



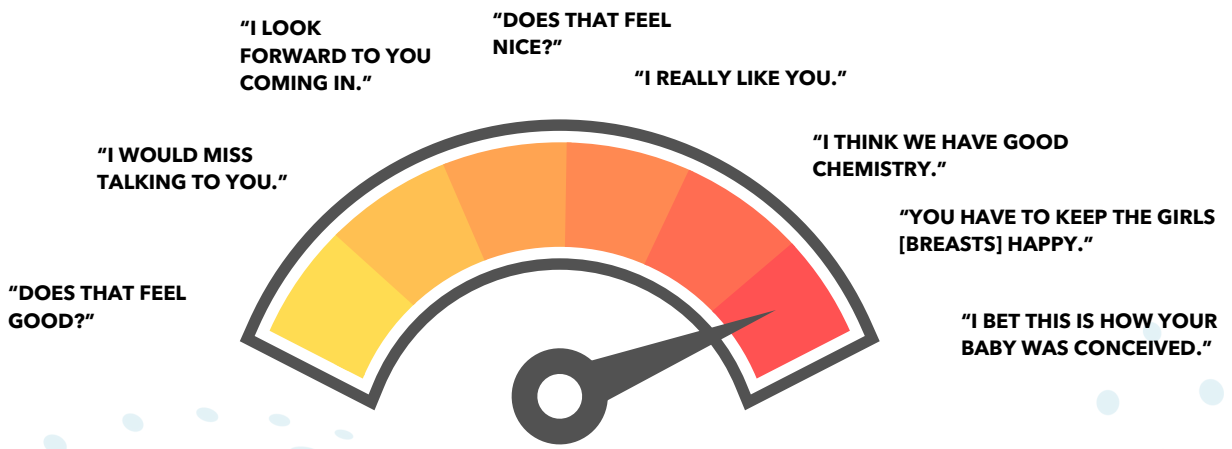
Words Matter

COMMENTS & SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS CAN'T ALWAYS KNOW HOW A COMMENT WILL BE RECEIVED.

The patient's lived experiences will affect how they perceive comments from their physiotherapist as being appropriate or not.

Some of these comments are clearly not appropriate in therapeutic relationships. Others may be appropriate, depending on the tone and context of the conversation.



ALL OF THE ABOVE COMMENTS WERE PART OF SEXUAL ABUSE OR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THE COLLEGE OF PHYSIOTHERAPISTS OF ALBERTA.

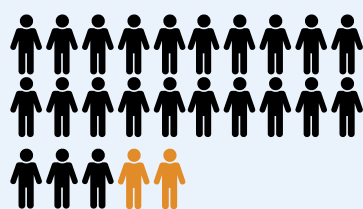
Sexual Misconduct is: objectionable or unwelcome remarks of a sexual nature by a physiotherapist towards a patient that the physiotherapist knows or ought to reasonably know:

- cause offence or humiliation to the patient
- adversely affect the patient's health and well being

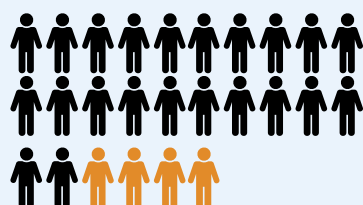


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Sexual abuse and sexual misconduct complaints are increasing. Alberta physiotherapists have more than double the number of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct complaints per 1000 registrants compared to other Alberta regulated health professionals.



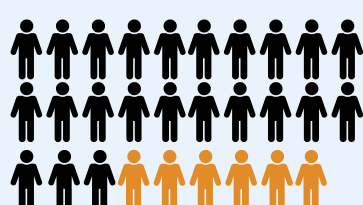
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*Data reported by registration year (October 1-September 31)