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ACUPUNCTURE INJECTION THERAPY EDUCATION

Submit this form with the Certificate of Completion via Document Submission.

Acupuncturists who plan to practice Acupuncture Injection Therapy (AIT) must meet the requirements set forth below.

1. An Acupuncturist must have a current, active acupuncture license to perform AIT.

2. The Acupuncturist shall submit proof of completion of the following education, satisfactory to the Acupuncture Advisory Committee, in the pharmacology and general use of the injectables authorized for use under this regulation. Such education shall have been earned in classes approved by the board or committee and shall be taught by qualified instructors as approved by the board or committee. The education in the therapeutic use of the injectables shall be taught by a licensed health care practitioner with appropriate training and a minimum of five years' experience using the injectables. The board or committee shall have final authority for approval of classes and instructors. The entire educational program shall be completed within two (2) years from commencement of classes. The above education shall be in addition to the education required to meet the minimum educational program requirements for licensure as an Acupuncturist. The education shall include a minimum of sixty (60) hours, including injectable clinical practice, in the following areas with one (1) hour of education equal to that defined by the accreditation commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine (ACAOM):

    a. History and development of acupuncture injection therapy;

    b. Differential diagnosis;

    c. Definitions, concepts, and pathophysiology;

    d. The nature, function, channels entered, and contraindications of herbal, homeopathic, and nutraceutical injectables;

    e. Diseases amenable to treatment with acupuncture injection therapy and the injectables appropriate to treat them;

    f. Identification of appropriate points for treatment, including palpatory diagnosis;

    g. A review of anatomy and referral zones;

    h. Universal precautions including management of blood borne pathogens and biohazardous waste;

    i. Procedures for injections, including preparing the injectables, contraindications and precautions;

3. For the purpose of AIT education, the required course of study for the practice of acupuncture injection therapy may not be a self-study/virtual course.

4. Practicing AIT without first providing proof of successful completion of the required course of study with approval by the board or committee, may subject the Acupuncturist to discipline.

5. The Acupuncturist shall have an adverse event plan in place.

CERTIFYING STATEMENT

I swear or affirm, under penalty of law, that I have successfully reviewed the licensure and educational requirements outlined above and have completed an approved sixty (60) hour AIT Certification course prior to practicing AIT. This course was provided by_____ (provider's name) and was completed on or about _____ (certification date). I further affirm that the attached copy of my Certificate of Completion from said provider is true and correct.

Acupuncturist Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Acupuncturist License Number: _____

Date: _____