Ensuring Your Safety...

The Board of Acupuncture, under the Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, is responsible for establishing and enforcing health care standards for the practice of acupuncture and oriental medicine. The Board reviews applications to ensure applicants meet all licensure requirements. They initiate investigations and take disciplinary actions when appropriate to ensure the safety of all people in Florida.

Help Protect Yourself...

It is illegal to practice acupuncture or to provide any medical or health care services to Florida residents and visitors without a valid, active license. The Department of Health has made the vigorous enforcement of licensure regulation one of its priorities.

You should always make sure that you have a qualified health care provider. Call the Department's toll-free unlicensed activity hotline at I-877-HALT-ULA (I-877- 425-8852), or e-mail us at HALTULA@doh.state.fl.us

Medical Quality Assurance

The Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance (MQA) is responsible for regulating all health care practitioners in Florida. MQA ensures that skillfully trained health care personnel are caring for the people of Florida. All licensed health care professionals in Florida are required to continue their education and remain current in their profession.



Department of Health Mission:

To promote and protect the health and safety of all people in Florida through the delivery of quality public health services and the promotion of health care standards.



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Acupuncturists must be licensed to practice in Florida. Florida licensed acupuncturists, often referred to as APs or DOMs, are primary health care providers that have completed a four-year intensive study program in the appropriate use of acupuncture and oriental medicine.

Acupuncturists must pass a national examination, which tests knowledge and skills based on Traditional Chinese Medical (TCM) concepts and Modern Oriental Medical Techniques required for proper acupuncture treatment.

What is Oriental Medicine?

Oriental Medicine is a diagnostic and treatment system used alone or in conjunction with traditional medical treatment.

A natural healing therapy used in China for more than 3000 years, Oriental Medicine views all internal organs and tissues in the body as interconnected into a complete organized system.

Oriental Medicine incorporates:

Acupuncture: This form of treatment uses a variety of techniques to help reprogram the body to a healthier state. These techniques could include the use of touch, needles, or in some cases, even lasers.

Chinese Herbology: This form of treatment uses a mixture of many herbs tailored to the individual patient.

Chinese Massage & Bodywork (Tui-Na):

This form of Asian bodywork most closely resembles conventional western massage. While many of the techniques are similar, the intent of Tui Na is more specifically therapeutic than other types of massage.

Know the Facts

Do not risk your health—always make sure that your acupuncturist is licensed. Ask to see their current acupuncturist license or check online at **www.FLHealthSource.com**

Injury can occur if acupuncture treatment is done inappropriately or by a person not appropriately trained. Potential harm includes bleeding, nerve injury, bruising, dizziness, and/or infection.

Many people assume that just because something is natural, it is safe. This is not true of herbs. Taking herbs inappropriately can worsen or cause additional medical conditions. Always seek the guidance of a licensed health care provider before using herbs—whether you are using them for dietary supplements or for other medical treatment.

