



Position Statement

Enhanced Practice in Cross Disciplinary Roles

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ACMDTT Position

A regulated member with enhanced practice authorization, in accordance with Enhanced Practice Standards within ACMDTT policies, is recognized as meeting the standards to safely, competently, and responsibly provide enhanced practice services to the patient population, whether in conjunction with or separate from their cross-disciplinary roles.

The duty of regulated members under section 20 requires that regulated members must restrict themselves to performing only those restricted activities that they are *competent*¹ to perform and that are appropriate to their areas of practice and the procedures being performed.

Background

The Health Professions Act (HPA) identifies the practice of each discipline/profession to be uniquely distinct from the practice of another discipline/profession. Each discipline register has unique protected titles and a separate listing of authorized restricted activities. The practice of each discipline requires completion of unique educational programs, clinical competencies and the challenge of a national examination specific to the discipline. With this perspective, the operation of cross-disciplinary equipment involves two different disciplines with distinctive competencies and restricted activities authorizations.

The advanced training required for *enhanced practice*² under section 19(1) provides authorization for a limited scope of enhanced competencies for cross-disciplinary roles.

1. Competence: *Exhibiting application of appropriate knowledge, technical skills, clinical reasoning and communication in daily practice, for safe and efficient health care service.*

2. Enhanced Practice: see section 19(1) of the Regulations of the ACMDTT and the *Health Professions Act. Working Interpretation: Enhanced practice refers to practice that requires the regulated member to perform restricted activities that are not authorized for the member's area of practice. Members seeking this authorization will be required to complete advanced training approved by Council.*

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