

## Professional Standards

The following professional standards describe the responsibilities of naturopathic physicians in providing care to the public in B.C.

### Patient-Centred Care

- Put the interests of patients before the interests of the naturopathic physician in providing safe, professional, quality patient care.
- “Do no Harm”.
- Respect the patient’s right to privacy and confidentiality.
- Respect the patient’s right and ability to make informed choices regarding their care.

### Unique Body of Knowledge

- Ensure the Therapeutic Order is the foundation of practice.
- Base practice on a unique, scientifically based body of knowledge and expertise.
- Practise according to evidence-based and peer-supported principles.

### Competent Application of Knowledge

- Competently apply knowledge in assessing, treating, and managing patient care.
- Assess outcomes of care provided.
- Maintain competence by undertaking continuous learning and professional development.

### Professional Ethics

- Practise in accordance with the ethical guidelines for the profession.

### Professional Responsibility and Accountability

- Maintain accountability in the public interest.
- Ensure that practice meets the legislative requirements and professional standards of the profession.
- Assume primary responsibility for maintaining own competence and fitness to practise.