COMMUNICATION / PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARD 7

Consent

Conditions:
Given that the assessment / reassessment or treatment is ready to begin.

Task:
Obtain the client’s consent to perform the assessment / reassessment or treatment

Standard:
  Quality / Technical:
  • So that the treatment is consistent with the massage therapy Scope of Practice and College Policies.
  • So that consent is obtained voluntarily
  • So that consent is not obtained through misrepresentation or fraud

  Quality/Interpersonal:
  • So that the client is told the nature and purpose of the proposed assessment / reassessment and/or treatment including the areas of the body involved
  • So that the client is informed of any risks, benefits, possible complications and any contraindications of the assessment / reassessment and/or treatment
  • So that the client is informed that assessment / reassessment or treatment will be stopped or modified at any time, at his/her request.
  • So that you tell the client that you will be checking periodically to determine the client’s level of comfort.
  • So that the client is given an opportunity to ask any questions.
  • In the event of a finding of incapacity, or the need for a substitute decision maker, refer to the current legislation and College Policies.

  Timing:
  • Before beginning the assessment/reassessment and / or treatment.
  • So that you record informed consent in the client’s clinical record as soon as possible, within 24 hours of treatment.

Reference:
Health Care Consent Act, 1996