



COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

NATUROPATHIC GUIDELINES TO IMMUNIZATION ISSUES

These recommendations are meant to prevent others from misconstruing our intentions as Naturopathic Physicians, in our efforts to educate the public to make informed choices about immunizations. This ensures a standardized process and procedure for all registrants to ensure public safety.

What to do if you are faced with a Parent or Guardian contemplating vaccinating their child, OR a patient contemplating immunizations, the following must apply:

1. Patient file MUST include a notation that a immunization discussion occurred and with whom (ie. Name of Parent)
2. DOCTOR as a TEACHER – Educate yourself first!
3. Discuss both aspects of immunizations, pros & cons
4. Discuss worst consequences of pros & cons

When the patient or guardian opts NOT to immunize: Recommendations

1. Have Patient, Parent or Guardian sign INFORMED CONSENT if they decide not to immunize.
2. SIGNED INFORMED CONSENT:
 - a. Should be copied for patient file; give one copy to Patient, Parent or Guardian
 - b. Should explain that Patient, Parent or Guardian understands that given the fact that they will not be immunized, naturopathic treatment is by no means a substitute for the efficacy or security of immunizations.
 - c. Should explain that the naturopathic treatment is not guaranteed to prevent childhood diseases or infections that immunizations are available for.
 - d. Should explain that there is an inherent risk of contracting the disease or infection if they are not conventionally immunized, whether by you or their medical doctor.
 - e. Should ideally be one page in full; otherwise have patient initial both pages.
3. Naturopathic Physicians MUST NOT issue written statements, certificates or verbal discussions that could be misconstrued or misrepresented, including but not limited to:
 - f. IMMUNIZATIONS
 - g. ALTERNATIVE IMMUNIZATION
 - h. ALTERNATE to IMMUNIZATION
 - i. FLU SHOT
 - j. IMMUNIZATION
 - k. NATURAL IMMUNIZATION
 - l. HOMEOPATHIC IMMUNIZATION
4. USE INSTEAD a term that explains that naturopathic treatment is generalized, such as:
 - a. IMMUNE SUPPORT PROTOCOL
 - b. NATUROPATHIC FLU SUPPORT
 - c. IMMUNE SUPPORT PROGRAMMES
 - d. IMMUNE OPTIMIZATION
 - e. SUPPORT YOUR IMMUNITY FOR THE FLU SEASON
 - f. HOMEOPATHIC PROPHYLAXIS
 - g. NATURAL FLU PREVENTION

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