



Acupuncture and Dry Needling Standard of Practice

Purpose and Objective

1. To provide members with a Standard of Practice establishing their duties, obligations and scope of practice when providing acupuncture and dry needling services to patients as an adjunctive therapy; and
2. To allow for the provision of information that will assist members of the public in their selection of available chiropractic treatment/care.

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The New Brunswick Chiropractors Association (“the “Association”) supports the utilization of acupuncture and dry needling as adjunctive therapies within the scope of chiropractic treatment/care offered by members insofar as these therapies fall within the members’ professional scopes of practice and within their levels of training.

This Standard of Practice sets out the standards applicable to members who include acupuncture and/or dry needling within their scope of practice.

A member will only be entitled to perform acupuncture and/or dry needling within their office on fulfillment of the pre-requisites set out in the By-laws. The member’s office must also be equipped with the following supplies:

1. single-use (disposable) sterile acupuncture needles;
2. appropriate sterilization apparatus for needle injectors;
3. a patient safety bell;
4. protective gloves; and
5. a hazardous waste disposal container.

Enforceability

Any complaints alleging a breach of this Standard of Practice by a member will be investigated pursuant to the provisions of *The Chiropractors Act, 1997*.