

Use of Title: Acupuncturist

The Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) Act, proclaimed April 1, 2013, established the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario as a self-governing regulatory body under the Regulated Health Professions Act.

As such, the title “acupuncturist” becomes a protected title for registrants of the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of Ontario (CTCMPAO) in the same way the title “physiotherapist” is protected for registrants of the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario.

These changes mean that physiotherapists cannot call themselves acupuncturists unless they are also registered with CTCMPAO.

Physiotherapists retain the ability to provide acupuncture under the exception provision when it is performed within the scope of practice of physiotherapy and in accordance with the standards of practice of the profession.

Please refer to the Standard and Guide for Professional Practice: Performance of Authorized Activities, available in Standards section of the College website at www.collegept.org.

References/Resources/Links

Traditional Chinese Medicine Act: www.e-laws.gov.on.ca
CTCMPAO website: www.ctcmpao.on.ca

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