

Attention Patients:

New Written Consent Requirements for Specific Body Areas

Our regulatory body, the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario, has recently introduced new standards to help ensure patient safety, in accordance with Ontario's Protecting Patients Act, 2017.

The new standards require that we obtain your consent in writing when your proposed massage therapy plan includes assessment and/or treatment of structures involving:

- the front chest area
- the breast tissue specifically
- the inner upper thigh
- the buttocks

Once you and your student have reached a mutual agreement on your treatment plan, and you are clear that you are comfortable giving consent, if any of the above body areas are included in the plan you will be asked to initial a form that verifies your specific consent. You will initial the same form before each of the massage sessions involved in the plan.

It is important for you to know that this consent is renewed every treatment. You can change your mind at any time and withdraw consent for any of these structures if you so choose on any given appointment day.

If you would like to see the written consent form prior to your appointment, you can ask the reception staff to provide one.

If you have any questions, please direct them to your student therapist or the clinic supervisor.

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