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Professional Issues

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Professional Issues

- Graduate Sports Therapist
- MSST (member of the Society of Sports Therapists)
- Code of Conduct

Your duties as a MSST

1. You must always act in the best interests of your patients/clients.
2. You must always respect the confidentiality of your patients/clients.
3. You must always maintain high standards of personal conduct.
4. You must provide relevant information about your conduct, competence and health.
5. You must always keep your professional knowledge and skills up to date.
6. You must act within the limits of your knowledge, skills and experience and, if necessary, refer the matter to another professional.
7. You must maintain proper and effective communications with patients/ clients and other professionals.

Your duties as a MSST

8. You must obtain informed consent to give treatment (except in an emergency).
9. You must effectively supervise tasks you have asked other people to carry out.
10. You must keep accurate patient records.
11. You must limit your work or stop practising if your health affects your performance or judgement.
12. You must behave with integrity and honesty and ensure that your behaviour does not damage the public's confidence in you or your profession.
13. You must deal fairly and safely with the risks of infection.
14. You must follow published and accepted guidelines for the advertising of your services
15. You must ensure that your behaviour does not damage the reputation of Sports Therapy.

1. You must ALWAYS act in the best interests of your client

- Exploitation or abuse of relationship
- Cannot let your views (age, race, religion, disability, sexuality, economic status etc) affect your treatment or advice
- Putting the patient at risk
- Children/vulnerable adults
- Failure to act/professional conduct/advice
- Justification of actions

2. You must ALWAYS respect the confidentiality of your patients/ clients

- You cannot knowingly release personal/ confidential information to any who is not entitled to it
- Check that people who ask are entitled
- Data protection
- Storage of confidential information

3. You must ALWAYS maintain high standards of personal conduct

- Do not do anything that may affect a Pt confidence in you
- High standards of personal conduct as well as professional
 - Poor conduct outside of professional life
 - Probity

4. You must ALWAYS provide relevant information about your conduct, competence and health

- You or other people you work with
- Criminal offence, conditional discharge, accept police caution
- Suspended or placed under practise restriction by employer
- Violence
- Sexual misconduct
- Supplying drugs illegally
- Child pornography
- Offences involving dishonesty
- Offences leading to prison sentence

5. You must always keep your professional knowledge and skills up to date.

- CPD

6. You must act within the limits of your knowledge, skills and experience and, if necessary, refer the matter to another professional.

- Scope of practice
- Appropriate education, training, experience
- REFER if beyond your scope of practice
- Referral is appropriate

7. You must maintain proper and effective communications with patients/clients and other professionals.

- Effective with patients
- Effective, co-operate and share knowledge and expertise with colleagues

8. You must obtain informed consent to give treatment (except in an emergency).

- What you plan to do
- Risks involved
- Treatment alternatives
- RECORD
- Right to refuse treatment

9. You must effectively supervise tasks you have asked other people to carry out.

- Delegate
 - Do they have the knowledge, skills and expertise to carry out task?
 - Working within their scope of practice? – Appropriately supervised
 - Cannot force someone!

10. You must keep accurate patient records.

- Legal requirement
 - Contemporaneous (written at the time)
 - Legible
 - Protected from loss/theft/damage/tampering

11. You must limit your work or stop practising if your health affects your performance or judgement.

- Physical or Mental
- Modifying practice
- Stopping practice

12. You must behave with integrity and honesty and ensure that your behaviour does not damage the public's confidence in you or your profession.

- Professional
- Ethical
- Personal conduct
- Undermine public confidence in profession (reputation)

13. You must deal fairly and safely with the risks of infection

- Universal precautions
- Yourself
- Your Patients

14. You must follow published and accepted guidelines for the advertising of your services

- Accurate
 - Cannot be
 - Misleading
 - False
 - Unfair
 - Exaggerated
- Cannot claim to be better than anyone else
- Unjustifiable statements
 - Skills
 - Equipment
 - Facilities
 - Products or services you may be selling

15. You must ensure that your behaviour does not damage the reputation of Sports Therapy.

- Damage your professions reputation
- Undermines public confidence in it
- Cannot publically discredit or lower the dignity of another member of the SST, the professional body or ANY OTHER body, organisation or practitioner

15. You must ensure that your behaviour does not damage the reputation of Sports Therapy.

- Application submitted to Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) in 2006 and successfully in 2011
- Statutorily regulated (by law) – Graduate Sports Therapists
- Department for Health via Parliamentary Health Select Committee
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