

WAC 246-918-420 Abuse. (1) A physician assistant commits unprofessional conduct if the physician assistant abuses a patient. A physician assistant abuses a patient when they:

(a) Make statements regarding the patient's body, appearance, sexual history, or sexual orientation that have no legitimate medical or therapeutic purpose;

(b) Remove a patient's clothing or gown without consent;

(c) Fail to treat an unconscious or deceased patient's body or property respectfully; or

(d) Engage in any conduct, whether verbal or physical, which unreasonably demeans, humiliates, embarrasses, threatens, or harms a patient.

(2) A violation of any provision of this rule shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.71A.020, 18.130.050, 2024 c 62, and chapter 18.71A RCW. WSR 24-23-043, s 246-918-420, filed 11/14/24, effective 12/15/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.130.180, 18.71.017, and 18.71A.020. WSR 06-03-028, § 246-918-420, filed 1/9/06, effective 2/9/06.]