



Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors Board Policy: Independent Chiropractic Evaluations

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1. Purpose and Objective

The purpose of this Policy is to protect the public by ensuring that members of the profession involved in providing independent evaluations have the requisite skill sets.

This Policy outlines for the members/registrants and other stakeholders the expectations of the Board of the Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors relating to the required level of expertise in the performance of independent chiropractic evaluations.

2. Overview of Principles Regarding Independent Chiropractic Evaluations (ICE'S)

A 'like vs. like' approach for current and future disputes regarding chiropractic care in evaluations ordered from third parties such as Workers' Compensation Boards, automotive insurers, legal and governmental organizations.

Each independent evaluator should be experienced in generating impartial, concise, appropriate and relevant assessment decisions and subsequent reports. An independent evaluator should have a demonstrated ability to articulate assessment outcomes rationale in plain language.

3. Degree of Skill

The following are important features of the skills required for conducting Independent Chiropractic Evaluations:

- a) will have the necessary education, training and experience to offer an opinion regarding the issue in dispute, and specifically taking into consideration the unique characteristics and circumstances of the person being assessed.
- b) will have a minimum of five years of current, balanced, or relevant clinical Chiropractic experience.* As a Chiropractic Specialist (Clinical Sciences, Orthopedics, Sports Sciences, Rehabilitation Sciences, and Radiology Sciences) a three-year minimum experience is required. When reasonable, an assessor of equal or greater level of expertise should be utilized.
- c) will be a member in good standing and holding a current certificate of registration with his or her respective chiropractic regulatory board, and

should have an 'equal or greater level of experience, education and training' as the practitioner for whom the evaluation is being conducted.
d) will maintain professional malpractice insurance, and
e) will maintain mandatory continuing education.

*Current means the last five years. Balanced means the assessor maintains clinical practice in addition to performing independent evaluations.