College of Chiropodists of Ontario

PRACTICE STANDARD

Assessment and Management

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Introduction

Registrants must perform an assessment for each patient and must establish a management plan based on the assessment.

Assessment

1. The initial assessment must be recorded, and it must include pertinent information about the patient's history and relevant clinical findings.

2. A differential diagnosis must be documented, as well as a treatment plan with anticipated prognosis.

3. Required tests, referrals and/or consultations must be recorded.

4. The patient record must be reviewed periodically and amended where there is a change in health status.

5. Registrants must ensure that they review and adhere to the Records practice standard.

Management

1. Registrants must make every effort to ensure that treatment areas are private, secure and comfortable.

2. The condition, treatment plan and prognosis must be discussed with, and explained to, the patient**.**

3. No registrant shall treat or attempt to treat a problem or condition the registrant recognizes, or should have recognized, is beyond their experience, scope or competency.

4. No registrant shall provide treatment which they know, or should have known, would be harmful or which is inappropriate to meet the needs of the patient.

5. No registrant shall continue treatment of a patient where it is no longer indicated, or treatment has ceased to be effective.

6. Registrants must consult with and/or refer a patient to another health professional when the patient's condition is beyond the registrant's scope of practice, or where the referral/consultation is in the best interest of the patient.

7. The treatment plan must be reviewed periodically, and registrants must do appropriate follow-up.