

Guidelines for Board Approval and Use of Research Devices, Appliances, Instruments or Techniques

PURPOSE:

The purpose of these guidelines is to set out for registrants:

1. The procedure for obtaining approval from the BDDT-N for the use of a research device, appliance, instrument, or technique;
2. The use of research devices, appliances, instruments or techniques as they relate to patient care, patient billing and advertising.

APPLICATION:

1. These guidelines apply to any diagnostic or therapeutic device, appliance, instruments or technique that is not included in a college of naturopathic medicine approved by the BDDT-N;
2. Or, has not been approved by the BDDT-N for use.

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING APPROVAL FROM THE BDDT-N

Before the Board will consider any application from a Registrant, the following **must** be submitted:

1. The manufacturer's description of the device, appliance, instrument or technique must be submitted to the BDDT-N, including power source, wiring, CSA approval (if applicable). Note: research devices, appliances, or instruments powered by or utilizing any electrical current amperage must be CSA or otherwise approved for use by the appropriate national or international government agency acceptable to the Board prior to being submitted to the Board;
2. A summary of current knowledge concerning the applicability or potential use of the device, appliance, instrument or technique in clinical practice, including known positive and negative effect, side-effects, indications and contraindications for use;

3. Jurisdictions in which the device, appliance, instrument or technique is currently in use either on an experimental basis or on a fully approved basis;
4. A copy of the proposed information to be provided to the patient;
5. Any other information the applicant or the BDDT-N deems appropriate.
6. The Registrant must be able to demonstrate competency in the use of the device, appliance, instrument or technique.

USE AS RELATED TO PATIENT CARE

1. The use of the research device, appliance, instrument or technique must not contravene the scope of practice of Naturopathic Medicine as defined in the Province of Ontario;
2. No medical claims whatsoever may be made concerning a research device, appliance, instrument or technique.
3. Patients must be informed that the device is a research device and a waiver must be signed by the patient to this effect. Any known side effects or contraindications must be duly noted.

PATIENT BILLING:

Patients cannot be billed additionally during a regular office visit for the use or application of the research device, appliance, instrument or technique, and the registrant cannot accept any benefit from anyone for making use of the research device, appliance, instrument or technique.

ADVERTISING:

The registrants' use of the therapeutic device, appliance or technique shall not be disclosed through advertising and the registrant's advertising of his or her practice must remain within the advertising Policies and Guidelines For Naturopaths and Related Corporations as set out by the BDDT-N.

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