



NAME	Traditional Chinese Medicine Patient Visit Policy		
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Intent

This policy defines what the Registration Committee would consider as constituting a “traditional Chinese medicine patient visit” for the purposes of registration with the CTCMPAO as a Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner or as an Acupuncturist.

Policy

The Registration Committee defines “traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) patient visit” as a patient visit where:

1. There is an initial TCM diagnosis which directs subsequent treatment(s) of a patient, or
2. The visit of the patient is for the purpose of obtaining an initial TCM diagnosis which may or may not result in subsequent treatments.

In interpreting this policy, the Registration Committee will rely on the *Traditional Chinese Medicine Act, 2006*, its approved “*Entry-Level Occupational Competencies for the Practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine in Canada*” and Standards of Practice.

According to the *Traditional Chinese Medicine Act, 2006*, a TCM diagnosis use TCM techniques to identify a body system disorder as the cause of a person's symptoms. Based on the diagnosis, treatment(s) using traditional Chinese medicine therapies will be used to promote, maintain or restore the health of the patient.