



# POSITION STATEMENT

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**TOPIC:    PHYSIOTHERAPISTS WORKING FOR NON – PHYSIOTHERAPISTS**

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**POLICY:**

The physiotherapist assumes responsibility for verifying that business arrangements do not violate the ethical principles of the profession by:

- i)       ensuring that professional accountability takes precedence over the financial interests of the business
- ii)      assuming responsibility for decisions related to professional practice
- iii)     adhering to the Code of Ethics of the College

A written contract shall contain an agreement between the physiotherapist and his or her employer or principal as follows:

- a) The physiotherapist shall be responsible for and is authorized to make all decisions relating to the standards of the physiotherapist's professional practice.

This policy does not preclude a member from retaining the management services of, or renting premises from, any person where the amount payable by the member is not related to the amount of fees charged by the member.

The obligation is on the physiotherapist to ensure that his/her relationship with the third party conforms to ethical business practice. The College considers it misconduct for a physiotherapist to enter into or continue in a relationship that, given all the circumstances is unprofessional.

The propriety of individual arrangements will depend upon the special facts of each case. If the physiotherapist is in doubt as to the propriety of the present or proposed arrangement, the physiotherapist should request the opinion of the College and/or his/her legal counsel.

**A Position Statement is a formal position of the College with which members shall comply.**