
Standard of Practice: Using Protected Titles

Standard of Practice

When registered with the College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta, naturopathic doctors shall only use specific protected titles and initials.

Introduction

The protected titles that each regulated health profession is given in the *Health Professions Act* indicate to the public that the health care professional is regulated by and accountable to a regulatory authority to practice in accordance with the code of ethics and standards of practices established.

This standard is intended to outline which protected titles and initials that a registered naturopathic doctors shall use.

Definitions

Courtesy register: member register as defined in the *Naturopaths Profession Regulation*.

General register: member register as defined in the *Naturopaths Profession Regulation*.

Provisional register: member register as defined in the *Naturopaths Profession Regulation*.

Standard of Practice: an authoritative statement that describes a minimum required behaviour of every naturopathic doctor and is used to evaluate individual conduct. Naturopathic doctors should always strive to practice above the minimum standards. Performance below the minimum standard may result in disciplinary action.

Naturopathic doctors demonstrate this standard of practice by:

1. A regulated member of the College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta, registered on the general register or courtesy register, shall only use any of the following titles:
 - a) naturopathic doctor,
 - b) doctor of naturopathic medicine,
 - c) naturopathic practitioner, and
 - d) naturopath;
2. A regulated member of the College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta, registered on the general register or courtesy register, shall only use any of the following initials:
 - a) "N.D.", and
 - b) "R.N.D.";
3. A regulated member of the College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta, registered on the general register or courtesy register, shall only use any of the following title:
 - a) "Doctor", and
 - b) the abbreviation "Dr." in connection with providing a health service within the practice of naturopathic medicine;

4. A regulated member of the College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta, registered on the provisional register, shall only use any of the following titles
 - a) naturopath;
5. A regulated member of the College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta who is regulated with another regulatory College shall use additional protected titles in accordance with their applicable legislation; and
6. A regulated member of the College of Naturopathic Doctors of Alberta shall refrain from using protected titles that they are not authorized to use.

Expected Outcomes

Patients are satisfied that:

- naturopathic doctors only use the protected titles and initials.

Related Documents

Health Professions Act

Naturopaths Profession Regulation

CNDA Code of Ethics

