



The College of Naturopaths of Ontario

Standard of Practice:

Restricted Titles



Introduction

The intent of this standard is to advise Members with respect to the titles that may be used.

Definitions

Credentials: a term for a variety of degrees, qualifications or designations, etc. granted by agencies including professional associations, academic institutions, and educational bodies.

Restricted Title: a professional designation authorized and protected by law, which may only be issued by a regulatory body.

Specialization: In an Ontario regulated health profession a specialization is defined and authorized in regulation and approved by the regulatory body. (e.g. an oncologist is a specialist because they have met the regulatory requirement not because they have been doing it for 20+ years). No specializations or specialty certifications currently exist for Members.

1. Use of Restricted Title

The Member uses the title associated with the certificate of registration as issued by the College of Naturopaths of Ontario to be able to engage in the practice of naturopathic medicine.

Performance Indicators

The Member:

- uses the restricted titles **Naturopath** or **Naturopathic Doctor** in English or **Naturopathe** or **Docteur(e) en naturopathie** in French or uses the abbreviation **ND** in English or **DN** in French;
- uses equivalent terms in any other language;
- ensures the restricted title directly follows their name when used in writing;
(i.e. Dr. Mary Smith, ND or Doctor Mary Smith, Naturopathic Doctor)
- uses inactive titles when holding an Inactive Certificate of Registration with the College of Naturopaths of Ontario:
(i.e. Dr. Mary Smith, ND (inactive))
- may use appropriate additional titles;
(i.e. Dr. Mary Smith, ND, Dr. of Naturopathic Medicine or Doctor Mary Smith, Naturopathic Doctor, Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine)

The Member may use “**Doctor**”, **Dr.** in English or “**Docteur(e)**”, “**Dr.**” in French in front of their name provided the appropriate restricted title directly follows the Member’s name when used in writing.

2. Presentation of Other Credentials

The Member may choose to use other credentials which they are legally permitted to use.

When a Member engages in the practice of naturopathic medicine, this credential use will occur in conjunction with the Naturopathic title.

Performance Indicators

The Member may use other credentials in addition to their Naturopathic title.

Members who use any additional credential(s) must present them accurately, honestly, and in accordance with any legal restrictions on their use.

The Member may not use a term, title or designation indicating or implying a specialization in an area of practice of the profession except in accordance with any formal specialist recognition program of the College.
(i.e. Dr. Mary Smith, ND, FABNO is not currently permitted)

The Member does not use a term, title or designation that is restricted by other legislation (i.e. physician, osteopath, naturopathic physician etc...)

Related Standards

Fees and Billing

Record Keeping

Legislative Framework

[Naturopathy Act, 2007](#)

[Professional Misconduct Regulation](#)

[Registration Regulation](#)

[Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991](#)

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Disclaimer

In the event of any inconsistency between this standard and any legislation that governs the practice of Naturopathic Doctors, the legislation shall govern.