



Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors

Standards of Practice: Public Health Screenings

by NSCC Members

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Purpose / Intent

The NSCC developed this public display protocol to ensure that chiropractic is consistently promoted in a professional manner with personal accountability.

Public health screening is defined as an assessment procedure to identify possible chiropractic / health concerns that may require attention. Public health screenings that stress the importance of preventative health strategies are commonly used by all health professions and are widely recognized to promote public health. These screenings are of value to the public because they may identify early signs of potential health problems and educate the public about chiropractic.

Public screenings (postural assessments, surface EMG, thermography, orthotic scans and other screening examinations or consultation activities) are permitted by the NSCC provided the following information is clearly communicated and available for the public who are participating:

1. Participation must be voluntary. A member should not pressure or aggressively solicit any potential participant
2. All public participants must be informed that the results of the screening do not constitute a full examination and therefore are not sufficient to render a diagnosis of any specific condition. This disclaimer must be noted on any printed material that is provided to the public from the screening procedure.
3. All participants must provide written informed consent for any procedure provided at the screening event. (see template)
4. The participant's right to choose their provider of choice must be respected and thus any information available from the screening process must be available to the healthcare professional of choice upon request.
5. At all times, the patients' privacy must be respected and all Privacy Act provisions must be respected.