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RULE TITLE: Regulation of Activities of Acupuncturists

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RULE SUMMARY: The rule amendment clarifies that as provided in ORS 676.110, an Oregon licensed acupuncturist who has earned a doctoral degree in acupuncture may use the title of “doctor” in connection with the practice of acupuncture, if the doctoral degree program holds federally recognized accreditation and the specific doctoral degree is designated in all professional communications as required by ORS 676.110(2). See the Oregon Medical Board’s topic of interest webpage for Acupuncturist Using the Title “Doctor” for more information.

RULE TEXT:
(1) An individual other than a physician who is not authorized by the Board to engage in the practice of acupuncture shall not administer acupuncture treatment to any other individual.
(2) An acupuncturist shall report promptly to the referring physician, if requested, the method of acupuncture treatment and the results of such treatment together with such other information as the referring physician requires to maintain the records regarding acupuncture treatment.
(3) An acupuncturist must clearly indicate that he/she is an acupuncturist to individuals being treated. The acupuncturist must wear a name tag with the designation "Acupuncturist" thereon when practicing in a hospital or clinic setting where other health care providers practice. Acupuncturists are not required to wear name tags in a private practice setting.
(4) An acupuncturist shall not represent him/herself as a physician or permit another to so represent him/her.
(5) As provided in ORS 676.110, an acupuncturist who has earned a doctoral degree in acupuncture may use the title “doctor” in connection with the practice of acupuncture if:
(a) The doctoral degree program holds federally recognized accreditation, and
(b) The specific doctoral degree is designated in all professional communications as required by ORS 676.110(2).

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 677.265

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 677.759, ORS 676.110