

Scope of Practice Statement

As a licensed naturopathic doctor, you are subject to the laws contained in the Naturopathic Doctor's Act (Act), to the regulations adopted under that Act, and for all laws and regulations affecting your practice of medicine.

The Committee is contacted regularly by current and prospective licensees regarding their scope of practice. Be advised that the Committee can only point to the Naturopathic Doctors Act and its regulations and cannot give legal advice concerning those laws.

Business and Professions Code sections 3640, et seq. and California Code of Regulations, title 16, sections 4200, et seq. function as your guide to the scope of practice for naturopathic doctors in this state. However, these are not the only laws and regulations that affect your practice. As a licensed health care professional, you are governed by multiple provisions within the Business and Professions Code, Health and Safety Code, Labor Code, Corporations Code, etc., as well as federal and local laws and regulations.

The Committee is often asked if the Act and/or the naturopathic regulations allow naturopathic doctors to perform specific procedures; for example, injecting Botox or hyaluronic acid into the face. While the Committee can only point a licensee toward the laws contained in the Act and/or the naturopathic regulations, be advised that there may be other laws in other codes that regulate specific procedures, such as the Medical Practices Act which is regulated by the Medical Board of California.

Successful completion of a class does not automatically authorize you to perform that procedure under your California naturopathic license, even though you may perform that same procedure under licensure in another state.

The Committee takes no responsibility in providing a licensee with a comprehensive or definitive list of local, state, and/or federal laws and regulations and cannot speak for the Medical Board, Board of Behavioral Sciences, Board of Registered Nursing, Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, etc., and cannot advise licensees on any local, state, or federal law or regulation. It is your responsibility to determine if a procedure can or cannot be performed under your license. Legal advice may be sought from a licensed professional.