



POSITION STATEMENT

TOPIC: Use of PT Title
ISSUED: September 2003
REVISED: New
RESPONSIBILITY: ALL COLLEGE MEMBERS

Background:

The Nova Scotia College of Physiotherapists (NSCP) recognizes the need for clarity on accepted terminology concerning the use of title and credentials. We have set forth the following guidelines in an effort to clarify this issue for both our members and the public.

Statement:

Physiotherapists who are licensed in Nova Scotia shall use the protected title of PT, Physiotherapist or Physical Therapist immediately following their name to indicate their professional designation.

This must be used in all correspondence related to patient care or discharge of professional duties. If there are Registrant class modifiers such as Defined (D) licenses these modifiers must be used with the professional designation as appropriate. (i.e. Jane Doe PT(D) for Jane Doe practicing under a defined license).

Academic degrees, diplomas, or certificates although permitted in association with the Member's name, are not a professional designation.

Therefore these credentials shall be written on a line below, or separate from, the Member's name so as not to be confused with the professional title. At this time the NSCP does not recognize specialty status among members but may allow the use of some nationally recognized course credentials to be used upon request.

Membership in Other Organizations ...

It is necessary to write out the entire title of any other organization or professional group you belong to so as to avoid confusion or misinterpretation by the public. (i.e. Member of the Canadian Physiotherapy Assoc. rather than MCPA).

Reference: Section 41 of Schedule 'A' Regulations respecting registration of physiotherapists pursuant to Section 6 (3) [i] Chapter 22 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1998. *"A member in the practice of physiotherapy shall only use the titles 'Physiotherapist, Licensed Physiotherapist, Physical Therapist, Licensed Physical Therapist, Registered Physiotherapist, or Registered Physical Therapist' and may use in association with the member's name any academic degree, diploma or certificates held by the member and approved by the Board for such use."*