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WYOMING CHIROPRACTIC PRACTICE GUIDE

FOREWORD

The Wyoming Board of Chiropractic Examiners (WBCE) provides this Practice Guide regarding chiropractic practice in the State of Wyoming as a means to answer numerous questions received. This Guide is not intended to reiterate every aspect of Wyoming laws and administrative rules affecting the practice of chiropractic. It is intended only as a further clarification of the Board's governing statutes and administrative rules as well as a guide to answers to many commonly asked questions.

Generally, most practice questions can be answered by reading the Board's Practice Act, Wyoming Statute 33-10-101:

"Chiropractic is the system of specific adjustment or manipulation of the joints and tissues of the body and the treatment of the human body by the application of manipulative, manual, mechanical, physiotherapeutic or clinical nutritional methods for which those persons licensed under this chapter are trained and may include venipuncture, acupuncture and the use of diagnostic x-rays with rights for referral for advanced diagnostic imaging. A chiropractor may examine, diagnose and treat patients provided, however, chiropractors shall not perform surgery, direct the use of or administer drugs required by law to be dispensed on prescription only, practice obstetrics or prescribe or administer x-ray therapy. For purposes of this act, "venipuncture" means the puncture of the vein for the withdrawal of blood."

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Dates provided below indicate the Board Meeting where the topic was decided by the Board.

ACUPUNCTURE

Requirements can be found in Chapter 9 of the Board Rules at <https://chiropractic.wyo.gov/rules>.

ANIMAL CHIROPRACTIC

Can a licensed chiropractor adjust animals in Wyoming? A chiropractor's practice is limited to the human body, however, please be aware a chiropractor may adjust animals under the supervision of a Wyoming licensed veterinarian.

The Veterinary Practice Act reads:

W.S. 33-30-203(a) No person may practice veterinary medicine in the state who is not a licensed veterinarian or the holder of a valid temporary permit issued by the board. This act shall not be construed to prohibit:

...

(ix) Any veterinary aide, nurse, laboratory technician, intern, or other employee of a licensed veterinarian from administering medication or rendering auxiliary or supporting assistance under the responsible supervision of such practicing veterinarian;

Supervision guidelines from the Board of Veterinary Medicine can be found in Chapter 9, Section 4 of the Rules & Regulations: <http://vetboard.wyo.gov/board/rules>

CBD

Can Chiropractors use or prescribe Cannabidiol (CBD) Oil? The Board recommends licensees consult their own legal representatives and ensure they are complying with all applicable laws. Any potential violations would be handled through the investigative process when a complaint is filed. (2019.09.13)

Can a chiropractor use hemp or hemp products defined in W.S. 35-7-1063 orally in their chiropractic treatment? Use of oral, clinical nutrition products as part of chiropractic treatment are within the scope of practice, provided appropriate training was received and the applicable standard of care is followed.

Can a chiropractor use hemp or hemp products defined in W.S. 35-7-1063 topically in their chiropractic treatment? Use of topical products as part of chiropractic treatment are within the scope of practice, provided appropriate training was received and the applicable standard of care is followed.

Can a chiropractor sell hemp or hemp products defined in W.S. 35-7-1063? Consult your attorney.

Can a chiropractor recommend or suggest the use of hemp or hemp products defined in W.S. 35-7-1063 to a patient? If appropriate training was received and the applicable standard of care is followed.

CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS

Does the Board require licensure or certification for Chiropractic Assistants (CAs)? CAs are not regulated by the Board. The Board does highly recommend that CAs in Wyoming obtain the [Certified Chiropractic Clinical Assistant](#) (CCCA) certification through the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards (FCLB) to ensure a high standard of care for Wyoming patients.

Can a Chiropractic Assistant (CA) take radiographs? CAs, even if certified, are not qualified to take radiographs. Anyone taking radiographs in Wyoming must be appropriately licensed or permitted to do so. CAs that wish to take radiographs must first obtain a “restricted license” from the Wyoming Board of Radiologic Technologist Examiners. The application form and instructions can be found on their website at <http://radiology.wyo.gov/professionals/forms>. This license allows a CA to pay \$160.00 and choose up to three (3) areas in which they may be tested: skull, chest, spine, extremities, and podiatric. Diligent studying for this examination is highly recommended. Questions should be directed to the Wyoming Board of Radiologic Technologist Examiners.

CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN

A [1999 Wyoming Supreme Court decision](#) does permit chiropractors to use the title “chiropractic physician.”

CONCUSSIONS

Does your state or province provide for doctors of chiropractic to manage sports related concussion including return to play decisions? The Board determined the statute is not explicitly clear on this topic, but concluded if a chiropractor had adequate and applicable training, this would be acceptable. (9/16/2016)

DRY NEEDLING

Requirements can be found in Chapter 9 of the Board Rules at <https://chiropractic.wyo.gov/rules>.

EMG TESTING

The Board approved the use of EMG Testing (3/18/2025)

IMAGING

Does your state or province allow Cone Beam CT for imaging the upper cervical spine instead of standard X-ray? By consensus of the Board, a Wyoming chiropractor may order CBCT but may not perform it themselves. (1/19/2018) The Board's practice act reads:

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INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMS (IMEs)

By consensus of the Board, those performing independent medical examinations in Wyoming must be licensed. (8/10/2018)

The Board drafted an [advisory](#) to better clarify and communicate the requirement for IMEs and telehealth practitioners to first obtain Wyoming licensure. (9/13/2019)

INJECTIONS

See VENIPUNCTURE

LAB WORK

Can Chiropractors order lab work? The Board determined that licensed chiropractors can order lab work, however, hospitals and laboratories do not have to run the tests if they do not wish to. (9/18/2015)

PHYSICALS

Does Wyoming permit doctors of chiropractic to perform pre-participation (Sports) physicals? The Board concurred the answer was yes. (9/16/2016)

Can Chiropractors in Wyoming perform FAA BasicMed Exams? A supreme court decision noted that Wyoming Chiropractors may use the title Chiropractic Physician. As such, a chiropractor in Wyoming can perform FAA Basic Med Exams as long as the examination review components are within their scope of practice. (1/18/2019)

PROLOZONE THERAPY

This is not permitted due to the Board's scope of practice in statute. (1/18/2019)

SPECIALTIES

Does Wyoming recognize chiropractic specialties and if so which ones? The Board does not recognize chiropractic specialties in Rule or Statute. (9/16/2016)

ULTRASOUND

See IMAGING

VENIPUNCTURE

Can Chiropractors perform IVs or injections? The Board determined that the specific nature of the scope of practice permits licensed chiropractors to only withdraw blood. No IVs or injections are permitted. (9/18/2015).

X-RAYS

See IMAGING