

**Regulation of the Thai Traditional Medical Council  
Pertaining to the Code of Ethics of the Thai Traditional Medical Professions  
B.E. 2557 (2014)**

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By virtue of Section 24 (4) (*thor*) and Section 30 of the Thai Traditional Medical Professions Act B.E.2556 (2013), the Committee of the Thai Traditional Medical Council, with the approval of the Special Presidential Council, hereby issues this regulation as follows:

**Section 1.** This regulation is called “Regulation of the Thai Traditional Medical Council Pertaining to the Code of Ethics of the Thai Traditional Medical Professions.”

**Section 2.** This regulation shall enter into effect as the day after its publication in the Government Gazette.

**Section 3.** In this regulation:

“Thai traditional medical professions” means professions relating to the practice of Thai traditional medicine and the practice of applied Thai traditional medicine;

“practitioner” means an individual on the register of and licensed to practice Thai traditional medicine or practice applied Thai traditional medicine by the Thai Traditional Medical Council;

“Ethical Review Committee for Research in Human Subjects” means a committee established by an institution, organization or agency for the purpose of reviewing the ethics of research and experiments involving human subjects in order to safeguard the rights, safety and general welfare of volunteers participating in studies and experiments involving human subjects.

**Title 1**

**General Principles**

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**Section 4.** Practitioners must conduct themselves in a socially acceptable manner and in accordance with the laws of Thailand.

**Section 5.** Practitioners must not engage in any behavior or commit any action which may adversely impact on the honor and reputation of the professions.

**Section 6.** Practitioners must place the health and safety of their patients and the general public above all else regardless of the patient’s financial status, ethnicity, nationality, religion, society, or politics.

## Title 2

### The Practices of Thai Traditional Medicine

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**Section 7.** Practitioners shall persevere in the pursuit of academic knowledge in order to maintain the standards of the Thai traditional medical professions as stipulated by the Thai Traditional Medical Council.

**Section 8.** Practitioners must maintain the highest standards of the Thai traditional medical professions and must attempt to the best of their ability to relieve patients' suffering caused by illness or disability without demanding any special remuneration or reward other than the normal charges for treatment.

**Section 9.** A practitioner must not induce patients to undergo medical treatment simply for the benefit of the practitioner.

**Section 10.** Practitioners must not give or receive payment for having referred or agreed to accept on referral a patient for treatment.

**Section 11.** Practitioners must treat patients with courtesy and goodwill and must not subject them to threats or abuse whether physical, verbal, emotional, sexual or otherwise.

**Section 12.** Practitioners must not intentionally deceive or mislead patients about the professional practices.

**Section 13.** Practitioners must not treat patients without concern for their safety or for financial exploitation.

**Section 14.** Practitioners must not make false certification.

**Section 15.** Practitioners must not reveal confidential information about a patient they learned during the course of treatment without the patient's consent or unless it is required by law or a matter of professional duty.

**Section 16.** A practitioner may not refuse to treat any patient in danger due to illness when assistance is requested and if the practitioner is in a position to provide assistance.

**Section 17.** Practitioners should advise patients on matters relating to health and the use of medicines.

**Section 18.** Practitioners must not engage in or provide support for professional practices in contravention of the law.

## Title 3

### Advertising the Practices of Thai Traditional Medicine

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**Section 19.** Practitioners may not advertise, use, hire, or consent to allow others to advertise their medical practice or their expertise in the practice of Thai traditional medicine.

**Section 20.** Practitioners may not advertise, use, hire, or consent to allow others to advertise the medical practice or expertise in the practice of Thai traditional medicine of any other individual.

**Section 21.** Advertising as in Sections 19 and 20 is permissible in the following circumstances:

- (1) presenting professional work in an academic journal or at an academic conference;
- (2) presenting professional work in the course of duty or in the performance of community service;
- (3) presenting professional work or academic advance for the purpose of educating the public;
- (4) acknowledging official honors by an academic institution, association, or charity.

**Section 22.** Practitioners may post only the following information about their professional practice at their place of business:

- (1) name, surname and possibly an accompanying academic position, royal rank or title;
- (2) academic degree, certification, license, or other professional credential given by the Thai Traditional Medical Council or by another government-certified institution;
- (3) type of Thai traditional medical practices offered;
- (4) working hours.

**Section 23.** Practitioners may display only the following professional information at their place of business: telephone number or other contact details or any other information permitted under Section 22.

**Section 24.** Any practitioner who provides professional information or who answers questions pertaining to Thai traditional medical practices over public media and who identifies him/herself as a practitioner must not disclose the location of his/her private business such that it is intended as advertising and the practitioner must not disclose the information listed in Section 22 in the same place or at the same time.

#### Title 4

##### Relations with Other Thai Traditional Medical Practitioners

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**Section 25.** Practitioners shall honor and respect the reputation of other practitioners and shall work to promote unity within the community of Thai traditional medical practitioners.

**Section 26.** A practitioner may not take credit for the work of another practitioner.

**Section 27.** A practitioner may not make false accusations against or show contempt for another practitioner.

**Section 28.** Practitioners may not take patients away from another practitioner.

#### Title 5

##### Relations with Colleagues

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**Section 29.** Practitioners shall show honor and respect for the reputation of colleagues.

**Section 30.** Practitioners shall not make false accusations against or show contempt for colleagues.

**Section 31.** Practitioners shall support and promote opportunities for colleagues to improve related academic knowledge.

**Title 6**

**Experiments in Human Subjects**

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**Section 32.** Practitioners who conduct experiments in human subjects must receive written consent from their subjects and approval from the Ethical Review Committee for Research in Human Subjects.

**Title 7**

**Behavior Relating to the Place for Professional Practices**

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**Section 33.** Practitioners must conduct themselves in accordance with the laws on medical sanatoria and medicines.

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