



Guideline for Suspended Members

This Guideline describes what activities a member whose certificate of registration has been suspended may and may not undertake.

In this Guideline, “suspended member” means a member whose certificate of registration is suspended. A suspended member is not a member of the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncturists of Ontario (the “College”) during his or her suspension.

1. What you cannot do while suspended

You cannot:

- a. perform a procedure on tissue below the dermis and below the surface of a mucous membrane for the purpose of performing acupuncture;¹
- b. communicate a traditional Chinese medicine diagnosis identifying a body system disorder as the cause of a person’s symptoms using traditional Chinese medicine techniques;
- c. hold yourself out as a person who is qualified to practise in Ontario as a traditional Chinese medicine practitioner or acupuncturist (i.e. engage in any behaviour that would allow someone to think that you are a member of the College);
- d. use the titles “traditional Chinese medicine practitioner” and “acupuncturist” (or similar titles or abbreviations or an equivalent in another language) in any context;
- e. use the designations, R. TCMP, and R. Ac in any context;
- f. directly or indirectly benefit from the practice of the profession unless you make full disclosure of the nature of the benefit to be obtained to the College and prior approval is obtained from the Executive Committee; or
- g. supervise an individual who holds a Student certificate of registration.

¹ The one exception to this is if you are currently registered with another college in Ontario which includes acupuncture in its scope of practice (e.g., if you are currently registered with the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario).



2. What you can do while suspended

You may:

- a. render and collect outstanding accounts to patients;
- b. meet with or report to patients for the purpose of advising of your suspended status, discussing outstanding accounts or to facilitate the transfer of the patient's files; and
- c. suggest a referral to a different practitioner upon the request of the patient.

3. Obligations

- a. You must return your certificate of registration, in advance of the start of the suspension, to the Registrar.
- b. You must make suitable arrangements to ensure that your patients' interests are protected by facilitating an appropriate transfer of patient information to a different practitioner. If you intend to return to the practice, documentation of such patient information may remain in the clinic, but must be available for production immediately if required by the patient.
- c. You shall not resume practising upon the termination of a suspension until you receive confirmation from the College that your certificate of registration has been reinstated.

**PRACTISING WHILE SUSPENDED IS AN ACT
OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT.**

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