

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**65-7202. Definitions.** As used in K.S.A. 65-7201 through 65-7218, and amendments thereto:

- (a) "Naturopathic doctor" means a doctor of naturopathic medicine who is authorized and licensed pursuant to this act.
- (b) (1) "Naturopathic medicine," or "naturopathy" means a system of health care practiced by naturopathic doctors for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of human health conditions, injuries and diseases, that uses education, natural medicines and therapies to support and stimulate the individual's intrinsic self-healing processes, and includes: (A) Prescribing, recommending or administering: (i) Food, food extracts, vitamins, minerals, enzymes, whole gland thyroid, botanicals, homeopathic preparations, nonprescription drugs, plant substances that are not designated as prescription drugs or controlled substances, topical drugs as defined in subsection (i); (ii) health care counseling, nutritional counseling and dietary therapy, naturopathic physical applications, barrier contraceptive devices; (iii) substances on the naturopathic formulary that are authorized for intramuscular or intravenous administration pursuant to a written protocol entered into with a physician who has entered into a written protocol with a naturopathic doctor licensed under the naturopathic doctor licensure act; (iv) noninvasive physical examinations, venipuncture to obtain blood for clinical laboratory tests and orofacial examinations, excluding endoscopies; (v) minor office procedures; and (vi) naturopathic acupuncture; and (B) ordering diagnostic imaging studies, including, but not limited to, x-ray, ultrasound, mammogram, bone densitometry, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging and electrocardiograms, except that naturopathic doctors shall refer patients to an appropriately licensed and qualified healthcare professional to conduct diagnostic imaging studies and interpret the results of such studies.  
(2) A naturopathic doctor may not perform surgery, obstetrics, administer ionizing radiation, or prescribe, dispense or administer any controlled substances as defined in K.S.A. 65-4101, and amendments thereto, or any prescription-only drugs except those listed on the naturopathic formulary adopted by the board pursuant to this act.
- (c) "Board" means the state board of healing arts.
- (d) "Approved naturopathic medical college" means a college and program granting the degree of doctor of naturopathy or naturopathic medicine that has been approved by the board under this act and which college and program requires at a minimum a four-year, full-time resident program of academic and clinical study.
- (e) "Homeopathic preparations" means substances and drugs prepared according to the official homeopathic pharmacopoeia recognized by the United States food and drug administration.
- (f) "Naturopathic acupuncture" means the insertion of fine metal needles through the skin at specific points on or near the surface of the body with or without the palpation of specific points on the body and with or without the application of electric current or heat to the needles or skin or both to treat human disease and impairment and to relieve pain.
- (g) "Minor office procedures" means care incidental to superficial lacerations and abrasions, superficial lesions and the removal of foreign bodies located in the superficial tissues, except eyes, and not involving blood vessels, tendons, ligaments or nerves. "Minor office procedures" includes use of antiseptics, but shall not include the suturing, repairing, alteration or removal of tissue or the use of general or spinal anesthesia. Minor office procedures does not include anesthetics or surgery.
- (h) "Naturopathic physical applications" means the therapeutic use by naturopathic doctors of the actions or devices of electrical muscle stimulation, galvanic, diathermy, ultrasound, ultraviolet light, constitutional hydrotherapy, naturopathic musculoskeletal technique and therapeutic exercise.
- (i) "Topical drugs" means topical analgesics, antiseptics, scabicides, antifungals and antibacterials but does not include prescription only drugs.
- (j) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery.
- (k) "Written protocol" means a formal written agreement between a naturopathic

doctor licensed under this act and a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery. Any licensee of the board entering into a written protocol with a licensed naturopathic doctor shall notify the board in writing of such relationship by providing such information as the board may require.

**History:** L. 2002, ch. 203, § 21; L. 2010, ch. 126, § 2; L. 2019, ch. 55, § 38; May 9.