



## TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS BOARD

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### TCM PRACTITIONERS BOARD NOTICE 2022/1

To: All Registered TCM Practitioners

#### **REMINDER TO ONLY USE TITLES, ADDITIONS OR DESIGNATION RELATED OR CONNECTED TO TCM PRACTICE APPROVED BY TCMPB**

The TCM Practitioners Board has received feedback that an increasing number of registered TCM practitioners are using titles or designations as part of or in connection with their practice of TCM that the Board has not approved of. One such example is the use of the title “chiropractor”.

2 Please note that such conduct contravenes Regulation 6 of the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners (Practice, Conduct and Ethics) Regulations (“Regulations”)<sup>1</sup>. This regulation prohibits a registered TCM practitioner from using any title, addition or designation except those that are approved by the Board.

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<sup>1</sup> Use of qualifications entered in Register and approved titles, etc.

6.— (1) No registered person shall —

(a) use, exhibit or publish in any card, letter, stationery, nameplate, signboard, placard, circular, handbill or any notice displayed at any premises used by him for his prescribed practice of traditional Chinese medicine any qualification other than a qualification entered under his name in the Register, or which has been approved by the Board for his use; or

(b) use any title, addition or designation relating to, or in connection with, the practice of traditional Chinese medicine other than the title, addition or designation which has been approved by the Board for his use.

(2) A registered person shall observe such guidelines on the use of qualifications or titles as the Board may, from time to time, determine.

3 In 2004, the Board had issued a notice/circular on appropriate use of official TCM titles and designations. Hence, the current circular/notice is a repeated reminder to registered TCM practitioners to use only approved TCM titles and designations. The approved titles that are related or connected to practice of TCM and acupuncture are as follows:

- (a) Traditional Chinese Medicine Physician or TCM Physician;
- (b) Registered Chinese Medicine Physician or Registered TCM Physician;
- (c) Acupuncturist; and
- (d) Registered Acupuncturist

4 The Board also wishes to remind registered TCM practitioners of Guideline 4.4 of the Ethical Code and Ethical Guidelines (“ECEG”) for TCM practitioners. This section provides that when registered TCM practitioners provide information about their qualifications, areas of practice and practice arrangements, the information, where permitted to be provided, shall meet the following standards:

- a) Factual;
- b) Accurate;
- c) Verifiable;
- d) No extravagant claims;
- e) Not misleading;
- f) Not sensational;
- g) Not persuasive;
- h) Not laudatory;
- i) Not comparative; and
- j) Not disparaging

5 Using only titles or designations that are approved by the Board in publicity materials /communications related or connected to your TCM practice prevents public members and patients from being misled or confused by incorrect representation of your practice. All registered TCM practitioners are responsible to ensure that the information/material that they put up in any media or platform and/or that they have control over relating or connected to their TCM practice complies with the abovementioned standards. Registered TCM practitioners who are found to have breached the Regulations and/or the ECEG may be subject to disciplinary proceedings. If in doubt, registered TCM practitioners should approach the TCM Practitioners Board for clarifications.

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**Registrar**  
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### 中医管理委员会之通知书 (2022/1)

致函：所有注册中医师

#### 仅使用获中医管理委员会批准的中医专用名词

中医管理委员会（“简称管委会”）不时收到反馈，指有越来越多的注册中医师使用其他未经管委会核准的专用头衔、职称及专用名词，其中包括错误使用“脊骨神经医师（Chiropractors）”的头衔。

2 以上行为违反了《中医师执业、行为及道德》条规中的第 6 条规<sup>2</sup>。除了管委会核准使用的中医专用词外，该条规明确禁止注册中医师使用其他未经核准的专用头衔、职称及专用名词。

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3 管委会于 2004 年，曾发布一则有关使用合法中医职称及中医专用词的通告。所以，此通告欲再度提醒注册中医师守则，仅使用经管委会批准的中医头衔及职称。在传达信息或出版宣传刊物时，也请限于使用管委会批准的中医头衔、中医职称及中医专用词，避免造成混淆，或因信息的错误表达，误导病人及公众。以下乃获准使用之中医头衔：

- (a) 中医师;
- (b) 注册中医师;
- (c) 针灸师;及
- (d) 注册针灸师

4 管委会谨此提醒所有注册中医师遵守《中医执业者道德准则及道德指导原则》中第 4.4 条文。此条文规定，注册中医师在提供任何有关其资历、执业范围、执业安排及联系方面的信息时，在许可的情况下，这些信息应符合以下指定标准：

- (a) 真实
- (b) 准确
- (c) 可证实
- (d) 不夸大
- (e) 不误导
- (f) 不渲染
- (g) 不游说
- (h) 不赞美
- (i) 不比较
- (j) 不诋毁

5 所有注册中医师也应在他们能力许可及行医领域的范围内，确保在任何媒体、网站及平台上所发布的信息及刊物符合中医指定标准。违规者将面对纪律处分。如有疑问，请致函管委会寻求澄清。

**林诗晖教授**  
**中医管理委员会注册官**  
**2022年3月14日**

*注：本通告以英语版为准，中文版仅限参考用途。*