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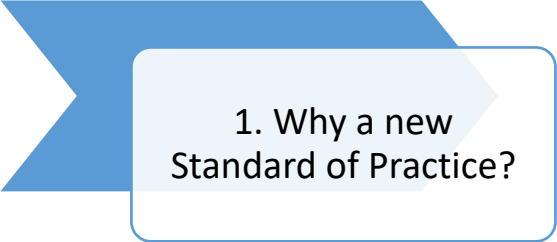
ACSLPA Standards of Practice: Restricted Activities

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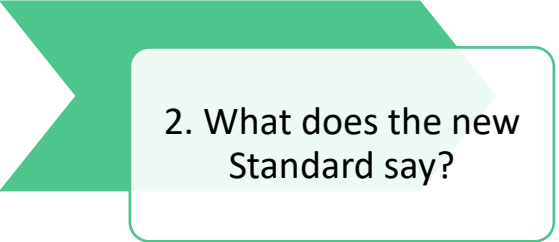
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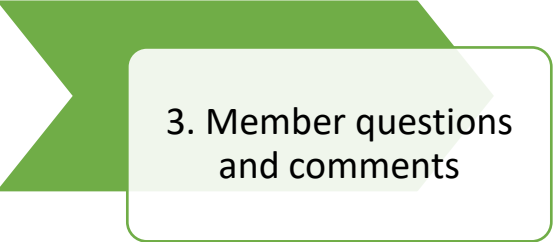
Learning Objectives



1. Why a new Standard of Practice?



2. What does the new Standard say?



3. Member questions and comments

1. Why a new Standard of Practice?

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Regulation

Bill 46

ACSLPA *Standards
of Practice*

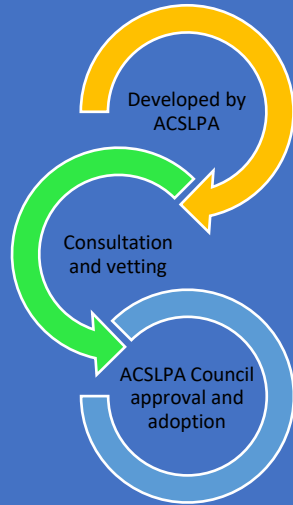
→ Continuing Competence
Program

→ Restricted Activities*

What's the difference?

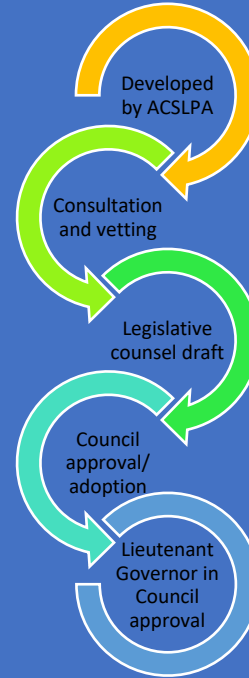
Standards of Practice

*Established measure or norm
→ minimum level of professional performance*



Regulation

Address situations not covered in HPA, or provide additional detail



In addition:

Restricted activities are moving from Schedule 7.1 of the *Government Organization Act* to the *HPA* as a new part 0.1

A new Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGIC) regulation will identify which restricted activities members of each Health College are authorized to perform (**no changes here**)



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Restricted Activities

Restricted Activities

- Procedures or services that pose ***significant risk*** and require a high level of professional competence to be performed safely
- May only be performed by persons authorized by their regulatory college to do so
 - Not linked to any specific health profession → a number of health professionals may perform a particular restricted activity within their scope of practice



SLP Restricted Activities – A Refresher



To insert air under pressure into the ear canal



To insert or remove instruments or devices beyond the point in the nasal passages where they normally narrow



To insert or remove instruments, devices or fingers beyond the pharynx



To insert or remove instruments or devices into an artificial opening into the body

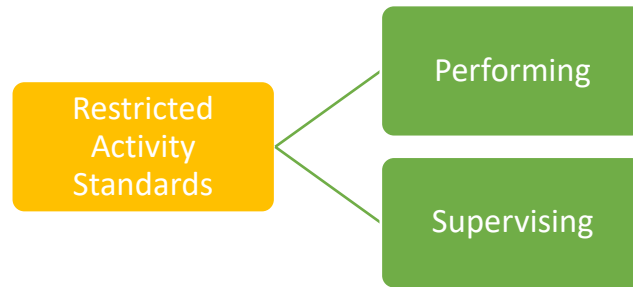


To administer oral diagnostic imaging contrasting agents

***self-report if you perform restricted activities on your member profile**

What are the Standards of Practice Requirements?

- Standards of Practice on restricted activities must address:
 - Requirements of regulated members *performing* restricted activities
 - *Supervision* requirements with respect to performance of restricted activities:
 - Who can supervise?
 - Who should be supervised?
 - What are the requirements of supervisors?



<https://www.acslpa.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Standards-of-Practice-Area-6.0-Combined-Jan-2023-1.pdf>

Standard 6.1 Restricted Activities Performed by Regulated Members

*A regulated member of ACSLPA performs only those RAs that they are **authorized** and **competent** to perform in compliance with legislation.*

To demonstrate this standard, the regulated member will:

- a) Familiarize themselves with the activities they perform that are RAs, including procedures or episodes of care that involve RAs, under the HPA.
- b) Limit themselves, when performing RAs to those activities that they are competent to perform and to those that are appropriate to their scope of practice and the procedure being performed.
- c) Assess the risks and benefits associated with the RA, and
 - i) communicate these to clients, and
 - ii) adjust their service plans accordingly to mitigate risks and enhance benefits
- d) Monitor their application of RAs and be accountable for their actions and decision-making.
- e) Ensure that appropriate strategies are in place to address any critical or unexpected occurrences associated with the application of RAs.

Standard 6.2 Supervision of Others by Regulated Members

A regulated member of ACSLPA takes **professional responsibility** for the work of those who perform RAs under their supervision, direction, or control, namely:

- **speech-language pathology**, audiology, and hearing aid practitioner (HAP) **students**
- **SLPs** and audiologists **who require a period of supervised practice to meet a condition on their practice permit**
- Conditional practice permit holders registered by the College of Hearing Aid Practitioners of Alberta (CHAPA)
- Practice permit holders registered by CHAPA who are completing a training course involving Ras that is being led by a registered audiologist
- **Support personnel**

To demonstrate this standard, the regulated member will:

- Meet the requirements of Standard 6.1
- Have a minimum of one year of experience in performing the RA.
- Meet all the requirements outlined in *ACSLPA Standard of Practice 4.4 Clinical Supervision*, with particular attention paid to Standard 4.4 Indicator d) i. → RAs or procedures/episodes of care that include RAs.
- Determine the degree of direct and/or indirect supervision that, in the regulated member's opinion, is commensurate with the supervisee's competence, and
- Be available either in person or virtually for consultation while the supervisee performs the RA, as required.

Take home points



- Only perform the restricted activities that you are competent to perform
- Minimum of one year experience needed before you can supervise others
- All other supervision standards must be met when supervising restricted activities

Questions?

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