



Acupuncture Savvy

Notice of Qualifications and Scope of Practice

Law requires the Department of Health to develop a form for East Asian medicine practitioners to use to inform the public of the practitioners' scope of practice and qualifications. (18.06.130 RCW) The practitioner must fill out this form and give it to each patient in writing prior to or at the time of the initial patient visit. (246-803-300 WAC)

East Asian medicine means a health care service using East Asian medicine diagnosis and treatment to promote health and treat organic or functional disorders.

1. My qualifications include the following education and license information:
 - (a) Master of Science in Acupuncture from Bastyr University
 - (b) National Certification Commission Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM), Diplomate in Acupuncture
 - (c) Washington State Department of Health Eastern Asian Medicine Practitioner License AC 6015888

2. The scope of practice for an East Asian medicine practitioner in the state of Washington includes the following:
 - (a) Acupuncture, including the use of acupuncture needles or lancets to directly or indirectly stimulate acupuncture points and meridians;
 - (b) Use of electrical, mechanical, or magnetic devices to stimulate acupuncture points and meridians;
 - (c) Moxibustion;
 - (d) Acupressure;
 - (e) Cupping;
 - (f) Dermal friction technique;
 - (g) Infra-red;
 - (h) Sonopuncture;
 - (i) Laserpuncture;
 - (j) Point injection therapy (aquapuncture); and
 - (k) Dietary advice and health education based on East Asian medical theory, including the recommendation and sale of herbs, vitamins, minerals, and dietary and nutritional supplements;
 - (l) Breathing, relaxation, and East Asian exercise techniques;
 - (m) Qi gong;
 - (n) East Asian massage and Tui na, which is a method of East Asian bodywork, characterized by the kneading, pressing, rolling, shaking, and stretching of the body and does not include spinal manipulation; and
 - (o) Superficial heat and cold therapies.

3. Side effects may include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) Pain following treatment;
 - (b) Minor bruising;
 - (c) Infection;
 - (d) Needle sickness; and
 - (e) Broken needle.

4. The patient must inform the East Asian medicine practitioner if the patient has a severe bleeding disorder or pacemaker prior to any treatment.

My signature acknowledges receipt of the information stated above.

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