception of ozone).
- 1.6 Ensure that devices used for procedures have an active medical device license from Health Canada.
- 1.7 When administering immunizations:



- 1.7.1 Use the BC Centre for Disease Control BC Immunization Manual;
- 1.7.2 Not administer immunizations to a child under five (5) years old.
- 1.8 Not perform the following:
 - 1.8.1 Intra-vaginal injections (with the exception of a paracervical block using local anesthetic as consistent with best practices for insertion and removal of an IUD);
 - 1.8.2 Intra-cavernous injections;
 - 1.8.3 Injectable fillers into the genitalia;
 - 1.8.4 Stromal vascular fraction injections;
 - 1.8.5 Bone marrow injections and related injections;
 - 1.8.6 Stellate ganglion blocks;
 - 1.8.7 Injections into intra-ocular muscles;
 - 1.8.8 Any other injections which the College determines to be outside the scope of practice for naturopathic physician licensees, as set out in Notices to the Profession or similar guidance documents issued by the College.