



# *Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors*

## *Position Statement: Immunization / Vaccination*

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The administration of immunizations/vaccinations is outside of the scope of practice for the registered Doctor of Chiropractic in the Province of Nova Scotia.

The Board of the Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors recognizes that based upon educational standards and curricular competencies, the Doctor of Chiropractic is able to counsel patients on health promotion and wellness. Immunization/vaccination is one topic within the educational standards and curricular competencies obtained by the Doctor of Chiropractic.

The Doctor of Chiropractic is occasionally requested by patients to provide information regarding immunization/vaccination. Providing information regarding risks, advantages and potential side effects is a public health issue and is deemed to be within the scope of practice for the Doctor of Chiropractic practicing in Nova Scotia, however, Doctors of Chiropractic are not the sole authorities on immunization and vaccinations.

The Nova Scotia College of Chiropractic recognizes the individual's right to freedom of choice in health care, based on the risks, advantages and potential side effects of such choice.