

Code of Ethics

The Canadian Manual Osteopathic Association recognizes the responsibility of delineating the standards of ethical and professional conduct expected of all Registered Manual Osteopath (RMO).

The Association acknowledges that the provision of health care is a provincial matter and as such, the ethical registered manual osteopath is obliged by law to practise in accordance with the Act, Regulations, and By-laws of the province in which he or she practises.

The ethical foundation of the practice of manual osteopathy consists of those established moral obligations which ensure the dignity and integrity of the profession and honor its history and tradition.

The ethical Registered Manual Osteopath will accept the moral responsibility to act as his or her own ethicist. He or she will practise professionally, with conscience and will observe the Golden Rule "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Conduct in the practice of the profession should be above reproach and will take neither physical, mental, social, nor financial advantage of a patient.

The Registered Manual Osteopath will show concern for human caring, and whenever possible, will share the responsibility of the health care decision making process with a patient.

The profession will be practised to the best of the Registered Manual Osteopath's ability, and education will be continued to improve clinical competence and thus, assure the confidence and respect of his or her patients.

The dignity of both colleagues and patients will be respected by being truthful, honouring confidences, and acting with compassion.

The Registered Manual Osteopath will, in the public interest, preserve, protect, and communicate the expertise of the profession in legislative, public education, and research matters.

The Registered Manual Osteopath will collaborate with other recognized healthcare practitioners toward the ideal of teamwork, in which the rights of both the patients and the profession will be respected equally.