

Controlled Acts

Revised October 2021

Previous Revision: July 2016

Policy

CommuniCare Therapy requires all independent practitioners to work within the scope of practice and authorized activities for their discipline as defined by their Professional College, in the Regulated Health Professions Act and the respective individual discipline act.

Independent practitioners who perform controlled acts will be expected to comply with their Professional College requirements to ensure they have the necessary education, skill, judgement and experience to deliver the services in accordance with the profession's "Standards of Practice".

CommuniCare Therapy expects that all independent practitioners practice within their level of competence.

At no time should a clinician perform or delegate a controlled act for which they are not trained or certified or that is not permitted according to the contracted service mandate.

Procedure

Under the Physiotherapy Act, Physiotherapists in Ontario have been given the direct authority to perform the following controlled acts:

- Tracheal Suctioning
- Spinal Manipulation
- Communicating a Diagnosis (linked to the practice of physiotherapy)
- Treating a Wound Below the Dermis
- Acupuncture (including dry needling)
- Administering a Substance by Inhalation
- Assessing of Rehabilitating Pelvic Musculature*

With the exception of communication of a diagnosis, all of the authorized activities above require a Physiotherapist to roster with the College of Physiotherapist of Ontario prior to performing the activity.

Controlled acts that are directly authorized within discipline specific legislation include psychotherapy (social work, occupational therapy), and skin pricking (dietitians). Controlled acts may or may not fall under contracting partner service mandates, independent practitioners must verify this prior to including the activity within their care plan.

*CommuniCare Therapy considers pelvic floor rehabilitation out of scope for community Physiotherapists and therefore should not be performed for any CommuniCare clients regardless of the Physiotherapists rostered status.

Independent Practitioners must identify any controlled acts for which they are rostered/trained/certified at time of contracting and reaffirm or update annually. This information will be documented under “Skills and Qualifications” in AlayaCare (or in an alternate HR Information System) and will be subject to annual review and updating. This information may be used in referral assignment.

Related References

[Regulated Health Professions Act](#)

[Physiotherapy Act](#)

[Occupational Therapy Act](#)

[Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Act](#)

[Dietetics Act](#)

[Social Work and Social Service Act](#)

Professional Colleges – Position Statements on Controlled Acts

Related Documents

Clinician Profile OT

Clinician Profile PT

Clinician Profile RD

Clinician Profile SLP

Clinician Profile SW