



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR RAMP REGISTRANTS

RAMP registrants take responsibility for their actions

A.

1. Act within their individual **scope of practice**. See appendix 1.
2. Make informed decisions. Understand and accept this responsibility and uphold their duty of care to their clients and the veterinary community.
3. All their activities are covered by appropriate insurance.
4. Undertake to use sound professional judgement in their practice and ensure it is informed by the evolving evidence base.
5. Communicate properly and effectively with patients, colleagues and other healthcare professionals.
6. Ensure clients have been given all relevant information to enable valid consent to any decision or action affecting them.
7. Maintain, develop and work within their professional knowledge and skills.
8. Demonstrate appropriate professional autonomy and accountability.

RAMP registrants behave ethically.

B.

1. Act with honesty, integrity and openness and maintain the highest standards of professional and personal conduct.
2. Establish and maintain a clear professional relationship with patients.
3. Adhere to legal, regulatory and ethical requirements relevant to their treatment of animals (including those specific to data protection, access to health records and research).
4. Records are completed and maintained in accordance with legal, ethical, and organisational requirements.
5. Provide truthful and accurate information (including when advertising and promoting services).
6. Disclose any financial benefit that they expect to receive through endorsement or advertising.

7. Declare any conflict of interest.
8. Recognise their role as advocates for the profession of musculoskeletal care for animals.

RAMP registrants deliver an effective service

C.

1. Put the health interest of patients at the centre of their decision making.
2. Provide a good standard of clinical care and practice.
3. Share knowledge and skills with others to promote effective joint decision-making, planning and evaluation.
4. Communicate effectively and provide full, accurate and truthful information about the services that they deliver, including the outcomes of their activity.
5. Consult with colleagues and share information appropriately.
6. Collaborate with colleagues within and across settings, sectors and professions in the best interests of the client and with respect to the law and legal framework in which they work.

RAMP registrants strive to achieve excellence

D.

1. They seek to improve continuously.
2. Maintain, promote and support high standards of musculoskeletal therapy in ways that are appropriate to their role.
3. Evaluate the relevance of new developments, research findings and evidence and measures of effectiveness and apply them appropriately to their activity.
4. Critically reflect upon and evaluate their own practice.
5. Identify and enhance their own development needs and take appropriate action to address these.
6. Demonstrate innovation and leadership appropriate to their role and support others' learning and development.
7. Support the development of the veterinary musculoskeletal professions.

Appendix 1.

Scope of Practice

The scope of practice of professionals in animal musculoskeletal therapy is a dynamic and constantly developing process, based on research and evidence and has the best interest of the patient / client at the heart.

Musculoskeletal therapists practising with animals shall only practice to the extent that they have established, maintained and developed their ability to work legally, safely and competently and shall ensure that they have appropriate professional liability cover for that practice.