

RAMP Code of Conduct

RAMPs code of conduct has four main principles:

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RAMP registrants behave ethically

RAMP registrants deliver an effective service

RAMP registrants strive to achieve excellence

Together, the principles and statements form a positive expression of the professional values and behaviour that RAMP expects of all its members.

The four principles

1. RAMP registrants take responsibility for their actions

They demonstrate appropriate professional autonomy and accountability, act within their individual scope of practice and make informed decisions. They understand and accept this responsibility and uphold their duty of care to their clients and the veterinary community. They ensure that their activity is covered by appropriate insurance. They undertake to use sound professional judgement in their practice and ensure it is informed by the evolving evidence base.

2. RAMP registrants behave ethically

They adhere to legal, regulatory and ethical requirements relevant to their physiotherapy activity (including those specific to data protection, access to health records and research). Records are completed in accordance with legal, ethical, and organisational requirements. Registrants act with integrity,

honesty and openness and use sound professional judgment when endorsing, advertising, supplying or selling particular services or products. Provide truthful and accurate information (including when advertising and promoting services), disclose any financial benefit that they expect to receive through endorsement or advertising and declare any conflict of interest. Recognise their role as advocates for the physiotherapy profession.

3. RAMP registrants deliver an effective service

They put the needs of service users at the centre of their decision-making and ensure clients have been given all relevant information to enable valid consent to any decision or action affecting them. Share knowledge and skills with others to promote effective joint decision-making, planning and evaluation. Registrants communicate effectively and provide full, accurate and truthful information about the services that they deliver, including the outcomes of their activity. Consult with colleagues and share information appropriately. 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.

4. RAMP Registrants strive to achieve excellence

They seek to improve continuously. Maintain, promote and support high standards of musculoskeletal therapy in ways that are appropriate to their role and evaluate the relevance of new developments, research findings and evidence and measures of effectiveness and apply them appropriately to their activity. Critically reflect upon and evaluate their own practice. Identify and enhance their own development needs and take appropriate action to address these. They should demonstrate innovation and leadership appropriate to their role and support others' learning and development. In addition, they support the development of the veterinary musculoskeletal professions.

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