

WAC 246-803-040 Education and training for point injection therapy. Acupuncturist or acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioners employing point injection therapy shall use only those substances and techniques for which they have received training.

(1) The education and training for point injection therapy must:

(a) Consist of a minimum total of twenty-four contact hours of training in the topics required in this section;

(b) Include at least eight hours of clinical practical experience; and

(c) Be administered by an instructor that meets the requirements of subsection (4) of this section.

(2) A curriculum for a point injection therapy training program must include:

(a) Review of physical examination, contraindications and universal precautions, and differential diagnosis;

(b) Compounding and administration of the substances authorized for point injection therapy under WAC 246-803-030, including aseptic technique, recordkeeping and storage of substances authorized for use in point injection therapy;

(c) Emergency procedures;

(d) Point injection therapy techniques and contraindication within the acupuncture or Eastern medicine scope of practice relative to the authorized substances listed in WAC 246-803-030 (10)(a)(i) through (vi).

(3) Except for the training in the use of intramuscular epinephrine, the training must be delivered in person and not through webinar or other online or distance learning method.

(4) An instructor for point injection therapy must have:

(a) A health care credential in good standing with a scope of practice that includes point injection therapy; and

(b) At least five years of experience in a health care practice that includes point injection therapy.

(5) In addition to point injection therapy meeting the requirements of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, acupuncturists or acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioners using point injection therapy must complete training in the use of intramuscular epinephrine.

(a) Training in the use of intramuscular epinephrine must be according to RCW 70.54.440(4).

(b) This training may be taken separately from the training in point injection therapy.

(c) Up to two hours of training in the use of intramuscular epinephrine count in meeting the requirement for twenty-four hours of training.

(d) An acupuncturist or acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner who holds an active credential with a scope of practice that includes the authority to prescribe, dispense or administer epinephrine does not need to meet the requirements of (a) of this subsection.

(6) To qualify under this section, the training program shall provide each successful student with a:

(a) Certificate of successful completion of the program; and

(b) Course syllabus outlining the schedule and curriculum of the program.

(7) The requirements of subsections (1) through (6) of this section do not apply to an acupuncturist or acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner who has provided point injection therapy prior to July 1, 2017. Acupuncturists or acupuncture and Eastern medicine prac-

titioners using point injection therapy prior to July 1, 2017, must have completed training and education in point injection therapy.

(8) Any acupuncturist or acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner performing point injection therapy must be able to demonstrate, upon request of the department of health, successful completion of education and training in point injection therapy.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.06.160, chapter 18.06 RCW, 2019 c 308, 2020 c 229 and 2020 c 76. WSR 21-09-008, § 246-803-040, filed 4/8/21, effective 5/9/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.06.230, 18.06.160, and 18.06.010. WSR 17-15-006, § 246-803-040, filed 7/5/17, effective 7/5/17.]