



Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors

Standards of Practice: Acupuncture/Dry Needling

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Acupuncture/Dry Needling

- A.** The NSCC accepts the practice of needle Acupuncture as part of the Scope of Practice of Chiropractic. Members of the College may be granted approval to practice needle acupuncture as part of their therapeutics, subject to satisfying the following requirements:
- (i.) Acupuncture is to be used in conjunction with the adjustment or manipulation of the spinal column and other articulations of the body, and not as a stand alone treatment;
 - (ii.) Members using acupuncture must provide the Board with proof of certification of completion of an acupuncture training program with a minimum of 200 course hours;
 - (iii.) Members must provide the NSCC with proof that they have professional liability insurance to cover the acupuncture treatments;
 - (iv.) Acupuncture is an adjunctive therapy, and therefore members may not list it as a specialty on their letterhead or business cards unless it becomes a fellowship recognized by the Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors;
 - (v.) Members are permitted to use dry needling, provided they have completed the required formal training for acupuncture, as listed above, and have completed a certified dry needling course approved by the Board.
 - (vi.) Your certificate of dry needle acupuncture should be publicly displayed at all times.
 - (vii.) Specific Informed Consent is required for acupuncture treatment. This may be combined with your Chiropractic Informed Consent and does not require a separate form.