



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