



Concurrent Care

Applies to Physical Therapists

The College of Health and Care Professionals of BC was created on June 28, 2024 through the amalgamation of seven health regulatory colleges:

- College of Dietitians of British Columbia
- College of Occupational Therapists of British Columbia
- College of Optometrists of British Columbia
- College of Opticians of British Columbia
- College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia
- College of Psychologists of British Columbia
- College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of British Columbia

All current requirements for standards of clinical and ethical practice issued by the seven colleges remain in place upon amalgamation.

This document was created by the College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia and will be updated to reflect the amalgamation.

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STANDARD

The physical therapist collaborates with healthcare providers and others to provide safe, effective, quality concurrent care, when indicated by the client's healthcare needs and preferences.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

Clients can expect that the physical therapist collaborates effectively with others to promote integrated client-centered care.

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

The physical therapist:

1. Inquires about situations where the client may be receiving or considering concurrent treatment from another healthcare provider for the same or a related condition.
2. Consults with/refers to the appropriate healthcare provider when the client's interests and aspects of the client's goals are best addressed by another provider.
3. Clearly explains funding implications of concurrent treatment to the client.
4. Only participates in concurrent treatment of the same or a related condition when approaches are complementary, clinically indicated, of benefit to the client and an appropriate use of human/financial resources.
5. Identifies, documents, communicates and manages risks of concurrent treatment of the same or related condition, discontinuing concurrent services and documenting when the approaches conflict, there is inefficient use of resources, and/or the risks outweigh the benefits to the client.
6. Communicates the decision to decline or discontinue concurrent treatment to the client, provides their rationale for the decision, and documents this discussion.

RELATED STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

- Communication
- Documentation
- Funding, Fees and Billing
- Risk Management and Safety