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### CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANTS

The Chiropractic Assistant (CA) may perform physiotherapy, electrotherapy, or hydrotherapy once he or she has received the certificate from the Board. The CA scope of practice does not include performing physical examinations, taking initial histories, taking X-rays, interpretation of postural screening, doing manual muscle testing or performing osseous adjustments or manipulations. (See OAR 811-010-0110)

#### **ANY TRAINED PERSON (INCLUDING CERTIFIED CAS) MAY PERFORM THE FOLLOWING**

- 1) Clarify initial patient intake history, which includes recording or performing height, weight, blood pressure, temperature, and pulse rate.
- 2) Record hand dynamometer readings.
- 3) Demonstrate, teach, check and review with patients the doctor's prescribed exercises
- 4) Facilitate provision of vitamins and/or supplements to patients as ordered by the doctor.
- 5) Relay doctor's instructions to the patient on recommendations of nutritional needs.
- 6) Facilitate provision of cervical pillow or support as recommended by the doctor.
- 7) Make follow-up phone calls to patients on their progress as instructed by the doctor.
- 8) Schedule return office visits for patients as instructed by the doctor.
- 9) Schedule referrals as instructed by the doctor.
- 10) Check patient's body fat percentage.
- 11) Perform postural screenings under the on-site supervision of a chiropractor, but only a Chiropractor may interpret the information.
- 12) May apply electrodes and conduct surface EMG testing, but the doctor has to interpret the results. (This is existing policy which will be reviewed by the OBCE on May 21, 2009)
- ~~12) 13) This list is not intended to be all-inclusive.~~