

SCPT Practice Resource

Acupuncture

Standards of Practice for Physical Therapists and Practice Resources

Along with the implementation of the Standards of Practice document (as of September 1, 2022), Practice Guidelines are being transitioned to Practice Resources. Practice Resources are educational documents for physical therapists when considering broader topics that may involve multiple standards or regulations.

As part of the transition, Practice Guidelines will be renamed Practice Resources until they can be incorporated into new revamped Practice Resources.

The Physical Therapists Act and SCPT Bylaws, which includes the Ethical Code, and the Standards of Practice document are the approved documents for physical therapy practice in Saskatchewan providing the foundation for which practitioners are governed within the regulatory environment.

Background

The SCPT Regulatory Bylaws define specialized physical therapy procedures to include Acupuncture, and section 18 of those bylaws prohibits members from performing acupuncture unless they have completed an educational program recognized by the council.

Recognized Educational Programs

The following educational programs are recognized by the council:

- The Acupuncture Foundation of Canada Institute (AFCI) Program Certification - Level 1 Exam, including part 1, part 2A and 3A *note this is the older course names/terminology.
- The Acupuncture Foundation of Canada Institute (AFCI) Program Certification – Certificate of Anatomical Acupuncture Examination, including AA1: Foundations of Anatomical Acupuncture and AA2: Clinical Applications in Anatomical Acupuncture.
- The Certificate Program in Medical Acupuncture, Faculty of Extension, University of Alberta, including the final examination.
- McMaster University Contemporary Medical Acupuncture Program, testing during each Unit; Anatomy Lab Exam; Needling Exam; Live Patient and Assessment Exam.
- A Comprehensive Introduction to Acupuncture: The Art and the Science, including written and practical examinations

The SCPT Ethical Code of Conduct provides:

A. **Responsibilities to the Client**

13. Take all reasonable steps to prevent harm to clients. Should harm occur disclose it to the client and others as required.

15. Practice the profession of physiotherapy according to their own competence and limitations, referring the client to others as necessary.

18. Comply with all legislation, guidelines, and regulatory requirements that pertain to the profession of physiotherapy.

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1. Physical therapists who have successfully completed a recognized educational program and are practicing acupuncture are expected to use professional judgment and act within their level of competence.