

TITLE 16 OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
CHAPTER 6 NAPRAPATHIC PRACTITIONERS
PART 8 PRACTICE PROCEDURES

16.6.8.1 ISSUING AGENCY: New Mexico Medical Board, hereafter called the board.
[16.6.8.1 NMAC - N, 9/30/2004; A, 9/22/2011]

16.6.8.2 SCOPE: This part applies to applicants and licensees.
[16.6.8.2 NMAC - N, 9/30/2004; A, 9/22/2011]

16.6.8.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: This part is adopted pursuant to and in accordance with the Naprapathic Practice Act, Sections 61-12F-1 through 61-12F-11 NMSA 1978.
[16.6.8.3 NMAC - N, 9/30/2004; A, 9/22/2011]

16.6.8.4 DURATION: Permanent.
[16.6.8.4 NMAC - N, 9/30/2004]

16.6.8.5 EFFECTIVE DATE: September 30, 2004, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.
[16.6.8.5 NMAC - N, 9/30/2004]

16.6.8.6 OBJECTIVE: This part establishes diagnostic procedures, meridian therapy and rehabilitation of the neuromusculoskeletal system.
[16.6.8.6 NMAC - N, 9/30/2004; A, 9/22/2011]

16.6.8.7 DEFINITIONS: [RESERVED]

16.6.8.8 DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES:

A. Naprapathic practitioners are authorized to perform diagnostic procedures specified in this regulation, which shall include the authority to perform and take:

- (1) medical case history;
- (2) physical examination of all body systems including, but not limited to:
 - (a) skin, hair, nails, head, eyes, ears, nose;
 - (b) cardiovascular and respiratory system, including auscultation;
 - (c) musculoskeletal system;
 - (d) neurological system.

B. Naprapathic practitioners are authorized to order any diagnostic procedure from any recognized laboratory or imaging facility reasonably necessary to clinically correlate a physical examination to a diagnostic impression; which shall include, but not be limited to laboratory procedures involving the collection of human fluids, such as saliva, blood, urine, hair, feces and special imaging, such as x-ray; CT scan, MRI, nuclear scans, ultrasonography, thermography, EEG, EKG, ECG and surface or needle EMG.
[16.6.8.8 NMAC - N, 9/30/2004; A, 9/22/2011; A, 2/8/2022]

16.6.8.9 MERIDIAN THERAPY:

A. Naprapaths who practice meridian therapy shall do so in conjunction with standard naprapathic adjusting and manipulative techniques.

B. Naprapaths who practice meridian therapy may not advertise or promote themselves in the media to be acupuncturists unless licensed pursuant to the Acupuncture Act.
[16.6.8.9 NMAC - N, 9/30/2004; A, 9/22/2011]

16.6.8.10 REHABILITATION OF THE NEUROMUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM: Naprapathic practitioners may use all necessary mechanical, hygienic and sanitary measures incident to the care of the body including but not limited to air, sound, cold, diet, exercise, heat, light, massage, physical culture, rest, ultrasound, water, and electricity.
[16.6.8.10 NMAC - N, 9/30/2004; A, 9/22/2011; A, 2/8/2022]

HISTORY OF 16.6.8 NMAC: [RESERVED]