

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES

Health Professions Act

Ministerial Order No. M 248

I, George Abbott, Minister of Health Services, order that effective October 17, 2008, the attached Physical Therapists Regulation is made.

October 10, 2008
Date

George Abbott
Minister of Health Services

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section:- Health Professions Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 183, s. 12 (2)

Other (specify):- _____

PHYSICAL THERAPISTS REGULATION

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Definitions

- 1 In this regulation:

“**Act**” means the *Health Professions Act*;

“**physical therapy**” means the treatment of the human body by physical or mechanical means, by manipulation, massage, exercise, the application of bandages, hydrotherapy and medical electricity, for the therapeutic purpose of maintaining or restoring function that has been impaired by injury or disease.

College name

- 2 The name “College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia” is the name of the college established under section 15 (1) of the Act for physical therapy.

Reserved titles

- 3 The following titles are reserved for exclusive use by registrants:
 - (a) physical therapist;
 - (b) registered physical therapist;
 - (c) physiotherapist;
 - (d) registered physiotherapist;
 - (e) remedial gymnast;
 - (f) registered remedial gymnast.

Scope of practice

- 4 A registrant may practise physical therapy.

Restricted activities

- 5 (1) No person other than a registrant may practise physical therapy.
(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a person employed by and on the premises of a hospital which has been designated by the minister and who is acting under the direction of a medical practitioner.

Limit or condition on services

- 6 No registrant may prescribe or administer drugs or anaesthetics, or treat a recent fracture of a bone, except under the direction of a medical practitioner.

Patient relations program

7 The college is designated for the purposes of section 16 (2) (f) of the Act.

Health profession corporations

8 Part 4 of the Act applies to physical therapy.