



Dual Practice

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 clearly identifies instances when they are providing non-physical therapy services.

EXPECTED OUTCOME

Clients can expect that the physical therapist clearly identifies instances where the services provided do not constitute physical therapy.

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

The physical therapist:

1. Does not represent non-physical therapy services as physical therapy or use protected titles when providing non-physical therapy services.
2. If offering non-physical therapy services, establishes each service as a distinct entity, maintaining:
 - 2.1 separate billing and financial records for each service, issuing invoices that clearly, transparently, and accurately indicate the service provided;
 - 2.2 separate client records for each service that clearly identify which professional role service was provided at each client visit;
 - 2.3 separate appointment books and/or distinct days and times for providing each service;
 - 2.4 separate advertising, marketing, and promotional activities for each service.
3. Provides physical therapy services if the client sought physical therapy services, unless the physical therapy services sought are not in the client's interest.
4. Clearly communicates with the client and others when the services proposed do not constitute physical therapy services.
5. Advises the client of the implications of receiving non-physical therapy services, including potential funding implications.

RELATED STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

- Communication
- Conflict of Interest
- Evidence-Informed Practice
- Titles, Credentials and Specialty Designations