

(9) INDIAN/AYUVEDIC MEDICINE CLINIC/HOSPITAL

Any alternative medicine premises in which method of treatment is through diet, and physical therapies such as hydrotherapy and exercise.

Minimum Basic Facilities

- a. Waiting/reception area of 4x3 metres with sitting facilities, registration table and record keeping facilities.
- b. Consulting room of 4x3 metres with examination couch, equipment for physical examination, wash hand basin and towels.
- c. Treatment room of 4x3 metres with instrument cabinet, massage machine and adjusting table.
- d. Observation room with not more than two beds (optional) and a minimum distance of 1x3 metres between 2 beds.
- e. Ward(s) (optional) with locker, an overbed table for each bed (separate for male and female patients).
- f. Toilet facilities: One water closet per eight beds.
- g. Bathroom facilities: One bath per eight beds (separate for male and female patients).
- h. Public health facilities shall include adequate ventilation, adequate illumination, clean and adequate water supply (pipe borne/borehole).
- i. Fire extinguisher.

Minimum Staff Complement

- a. Indian/Ayurvedic Medicine Practitioner (qualified and registered).
- b. Assistants/aides.
- c. One clerk/receptionist.

Hours of Consultation

To be clearly stated on the premises.



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NIGERIAN COUNCIL OF PHYSICIANS OF ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS OF COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE



STANDARD CODE OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS & PRACTICE

FOR

**MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL &
NATURAL MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS
(Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine)**

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

- I hereby solemnly swear and pledge that I will concentrate my life to the service of humanity and the noble profession I belong.
- I will dedicate my life to the highest possible level of performances, competence and care of the infirm or sick.
- I will not use my position, knowledge or influence for personal advantage or gains and will not disparage the work of my colleagues.
- I will be objective and fair and put the patient /client best interest into consideration in the performance of my duty.
- I will continue to abide by the rules and regulations of the council and association.

That I make these promises solemnly freely upon my honour.

So help me.

(8) AFRICAN TRADITIONAL MEDICINE CLINIC/HOSPITAL

Any alternative medicine premises in which method of treatment is through diet, and physical therapies such as hydrotherapy and exercise.

Minimum Basic Facilities

- a. Waiting/reception area of 4x3 metres with sitting facilities, registration table and record keeping facilities.
- b. Consulting room of 4x3 metres with examination couch, equipment for physical examination, wash hand basin and towels.
- c. Treatment room of 4x3 metres with instrument cabinet, massage machine and adjusting table.
- d. Observation room with not more than two beds (optional) and a minimum distance of 1x3 metres between 2 beds.
- e. Ward(s) (optional) with locker, an overbed table for each bed (separate for male and female patients).
- f. Toilet facilities: One water closet per eight beds.
- g. Bathroom facilities: One bath per eight beds (separate for male and female patients).
- h. Public health facilities shall include adequate ventilation, adequate illumination, clean and adequate water supply (pipe borne/borehole).
- i. Fire extinguisher.

Minimum Staff Complement

- a. African Traditional Medicine Practitioner (qualified and registered).
- b. Assistants/aides.
- c. One clerk/receptionist.

Hours of Consultation

To be clearly stated on the premises.

(7) NUTRITIONAL MEDICINE CLINIC/HOSPITAL

Any alternative medicine premises in which method of treatment is through diet, and physical therapies such as hydrotherapy and exercise.

Minimum Basic Facilities

- a. Waiting/reception area of 4x3 metres with sitting facilities, registration table and record keeping facilities.
- b. Consulting room of 4x3 metres with examination couch, equipment for physical examination, wash hand basin and towels.
- c. Treatment room of 4x3 metres with instrument cabinet, massage machine and adjusting table.
- d. Observation room with not more than two beds (optional) and a minimum distance of 1x3 metres between 2 beds.
- e. Ward(s) (optional) with locker, an overbed table for each bed (separate for male and female patients).
- f. Toilet facilities: One water closet per eight beds.
- g. Bathroom facilities: One bath per eight beds (separate for male and female patients).
- h. Public health facilities shall include adequate ventilation, adequate illumination, clean and adequate water supply (pipe borne/borehole).
- i. Fire extinguisher.

Minimum Staff Complement

- a. Nutritional Medicine Practitioner (qualified and registered).
- b. Assistants/aides.
- c. One clerk/receptionist.

Hours of Consultation

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Nigerian Council of Physicians of Natural Medicine and the National Association of Physicians of Alternative Medicine are recognised by the Medical Dental Council Nigeria (MDCN) at the Council meeting on Thursday 16th June, 2005 in Akure and been noted as an umbrella body of practitioners of Alternative Medicine in Nigeria (letter dated 7th September, 2005 Ref MDCN 1529/Vol. 11).

1.1 OUR ACTIVITIES

- Promotion of Alternative Medicine.
- Training and Retraining of Alternative Medicine Practitioners.
- Regulation and standardization of Alternative Medicine (by the MDCN Decree 1992).
- Collaborating with Training Institutions.
- Examination and certification of all level of practitioners.
- Research and Development etc.
- Collaboration with relevant agencies.

1.2 OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Training and Retraining of Practitioners in Nigeria.
- Establishment of faculty/schools of Complementary and Alternative in Nigeria public and private tertiary institutions.
- Our members have served in various government and non government positions and appointments e.g. MDCN, NIPRID, Ministry of health, science and technology, etc.
- Collaboration with regulation agencies e.g MDCN, MRTBN, NIPRID, NNMDA, NUC, NBTE etc.
- Collaboration with other association and stakeholders.

2.0 FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

1. Licensing of Natural Medicine physicians and registration of relevant Practitioners.
2. Upgrading the knowledge of Practitioners, through post qualification training.
3. Organization of conferences, seminars workshops, exhibition to create public awareness of Natural Medicine.
4. Regulation and standardization of Natural Medicine practices, health products, remedies, services and goods used in Natural Medicine.
5. Conduction of examinations for intending Natural Medicine Practitioners of all grades in co-ordination with various training institutions.

3.0 BENEFITS OF REGISTRATION

ONLY CURRENT REGISTERED MEMBERS

- a. Are entitled to associate with the council on issues connected with training and practice of the professions.
- b. Will be allowed to participate in compulsory Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programmes i.e conference seminars and workshop. etc organized by the council.
- c. Will be allowed to participate in matters related to the promotions of the professionals under the council.
- d. Will have access to information on job opportunities available to members from the Board on range of professional, Educational, Legal and Ethical matters
- e. Will have access to information on job opportunities available locally and internationally and printed guideline on many topics
- f. Are qualified to be members of professional bodies of relevant professional and eligible to join clinical interest and employment groups.

(6) HERBAL MEDICINE CLINIC/HOSPITAL

Any alternative medicine premises in which method of treatment is through diet, and physical therapies such as hydrotherapy and exercise.

Minimum basic facilities

- a. Waiting/reception area of 4x3 metres with sitting facilities, registration table and record keeping facilities.
- b. Consulting room of 4x3 metres with examination couch, equipment for physical examination, wash hand basin and towels.
- c. Treatment room of 4x3 metres with instrument cabinet, massage machine and adjusting table.
- d. Observation room with not more than two beds (optional) and a minimum distance of 1x3 metres between 2 beds.
- e. Ward(s) (optional) with locker, an overbed table for each bed (separate for male and female patients).
- f. Toilet facilities: One water closet per eight beds.
- g. Bathroom facilities: One bath per eight beds (separate for male and female patients).
- h. Public health facilities shall include adequate ventilation, adequate illumination, clean and adequate water supply (pipe borne/borehole).
- i. Fire extinguisher.

Minimum Staff Complement

- a. Herbal Medicine Practitioner (qualified and registered).
- b. Assistants/aides.
- c. One clerk/receptionist.

Hours of Consultation

To be clearly stated on the premises.

(5) NATUROPATHY CLINIC/HOSPITAL

Any alternative medicine premises in which method of treatment is through diet, and physical therapies such as hydrotherapy and exercise.

Minimum Basic Facilities

- a. Waiting/reception area of 4x3 metres with sitting facilities, registration table and record keeping facilities.
- b. Consulting room of 4x3 metres with examination couch, equipment for physical examination, wash hand basin and towels.
- c. Treatment room of 4x3 metres with instrument cabinet, massage machine and adjusting table.
- d. Observation room with not more than two beds (optional) and a minimum distance of 1x3 metres between 2 beds.
- e. Ward(s) (optional) with locker, an overbed table for each bed (separate for male and female patients).
- f. Toilet facilities: One water closet per eight beds.
- g. Bathroom facilities: One bath per eight beds (separate for male and female patients).
- h. Public health facilities shall include adequate ventilation, adequate illumination, clean and adequate water supply (pipe borne/borehole).
- i. Fire extinguisher.

Minimum Staff Complement

- a. Naturopath (qualified and registered).
- b. Assistants/aides.
- c. One clerk/receptionist.

Hours of consultation

To be clearly stated on the premises.

- g. Will be entitled to the Boards, journals, bulletin, badge, newsletters, professional code of ethics and practice, etc.
- h. Have the right to practice his profession publicly or privately or otherwise in Nigeria shall have direct access to the Board's website sequel to these aforementioned functions of the Council, it is expected of every practitioner to comply with the councils Standards on Conduct, Practice, Ethic and Values, and no person shall practice as a natural medicine practitioner in Nigeria except in accordance with the following regulations.

4.0 CORE STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY FOR PRACTITIONERS

4.1 CONDITIONS FOR REGISTRATION

A person shall be qualified to register as a natural medicine practitioner in Nigeria if the following requirements are met.

- a. Must have graduated from professional training in an institution approved by the Council.
- b. Must have attended the pre-induction Seminar and passed the Board's Examinations.
- c. Must have been inducted by the council [NCPNM] into the relevant Profession.
- d. Must have undergone internship of twelve calendar months in an approved clinical setting (as applicable to the profession).
- e. Must have shown evidence of attendance of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs at least thirty (30) credit points in a year (for renewals only).
- f. Must be a holder of a previous professional/provisional practicing license.
- g. Must pay any application fee(s) as may be prescribed from time to time by the council.
- h. Be a good character.

- i. Must satisfy the condition as may be prescribed by the Board for an annual renewal of license.
- j. Any applicant that complies fully with the above mentioned requirements shall be issued a Certificate of Registration and is therefore qualified to use the protected titles ACPNM, MCPNM, FCPNM, DNM, BNM, MNM.
- k. No practitioner who is not registered as a full member should use the prefixes doctor.
- l. No practitioner who is not also trained and licenses to practice orthodox medicine should engage in the practices .
- m. No practitioner should practice out of is competencies and training. Any practitioner found guilty of this offense shall be expel from the council.
- n. All practitioners must abide by all existing Government Medical/Health Regulation and Non Health Regulation of the Country.

4.2 KNOWLEDGE, UNDER STANDING AND SKILLS

Practitioner must:

- a. Know the key concepts of the biological, physical, social, psychological and clinical sciences which are relevant to his profession.
- b. Know how professional principles are expressed and translated into action through a number of different approaches to meet the needs of his clients.
- c. Have a basic qualification of a degree / diploma or equivalent qualification in natural medicine or in the relevant professional from an institution accredited by the council.
- d. Maintain at all times the highest standard of professional knowledge and display character that reflects-credit to the profession.
- e. Be accountable for his work and take every reasonable opportunity

(4) CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC/HOSPITAL

Any alternative medicine premises where special attention is given to spinal musculoskeletal and neurological and vascular mechanics with integration of the nutritional and environmental relationship.

Minimum Basic Facilities

- a. Waiting/reception area of 4x3 metres with sitting facilities, registration table and record keeping facilities.
- b. Consulting room of 4x3 metres with examination couch, equipment for physical examination, wash hand basin and towels.
- c. Treatment room/chiropractic room of 4x3 metres with instruments (nervoscope, massage machine, macubuction and adjusting table).
- d. Observation room with not more than two beds (optional) and a minimum distance of 1x3 metres between two beds.
- e. Ward(s) (optional) with locker and overbed table for each bed (separate for male and female patients).
- f. Toilet facilities□ water closet per 8 beds.
- g. Bathroom facilities□ bath per 8 beds (separate for male and female patients).
- h. Public health facilities shall include adequate ventilation, adequate illumination, clean and adequate water supply (pipe borne/borehole).
- i. Fire extinguisher.

Minimum Staff Complement

- a. Chiropractic practitioner (qualified and registered)
- b. Assistants/aides;
- c. One clerk/receptionist.

Hours of Consultation

To be clearly stated on the premises.

- b. Consulting room of 4x3 meters with examination couch, wash hand basin and towels.
- c. Treatment room (adjusting room) of 4x3 metres with instrument cabinet and instruments (nervoscope, macubation, massage machine, adjusting table).
- d. Observation room with not more than two beds (optional) and a minimum distance of 1x3 metres between two beds.
- e. Ward(s) (optional) with locker and overbed table for each bed (separate for male and female patients).
- f. Toilet facilities□one water closet per eight beds (separate for male and female patients).
- g. Bathroom facilities□one bath per eight beds (separate for male and female patients).
- h. Public health facilities shall include adequate ventilation, adequate illumination, clean and adequate water supply (pipe borne/borehole).
- i. Adequate arrangements for refuse collection and disposal and upkeep of premises.
- j. Fire extinguisher.

Minimum Staff Complement

- a. Osteopath (qualified and registered).
- b. Assistants/Aides.
- c. One Clerk/Receptionist.

Hours of Consultation

To be clearly stated on the premises.

- to sustain and improve his knowledge and professional competence
- f. Avail himself of the opportunities provided by the Continuing Education Programmes of both the council and the Professional body to improve on his professional knowledge skill and competence.
- g. Understand the need to establish and maintain a safe practice environment.

4.3 PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP

Practitioner must:

- a. Obey lawful directives of his employers
- b. Disobey all directive considered unlawful whether from a professional point of view or other wise
- c. Give genuine advice on all professional issues from time to time'
- d. Refuse to train or give instructions to anybody or group who is not a member of Nigerian council of Physician's of Natural Medicine except students from council's accredited institution
- e. Maintain an exemplary life style i.e must not be involved in an infamous conduct and must be well dressed in and out of office
- f. Must comply with the dress codes issued by the council while on duty or classrooms, seminar room, examination rooms or generally in a hospital's environment. The dress code are as follows:
The white over-all shall be the standard dress code for both sexes and shall be won upon
 1. Shirts and ties on pair of trousers for males
 2. Smart tops e.g. blouses on below the knee but above the ankle skirts for females
 3. Smart gowns for female
 4. Smart tops e.g. blouses or shirts on female – styled trousers
 5. Not demand for gifts, favour or hospitality from a patients or relative of a patient who is to be or who has been in his care as a

condition for service.

6. Not take alcohol, pollutants or tobacco or be under the influence of narcotic drugs when on duty or likely to be called on duty.
7. Not abuse any privilege relationship with patient or a privilege accesses to his properties.
8. Have due regard for the customs, values and religions belief of the patient.
9. Comply with the laws of the country, state and local council where he works.
10. Notify the council of any changes in his registration particulars within a reasonable time to enable the Board effect any necessary changes therein.

5.0 PHYSICIANS / FULL MEMBER CODE OF PRACTICE

- Every physician member must adhere strictly to the practice only of the methods of treatment for which he or she is qualified to practice either by training or experience, as long as this method falls within the General Scope of Natural Medicine.
- No member who is not also qualified in surgery or allopathic Medicine should practice it. Any member who practice it may be expelled from the Council.
- Members should not raise false hopes in people with Chronic Diseases or give, guarantee to be able to cure. Members reserves the right to claim to be able to help people with CHRONIC Diseases lives a healthy life. Members should not boast publicity about cures but reserve the right to publish information.
- No advertisement of a Doctor's skill and practice or his clinic/hospital is tolerated. This excludes corporate bodies of which the Practitioner is a member.
- Members of the Council should only work in establishments that guarantee their professional independence and right to apply

minimum distance of 1x3 metres between two beds.

- e. Wards (optional) with locker and overbed table for each bed (separate for male and female patients).
- f. Toilet facilities□one water closet per eight beds (separate for male and female patients).
- g. Bathroom facilities□one bath per eight beds (separate for male and female patients).
- h. Public health facilities shall include adequate ventilation, adequate illumination, clean and adequate water supply (pipe borne/borehole).
- i. Adequate arrangements for refuse collection and disposal, upkeep of premises.
- j. Fire extinguisher.

Minimum Staff Complement

- a. Acupuncturist (qualified and registered).
- b. Assistant/aides.
- c. One clerk/receptionist.

Hours of Consultation

To be clearly stated on the premises.

(3) OSTEOPATHY CLINIC/HOSPITAL

Any alternative medicine premises in which the system of treating disease is through the manipulation of bones, muscles, nerves and joints particularly of the spinal column.

Minimum Basic Facilities

- a. Waiting/reception area of 4x3 metres with sitting facilities, registration table and record keeping facilities.

- h) Public health facilities shall include adequate ventilation, adequate illumination, clean and adequate water supply (pipe borne/borehole).
- i) Adequate arrangement for refuse collection and disposal and upkeep of premises.
- j) Fire extinguisher.

Minimum Staff Complement

- a) Homeopath (qualified and registered).
- b) Assistants/aides.
- c) One clerk/receptionist.

Hours of Consultation

Hours of consultation should be clearly stated by the Authority.

(2) ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC/HOSPITAL

Any alternative medicine premises, in which the ancient system of Chinese medicine, for relief and treatment of pain in which the therapist inserts long needles in certain precisely determined parts of the patient's body.

Minimum Basic Facilities:

- a. Waiting/reception area of 4x3 metres with sitting facilities, registration table and record keeping facilities.
- b. Consulting room of 4x3 meters with examination couch, wash hand basin and towels.
- c. Treatment room/acupuncture room of 4x3 metres with instrument cabinet and instruments (acupuncture needles, macebuction, massage machine).
- d. Observation room with not more than two beds (optional) and a

therapy diagnose and discharge their patient. A member of the Council is independent of any other Medical professional and can only work on equal terms with others.

- A full members of the Council is automatically entitled to use the title and prefix (Dr.) DOCTOR. In front of his name. a member of a Council is a bona fide physician trained and qualified in his field of Medicine to an acceptable standard.
- All full members of the Council must be trained Natural Health or Natural Medicine Practitioners and must use the prefix DOCTOR in front of their names and also specify the area of specialty in card and brochures etc.
- Affiliated members are not entitled to use the prefix Doctor in front of their names and any affiliated member purporting to be a Doctor may be expelled (affiliated members are non physicians e.g. Herbal Shop Owners).
- Affiliated members are those who have not met the required standard of training acceptable to the Council sufficient or the independent practice of Natural Medicine.
- Members of the Council must not procure abortion for their patients. Such cases should be referred to surgeons. Members must not indulge in any form of Surgical Practice except they are also qualified to practice, by the Medical and Dental Council, or any other authoritative body.
- Members of a Council are entitled by training and practice to advise patient on drug treatment, drug withdrawal, and other drug manipulation in as much as it is related to the treatment and management of drug dependent cases, who have come to seek natural cures but who need time before they can come off ten dependencies.
- Members of the Council reserve the right to prescribe only drugs derived from nature, homoeopathic, herbal, vitamin injections and any other Natural Medicine.

- Members of the Council are qualified and entitle to carry out examination of the sick and healthy both external and internal of non surgical nature. They are entitled to obtain in a non –surgical way. They are entitled to give infusion into veins e.g. Saline Drip infusions to ameliorate dehydration. They are entitled to obtain blood from veins on the surface of the blood for laboratory test that will help in diagnosis.
- Members of he Council also can refer patients directly for Radiographic examination like X-Rays etc.
- Members of the Council reserve the right to uses Acupuncture needless to puncture the skin and muscles as allowed in modern acupuncture. They also reserve the right to use homoeopathic and vitamin intramuscular in intravenous injections in a clinical situation. No member is allowed to administer or inject allopathic or conventional drugs used in orthodox Medicine exclusively, unless such a member is also trained qualified and certified to practice allopathic or conventional Medicine.

FULL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL RESERVE THE RIGHT TO EXAMINE PATIENTS PHYSICALLY, HEAMATOLOGICALLY, RADIOLOGICALLY AND ELECTRONICALLY IN A NON SURGICAL MODE, and arrive at a Medical diagnosis relevant to further application of corrective therapy according to methods approved by the Council. Such diagnosis may be provisional and can be stated on letter and sickness certificates. Such Diagnosis must always bear a relationship to the methods peculiar to the physician's discipline, using only those methods of investigation the Practitioner is trained to perform and other relevant clinical information at his/her disposal.

CHARGES

Members of the Council reserve the right to charge in monetary terms

- b. Be able to use appropriate assessment techniques
- c. Be able to undertake or arrange clinical investigations as appropriate.
- d. Be able to analyze and evaluate information collected.

MINIMUM STANDARD OF PREMISES OF ALTERNATIVE MEDICAL SERVICES

Definitions: Any premises where alternative complementary non-orthodox health care is provided by practitioners such as Homeopaths, Acupuncturists, Osteopaths, Chiropractors, Naturopaths.

(1) HOMEOPATHY CLINIC/HOSPITAL

Any alternative medicine premises in which disorders are treated by giving the patient minute doses of substances that produce the same symptoms as does the disorder.

Minimum Basic Facilities

- a) Waiting/reception area of 4x3 metres, with sitting facilities, registration table and record keeping facilities.
- b) Consulting room of 4x3 metres with examination couch, wash hand basin and towels.
- c) Treatment room with cabinet for alternative medicine.
- d) Observation room with not more than two beds (optional) and a minimum distance of 1x3 meters between two beds.
- e) Ward(s) (optional) with locker and over-bed table for each bed (separate for male and female patients).
- f) Toilet facilities: One water closet per eight beds (separate for male and female patients).
- g) Bathroom facilities: One bath per eight beds (separate for male and female patients).

refusal is deemed to be in the patient best interest and particularly when such treatment is contra-indicated.

6.3 PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Practitioner must:

- a. Co-operate with one another to maintain and enhance the standard of the profession
- b. Report any unethical, incompetence or illegal practice to the appropriate professional authorities i.e. the council or professional body
- c. Must not support, endorse or promote the sale of goods related to the treatment of the patients while in clinical practice
- d. Not advertise for the purpose of obtaining patients or promoting his own professional advantage, but notification of practice arrangement in the press is permissible
- e. Registrant may use the media to inform the public of practice arrangements and validated qualifications from time to time
- f. Practitioner may write to Registrar Nigeria Council of Physical and Natural Medicine organizations in order to draw their attention to his name address and qualifications or to the fact that his service is available
- g. Contribute to the planning and development of service which enable individuals to achieve optimum health

7.0 THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

7.1 IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE NEEDS

Practitioner must:

- a. Be able to gather appropriate information

treatment fee, consultation fee, home visit fee, prescription fees, as jointly agreed with the patient. These charges cannot be fixed or pegged in as much as the patient knows before treatment is applied what the fees are.

DESIGNATION

Members of the Council must always give full information of their discipline and no attempt should be made to misinform the patient. This may warrant expulsion.

CERTIFICATES

Institutionalized training is not only criterion for admission to membership of the Council as long as the Practitioner is judged competent by the Council.

- Members of the Council reserve the right to issue sickness certificates, certificates of incapacitation to patient under their treatment and registered in their clinic. They reserve the right patient on an in-patient or out-patient basis. In case of death, the corpse should be taken to nearest Federal or State hospital for certification.
- Members of the Council can issue Medical Reports and Medical Certificates.
- Members reserve the right to establish their independent practice in the form of Hospital, Clinic, Health Center, and Medical Center. Health Shop, Health Food Shops. Health Clubs, Health Farm, Maternity homes and Rural Clinic and in any manner permitted by the law of the Country.
- Members reserve the right to ask for any fees of any magnitude for their services, in as much as the patient has accepted to pay such fees. Such fees can be paid in advances or arrears as arranged with the individual physician and by the mode of payment in monetary terms only.
- Only members of the Council can display the designators letters and

qualification of the Council i.e. FNCP, MNCP, AssMNCP AFF MNCP.

SIGN BOARD AND COMPLEMENTARY CARDS

- Sign boards and complimentary cards issued by members must reflect their branches of practice in such a way as not to mislead the public to conclude that Practitioner is General Practitioner of allopathic and Surgical Medicine. Any member who attempts to deceive the public as to the scope of his qualification and practice risk expulsion from the Council. members of the Council must at all times project themselves as Practitioner of rather homeopathy.
- Members of the Council must not indicate on their sign boards or complimentary cards the names of disease they can handle or give a time frame for the completion of such treatments, but can give details of areas of practice in a card, handbill or brochure.
- A Practitioner owes to his patient absolute secrecy on all information confided to him. Such information must be kept with the strict confidentiality.
- Every physician must practice in a clean aerated and unpolluted environment expected of the Medical profession. All physicians must endeavor to maintain the highest level of personal and environmental cleanliness. Adequate sterilization techniques must be observed.
- It is expected that all registered Council Members maintain their practice premises in such a way as to improve and enhance the image of Natural Medicine.
- All medicinal preparations must be presented and dispensed in a hygienic manner, well labeled and dosage indicated on the label.
- All Physicians must maintain a record of treatment of a patient in case of malpractice litigation.
- Members must abide by the Constitution of the Council.

Practitioner provided that such a registrant:

- a. Shall be adequately involved in policy-making and management and
- b. The clinic is constructed and equipped to ensure high quality patient care

6.0 PROFESSIONAL AUTONOMY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

6.1 EXPECTATIONS OF A PRACTITIONER

- a. Be able to practice within the legal and ethical boundaries of his profession
- b. Be able to practice in a non-discriminatory manner
- c. Be able exercise a professional duty of care
- d. Be able to maintain confidentiality and obtain informed consents
- e. Know the professional and personal scope of his practice his/her limits and be able to make referrals (where and when necessary)
- f. Recognize the need for effective self-management of workload and be able to practice accordingly
- g. Understand the obligation to maintain fitness to practice

6.2 PROFESSIONAL ATTRIBUTES

Practitioners must:

- a. be able to work, where appropriate, in partnership with other professional's support staff, patients, and other relatives and careers
- b. Be able to contribute effectively to work undertaken as part of multi disciplinary team
- c. Understand the need for effective communication throughout the care of the patient
- d. At all times respect the rights and dignity of a patient
- e. Keep himself informed or developments within his profession
- f. Be able to refuse a treat a patient, if following assessment such