

Standards of Practice

Dual Registration

Standard

The physiotherapist who is also registered as a member of another regulated health profession in Alberta administers each health service as a separate and distinct entity, and informs the client of their role when providing each distinct health-care service.

Expected outcome

Clients can expect that the physiotherapist clearly identifies the role and service that they are providing at the time of client care delivery.

Performance expectations

The physiotherapist:

- Communicates effectively with the client regarding the differences in health provider roles performed and informs the client of which service they are providing.
- Establishes each health and business practice as a distinct entity, maintaining:
 - Separate billing and financial records for each practice.
 - Different entries in a shared client record that clearly identify which professional role/service was provided or establishing separate client records for each health service.
 - Separate appointment books and/or distinct days and times for providing each service.
- Clearly documents which health service was provided at each client visit.
- Provides the services that the client initially sought, unless those services are not in the client's best interest.

Clients are recipients of physiotherapy services, and may be individuals, families, groups, organizations, communities, or populations. An individual client may also be referred to as a patient. In some circumstances, clients/patients may be represented by their substitute decision-makers.

Related Standards

- Conflict of Interest
- Collaborative Practice
- Documentation and Record Keeping
- Fees and Billing
- Use of Title
- Performance of Restricted Activities