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Acupuncture Regulations Series

ACUPUNCTURISTS PERFORMING PERSONAL SERVICES



FACTS AT A GLANCE

What are considered personal services?

The most common personal services acupuncturists provide may be:

- Cosmetic acupuncture
- Microneedling

If performed for the purpose of enhancing, preserving, or altering a person's appearance, the following activities are also considered personal services:

- Puncturing
- Cutting
- Shaving
- Exfoliating
- Applying pressure
- Inserting, implanting, attaching or removing objects
- Applying suction
- Using energy-emitting equipment
- Removing
- Styling
- Applying or injecting cosmetic products

These examples are for information purposes only and may not be exhaustive. Consult the *Alberta Personal Services Regulation* for more specific information.

If an acupuncturist performs a service that involves a person's skin, hair, teeth, nails, or other parts of the body for the primary purpose of enhancing, preserving, or altering a person's appearance, they may be performing a *personal service*.

This means they must comply with the *Alberta Personal Services Regulation*.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS AN ACUPUNCTURIST

It is a requirement that acupuncturists notify AHS prior to offering any new or existing personal service to the public.

An acupuncturist is expected to educate themselves on the regulations that apply to the services they offer.

RESOURCES

- [Personal Services Regulation](#)
- [Personal Services Standards](#)
- [Notification Form](#)
- [Government Info Page](#)

WHO ENFORCES THIS LEGISLATION

Compliance with this legislation is monitored by public health inspectors from **Alberta Health Services** (AHS) through a variety of activities, including inspection, education and, where necessary, enforcement.

WHERE TO DIRECT QUESTIONS

Acupuncturists should contact AHS with any questions regarding this legislation.

Because responsibility for this legislation belongs to AHS, the College is unable to answer any questions regarding personal services.