

## 2021 Kansas Statutes

65-7602. **Definitions.** As used in the acupuncture practice act:

(a) "ACAOM" means the national accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. department of education that provides accreditation for educational programs for acupuncture and oriental medicine. For purposes of the acupuncture practice act, the term ACAOM shall also include any entity deemed by the board to be the equivalent of ACAOM.

(b) "Act" means the acupuncture practice act.

(c) "Acupuncture" means the use of needles inserted into the human body by piercing of the skin and related modalities for the assessment, evaluation, prevention, treatment or correction of any abnormal physiology or pain by means of controlling and regulating the flow and balance of energy in the body and stimulating the body to restore itself to its proper functioning and state of health.

(d) "Board" means the state board of healing arts.

(e) "Council" means the acupuncture advisory council established by K.S.A. 65-7613, and amendments thereto.

(f) "Licensed acupuncturist" means any person licensed to practice acupuncture under the acupuncture practice act.

(g) "NCCAOM" means the national certification commission for acupuncture and oriental medicine. NCCAOM is a national organization that validates entry-level competency in the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine through the administration of professional certification examinations. For purposes of the acupuncture practice act, the term NCCAOM shall also include any entity deemed by the board to be the equivalent of the NCCAOM.

(h) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathy in Kansas.

(i) "Practice of acupuncture" includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Techniques sometimes called "dry needling," "trigger point therapy," "intramuscular therapy," "auricular detox treatment" and similar terms;

(2) mechanical, thermal, pressure, suction, friction, electrical, magnetic, light, sound, vibration, manual and electromagnetic treatment;

(3) the use, application or recommendation of therapeutic exercises, breathing techniques, meditation and dietary and nutritional counselings; and

(4) the use and recommendation of herbal products and nutritional supplements, according to the acupuncturist's level of training and certification by the NCCAOM or its equivalent.

(j) "Practice of acupuncture" does not include:

(1) Prescribing, dispensing or administering of any controlled substances as defined in K.S.A. 65-4101 et seq., and amendments thereto, or any prescription-only drugs;

(2) the practice of medicine and surgery, including obstetrics and the use of lasers or ionizing radiation;

(3) the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery or osteopathic manipulative treatment;

(4) the practice of chiropractic;

(5) the practice of dentistry; or

(6) the practice of podiatry.

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