

Code of Ethics

This ethics code provides a common set of values upon which The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy (CACH) build their professional and scientific work and to provide education to The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy and non-members alike. The code is intended to provide the general principles to cover most situations encountered by The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy. It has as its primary goal the welfare and protection of the individuals and groups with whom The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy work. The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy aspire to the highest possible standards of conduct, respect and protect human and civil rights. They do not participate in or condone unfair discriminatory practices.

Competence

The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy shall strive to maintain the highest standards of competence in their work. The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy shall provide only those services and use only those techniques for which they are qualified by education, training or experience. They shall maintain knowledge of relevant scientific and professional information related to hypnosis and recognize the need for continuing education.

Integrity

The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy seek to promote integrity in the teaching and practice of Hypnotherapy. In these activities, The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy are honest, fair and respectful of the legal, civic, and moral rights of others. To the extent feasible, The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy attempt to clarify for relevant parties the roles they are performing and to function appropriately in accordance with those roles. The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy rely on scientific or professionally derived knowledge when making professional judgments or when engaging in professional endeavours. The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy shall always be truthful in their marketing and advertising, and never speak negatively of other professionals.

Client Relationships

The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy shall at all times make the physical and mental well-being of their clients a prime consideration. The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy shall not engage in verbal, physical or sexual abuse of any client.

Consultations and Referrals

The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy arrange for appropriate consultations and referrals based on the best interest of the client with appropriate consent, and subject to other relevant considerations which include applicable laws and contractual obligations. When indicated and professionally appropriate, The Canadian Academy of Clinical

Hypnotherapy cooperate with other professionals from appropriately certified medical or mental health organizations in order to serve their client's best interest.

Fees and Financial Arrangements

As early as feasible in the professional therapeutic relationship, the CACH member and client reach an agreement specifying the compensation and billing arrangements. The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy fee practices are consistent with the law. The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy do not misrepresent their fees.

Informed Consent

The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy discuss with the client as early as feasible in the therapeutic relationship appropriate issues, such as the nature and anticipated course of therapy, fees and confidentiality. The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy obtain appropriate informed consent for Hypnotherapy or related procedures. The language is reasonably understandable to all participants. The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy will only provide services to those able to provide informed consent.

Maintaining Confidentiality

The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy have a primary obligation and take reasonable precautions to respect the confidential rights of those with whom they work or consult; recognizing that confidentiality may be established by law, institutional rules, professional or scientific relationships.

Terminating the Professional Relationship

The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy do not abandon clients. A Hypnotherapist may terminate a professional relationship when it becomes reasonably clear that the client: no longer needs the service; is not benefiting from the service; or is being harmed by continuing the service.

Advanced Level: Registered Clinical Counselling-Hypnotherapist Preamble

The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy whose practice is recognized by the Association as Registered Clinical Counselling-Hypnotherapists carry an even greater responsibility toward their clients. The following expands and clarifies certain aspect of the Code of Ethics for the Registered Clinical Counselling-Hypnotherapist.

Confidentiality

Information that results from a counselling-hypnotherapy relationship and the nature of the relationship itself is to be kept confidential with the following exceptions: (1) When a child may be in danger. (2) When there is evidence of clear and imminent danger to the client or other(s). (3) When the client expresses suicidal ideation. (4) When disclosure is required by laws of the Province (or Country). If an CACH member becomes aware of a client's intention to harm, they are obliged to inform the threatened person of the threat.

Record Keeping

The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy maintain records consistent with legal requirements of their Province (or Country), and/or the requirements of the agency or institution that apply to them. Records are to provide adequate details to follow the sequence, nature and scope of their service. All records, in any form, are to be kept confidential except when: (1) The client provides written consent for sharing of records. (2) When requested by Court Order. The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy understand that the client has the right to access their records. A fee can be charged for copies requested by the client.

Multiple Practitioners

The Canadian Academy of Clinical Hypnotherapy who discover that a client is seeing another counsellor or related health care professional should discuss the relationship with the client. It may be helpful, with the client's consent, to inform and discuss the issues with the other professional. If the client is found to be seeing a physician, psychologist or psychiatrist or another Counsellor for a related issue, the CACH member must discuss this with the client and obtain consent to share with the other professional the scope of treatments being received.