

Standards of Practice

Use of Title

Standard

The physiotherapist uses her/his title, credentials, and other designations to clearly identify her/himself to **clients**, other health providers, and the public.

Expected outcome

Clients can expect that the physiotherapist uses her/his protected title to facilitate clear identification during **physiotherapy service delivery**.

Performance expectations

The physiotherapist:

- Is registered with the College of Physiotherapists of Alberta when using the protected title.
- Identifies her/himself using the protected title as outlined by the College of Physiotherapists of Alberta.
- Uses other credentials accurately, in association with and following the protected title, in a manner that has meaning for the public and according to regulatory requirements.
- Uses the title “Doctor” or “Dr” and/or clinical specialist designations in accordance with regulatory requirements and any criteria established by Council.
- Reports the unauthorized use of the protected title to the College of Physiotherapists of Alberta.

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.

Physiotherapy service delivery refers to the period from the initial client assessment to discharge from services provided by the physiotherapist.

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