



ATMS OFFICIAL POLICIES

As well as complying with the ATMS Code of Conduct, all ATMS Accredited, Student and Associate members are required to comply with official ATMS Policies as determined by the ATMS Board of Directors.

The following are the official ATMS Policies in effect as at January 2011. All ATMS members must comply with these Policies. Additionally ATMS members must ensure that any staff they employ are aware of these Policies, and also comply with these Policies wherever applicable.

Internal Examinations

The practice of natural medicine does not in any of its forms require an internal examination. Consequently ATMS members must not conduct any internal examination, even if the patient requests such an examination and/or consents.

Breast Massage

It is the ATMS policy that members do not massage the mammary glands of patients, and that only professional techniques be applied to surrounding tissue.

Ingestion of Essential Oils

It is ATMS policy that members do not prescribe the ingestion of essential oils.

Students Practising

Student members may not practise outside of supervised clinical practicum.

Telephone and Internet Consultations

A telephone or Internet consultation must not be conducted without a prior face-to-face consultation.

Health Fund Receipts

Under no circumstances may an ATMS member use someone else's membership number for purposes of issuing receipts for health fund rebate. All information provided on a receipt must be completely true and correct. ATMS members are required to take all reasonable steps to ensure that receipts for their services are not improperly issued.

Continuing Professional Education Program

All Accredited members must fully participate in the ATMS CPE program. This is a requirement even if the member is not currently in active practice. Accredited members' CPE activities are subject to a yearly audit. If audited, a member must provide satisfactory evidence that applicable Continuing Professional Education activities were undertaken.

Use of the Title 'Doctor'

ATMS members may not use in the clinical setting the titles of 'Dr' or 'Doctor' unless they are a registered medical practitioner within Australia.

Patient Confidentiality

Members are required to abide by all the Privacy Laws which apply to their practice. Members must ensure their staff are also aware of and comply with all applicable Privacy obligations. Information to help members comply with their Privacy obligations is available on the ATMS website and from the ATMS Office.

Occupational Health and Safety

It is the ATMS Policy that members will be aware of and comply with all the applicable Occupational Health and Safety requirements to their practice.

A failure by an ATMS member or a member of their staff to comply with any of the above policies is a breach of the ATMS Code of Conduct, and sanctions, including termination of ATMS membership, may be imposed by the ATMS Complaints Committee.