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NEW ZEALAND ORTHOPTIC SOCIETY INC.

Rules of Professional Conduct: Registrant orthoptists must:

1. Scope of Practice

1.0 Be able to practise safely and effectively within their scope of practice

1.1 Know the limits of their practice and when to seek advice or refer to another professional

1.2 Recognise the need to manage their own workload and resources effectively and be able to practise accordingly to be able to practise within the legal and ethical boundaries of their profession

2. Relationship with Patients

2.1 Understand the need to act in the best interests of service users at all times

2.2 They shall establish the name by which the patient wishes to be known and introduce themselves formally to the patient, informing the patient of the name under which they wish to be known, and occupational status.

2.3 Understand the need to respect and uphold the rights, dignity, values, and autonomy of service users including their role in the diagnostic and therapeutic process and in maintaining health and wellbeing

2.4 Recognise that relationships with service users should be based on mutual respect and trust, and be able to maintain high standards of care even in situations of personal incompatibility

2.5 Know about current legislation applicable to the work of their profession

2.6 Understand the importance of and be able to obtain informed consent

2.7 Be able to exercise a professional duty of care.

3. Confidentiality

3.1 Shall ensure confidentiality and security of information acquired in a professional capacity.

3.2 They shall promote the dignity and privacy and safety of all patients' in their professional and personal dealings.

3.3 A duty of confidence arises when a patient share information with the orthoptist

4. Relationship with professional staff and carers

4.1 They shall communicate and cooperate collaboratively with professional staff and other carers in the interests of the patient.

4.2. They will ensure the patient's consent is obtained.

They shall avoid inappropriate criticism of their colleagues

5. Duty to report

5.1 Orthoptists have a duty to report, to an appropriate authority, any circumstances that may put the patients, others or themselves at risk.

6. Personal and professional standards.

6.1 Shall adhere at all times to their personal and professional standards that reflect credit upon the profession.

6.2. They shall not engage in any criminal, unprofessional or any other unlawful activity or behaviour.

6.3 They shall not behave in any way that may cause offence to the patient or carer.

6.4 Be able to maintain fitness to practise

6.5 understand the need to maintain high standards of personal and professional conduct

6.6 Understand the importance of maintaining their own health

6.7 Understand both the need to keep skills and knowledge up to date and the importance of career-long learning.

7. Advertising

7.1 Shall ensure that advertising respects their professional activities.

7.2 Shall ensure that it is accurate and professionally restrained.