

Note to Readers: *In the event of any inconsistency between this document and the legislation that governs chiropractic practice, the legislation prevails.*

1. INTRODUCTION

The Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors (**NSCC**) is the regulatory authority for the practice of chiropractic in the Province of Nova Scotia.

The Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors (NSCC) serves and protects the public interest to advance ethical and competent chiropractic care in Nova Scotia.

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Standard of Practice are:

- To provide guidance to members and the public about the expectations of the use and application of adjunctive therapy procedures in Nova Scotia.
- To ensure that adjunctive therapy procedures are conducted appropriately for the safety of the public.

3. DEFINITIONS

The following terms have the following meanings when used in this Standard of Practice:

- **Adjunctive therapy** – refers to any therapeutic procedure used in conjunction with chiropractic treatment which do not require DC designation or special license permit to perform but provided under supervision of a licensed chiropractor.

4. STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

- a) Doctor of Chiropractic must apply their diagnostic skills and clinical judgement to determine appropriate adjunctive therapies.
- b) The application of adjunctive therapies is at the discretion and is the responsibility of the treating chiropractor.

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- c) A chiropractic assistant (or staff member) applying adjunctive therapies under the direction and license of the chiropractor, must be adequately trained in the application of the therapy provided.
- d) The treating chiropractor must be on site for all adjunctive therapy and modality applications.
- e) All equipment used with adjunctive therapy procedures must be maintained and in proper working order. All equipment must have an annual inspection as required available upon request of the NSCC or during Practice Review processes.
- f) Equipment must be legally available for sale in Canada as approved by Health Canada.

5. EXEMPTIONS

There are no exemptions to this standard of practice.

6. LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

The Chiropractic Act, 1999

2 (c) “chiropractic” means professional services usually performed by or under the supervision of a chiropractor and includes

- (i) diagnosis, examination and treatment of persons principally by hand and without the use of drugs or surgery of the spinal column, pelvis, extremities and associated tissues, and
- (ii) such services as approved by the regulations;

2(d) “chiropractor” means a person who is licensed to practise chiropractic under this Act;

2(e) “College” means the Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors;