



Summary of Key Changes in Updated Standards of 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.

SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES IN UPDATED STANDARDS OF PRACTICE FOR PHYSICAL THERAPISTS IN BC

Updated Standards of Practice came into effect on March 4, 2024. This summary provides an overview of the major changes, however, as all the Standards of Practice have been updated, registrants are strongly encouraged to review the revised Standards individually in detail. Changes made to the Standards reflect changes and evolution of practice, questions to the College and complaints data.

1. Four new Standards were developed:

- Dual Practice
- Duty of Care
- Marketing and Advertising
- Sexual Abuse and Sexual Misconduct

2. Three Standards were retired:

- Client-centred Care
- Legislative Responsibilities
- Quality Improvement

While these concepts remain integral to the practice of physical therapy, the content of these Standards is effectively covered in other regulation and Standards.

3. Several Standards were renamed to more accurately reflect their content:

- Client Assessment, Diagnosis, Interventions renamed Client Assessment, Diagnosis, Treatment
- Documentation and Record-Keeping renamed Documentation
- Collaborative Practice renamed Concurrent Care
- Competence renamed Continuing Competence
- Consent renamed Informed Consent
- Privacy/Confidentiality renamed Privacy and Record Retention
- Risk Management renamed Risk Management and Safety
- Telerehabilitation renamed Virtual Care
- Use of Title renamed Title, Credentials and Specialty Designations
- Professional Boundaries renamed Boundary Violations

In addition, content from some Standards was moved to other Standards where it fit better.

Want to know more? We offered a webinar on March 21, 2024 to provide information about what is new and/or different in the updated Standards of Practice and to respond to any questions we have received about them.

[Register online to watch a recording of the webinar.](#)