

AHHCA Code of Ethics

- The principle of Holistic Healing is, "the body, given it's right circumstances, will heal itself", therefore, practitioners do not heal anything.
- The role of the practitioner is to facilitate the health, healing, and wellbeing of the individual through an eclectic use of healing methods, modalities, and information and resources, for the purpose of treating the whole person body, mind, emotions and spirit.

Practitioners MUST:

- Provide safe and ethical healthcare
- Obtain consent for treatment
- Take care to protect clients from infection
- Minimise harm and act appropriately if there are adverse reactions to treatment
- Report concerns about other practitioners to appropriate organisations
- Keep appropriate records and comply with privacy laws
- Be covered by insurance
- Display information about the general code of conduct and making a complaint
- Be respectful of different backgrounds and ways of being, and serve those in need irrespective of nationality, gender, sexual preference, age, marital status, race, culture, creed, political, views or social standing.
- Present themselves in a professional manner reflected in standards of dress, hygiene, speech, etc.

Practitioners MUST NOT:

- Be misleading about their products, service or qualifications
- Make false claims about healing any serious illness, such as cancer
- Put clients at risk due to their own physical or mental health problems
- Practice in an impaired state
- Exploit clients financially
- Have inappropriate relationships with clients
- Discourage clients from seeking help from other health care practitioners/services or refuse to work collaboratively with others if their clients do

In addition:

- Practitioners should NOT treat diseases, but rather the whole person
- Practitioners should use methods or techniques that are gentle, natural, and that will do no harm
- Practitioners should make all reasonable attempts to ensure that intellectual property and copyrights are honoured/acknowledged when providing education/information to clients/students.
- Members must not discredit the Association by words or actions.
- All members must accept full responsibility for the Holistic services they provide.

This code applies even when the practitioner is offering support outside of the therapeutic setting.

The Australian Holistic Healers and Counsellors Association <u>www.ahhca.org</u>