

Professional Boundaries in the Chiropractic Office

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Professional Boundaries – 2 Hours

We will explore professional and sexual issues in the chiropractic office. Recent events have led to an acute awareness of a physician's actions that may compromise the physician-patient relationship. The chiropractic practice is unique in that it frequently involves physical contact with patients of all ages. A chiropractic office's unique circumstances may lead to situations that challenge legal, practical, and cultural differences between the doctor, staff, and patient. Ethical principles and models for decision making that is most applicable in the healthcare profession will be discussed.

Learning objectives:

- Differentiate between personal and professional ethics;
- Identify typical legal implications associated with boundary dilemmas;
- Identify typical cultural implications associated with ethical dilemmas;
- Identify behaviors that cross the boundaries of professional healthcare behavior;
- Discuss ways to mitigate allegations of boundary misconduct

Hour 1

- Shifting of attitudes and boundaries in society
- Boundary violations in the news
- Legal and Ethical Implications of Professional Boundary Violations
- The effects of boundary violations on the patient and the doctor
- Boundary violations from the patient's perspective
- The Doctor's Boundaries

Hour 2

- Discrimination Awareness
- Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
- Sexual Harassment Awareness
- The Informed Consent
- Treatment of a Minor
- Establishing Policies and Procedures On Professional Boundaries
- Vicarious Liability Issues
- Questions and Answers