

# **Association of Holistic Bodywork Practitioners**

## **Code of Ethics**

### **Professional Holistic Bodywork Practitioners shall:**

- Have a sincere commitment to provide the highest quality care to those who seek their professional services.
- Honestly represent their qualifications, which include educational achievements and professional affiliations, and will provide only those services for which they are qualified.
- Accurately inform clients, other health care practitioners, and the general public of the scope and limitations of their discipline.
- Acknowledge the limitations of and contraindications for holistic bodywork and refer clients to appropriate health care professionals.
- Strive for professional excellence through regular assessment of personal and professional strengths and limitations, and through continued education training.
- Conduct their business and professional activities with honesty and integrity, and project a professional image in all aspects of their practices.
- Respect the inherent worth of all persons and refuse to unjustly discriminate against clients or other health care professionals.
- Exercise the right to refuse to treat any person or part of the body for just and reasonable cause.
- Respect the client's right to treatment with informed and voluntary written or verbal consent.
- Respect the client's right to modify or terminate treatment regardless of prior consent given.
- Maintain the confidentiality of all client information, unless disclosure is required by law or is absolutely necessary for the protection of the public.
- Provide draping and treatment in a way that ensures the safety, comfort and privacy of the client.
- Respect the client's boundaries with regard to privacy, disclosure, exposure, emotional expression, beliefs, and the client's reasonable expectations of professional behavior.
- Avoid any interest, activity or influence, which might be in conflict with the practitioner's obligation to act in the best interests of the client or the profession.
- Refrain from initiating or engaging in any sexual conduct, sexual activities, or sexualizing behavior involving a client.
- Accept the responsibility to self, clients and associates to maintain physical, mental and emotional well-being.
- Respect all ethical health care practitioners and work together amicably to promote health and well-being.
- Actively support the profession through participation in local and international organizations that promote high standards of practice for holistic bodywork therapy.