

4.16 Home Based Physiotherapy Business

Purpose:

The College of Physiotherapists of Manitoba permits physiotherapy practice to be carried out in any setting or location where the patients receive safe care, in a clean appropriate environment. Physiotherapists who operate home based physiotherapy practices or business are advised to review the **Standards of Practice**, found in Schedule A of the Regulations.

Policy:

Physiotherapists working in a home based practice should ensure that the treatment environment is kept safe and clean. There should be clean running water and sinks readily available for hand washing. Appropriate infection control procedures must be followed.

Equipment must be kept in clean and good working order.

Patient records must be kept on each patient and these records must be stored in a location which is safe and secure to ensure confidentiality of the patient's information.

Physiotherapists are advised to be aware of the uniqueness of the practice setting in a home based business and to be cognizant of their own personal safety and other issues that may arise when the public visits the registrant's home for treatment.

Physiotherapists are advised to seek information on government requirements for having a home based business (business license, business tax, zoning by-laws, building code requirements,) house and business insurance etc. Proper bookkeeping methods are expected to be followed and members are advised to seek information on government requirements for bookkeeping.