



Natural Health Practitioners New Zealand

CODE OF ETHICS

All **Registered Practitioners** are bound by the following principles of **Ethical Behaviour and Codes of Practice.**

Principal 1: At all times consider as one of your primary and first duties and your first priority the health and well-being of your patients.

Principal 2: To place integrity and professional ability amongst your primary duties and concerns.

Principal 3: To recognise your own limitations as well as the specific skills of others in the prevention and treatment of ill-health and disease.

Principal 4: To honour and respect your professional colleagues and uphold your Profession and its ongoing traditions.

Principal 5: To improve your professional knowledge and skills so that the best possible advice and available treatment can be afforded to your patients.

Principal 6: Unless a legal duty of disclosure operates to remove confidentiality in a particular case, endeavour to protect the patients' confidentiality at all times.

PRINCIPLES AND CODE OF PRACTICE

The procedures listed are a broad precise of best business practice management as they apply to articles 1 to 42.

All patient/client records to be kept in accordance with best business practice and confidentiality.

All treatment and advice given will be within the scope of acceptable modality standards for which the practitioner is accredited.

All equipment used for treatment, diagnosis and dispensing will comply with local body and national regulations.

Advice and treatment will not be given for any disciplines a practitioner does not hold accreditation for in New Zealand.

Regular post-graduate study or research must be undertaken to maintain skills and knowledge to a recognised standard of performance.

A referral list of alternate practitioners must be maintained to facilitate referral of patients outside attending practitioner's scope of practice.

Practitioners must abide by all local by-laws and regulations and national acts of parliament as they may apply.

No practitioner shall make claims, for which they are not qualified to make in regard to treatment protocol or diagnosis.

The rights of fellow practitioners shall be upheld at all times with regard to their expertise and knowledge.

Any Registered Practitioner found to be compromising the confirmed by-laws or codes of the Natural Health Practitioners of New Zealand Incorporated would be called upon to attend a disciplinary hearing for review of their Registered Status.