



PRACTICE STANDARDS

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Practice Standards for Spinal Manipulation

1. The physiotherapist must obtain informed client consent prior to performing spinal manipulation.
2. The physiotherapist using spinal manipulation in practice must be able to demonstrate that they are qualified to safely and effectively perform spinal manipulations as outlined in the *Spinal Manipulation Competency Profile for Physical Therapists (CPTA 2008)*ⁱ

Additional Resources:

ⁱ College of Physiotherapists of Alberta, 2008. *Spinal Manipulation Competency Profile for Physical Therapists* Available at www.cpta.ab.ca/resources/publications_spinalmanipulation_profile.pdf

for more information on informed consent see the *Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act* at www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/H/96181_01.htm and the *Infants Act* at www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/I/96223_01.htm