

Practice and Management in Clinical Areas

Vision

- What is the interprofessional team's understanding of integrated practice?
- How does integrating CAM into the interprofessional care support the vision of the team and organization?

Level of Evidence

- What is the level of evidence required for team members to accept and support CAM therapies?
- How will the team balance scientific evidence and clinical expertise in decision-making regarding the use of CAM therapies in patient care?
- How will the team address lack of knowledge regarding CAM?

Role Expectations

- What are the role expectations/functions for CAM providers? How do role expectations support CAM providers to work as equal members of the interprofessional team in a fully integrated practice?
- How will liability issues be addressed?

Interprofessional Care

- How will CAM therapies be coordinated alongside conventional medicine?
- How will referrals be done?
- What are the expectations for health surveillance, reporting and accountability that are within the scope of the CAM role? How will the interprofessional team support proper surveillance of patient health status beyond the scope of CAM?



- What networks of support will be created for the CAM role? How will CAM providers make and accept referrals and work with internal and external service providers, community partners and other outside agencies?
- How will the CAM role and therapies be evaluated within your agency? What performance indicators will be used and how do these indicators reflect an integrative approach to care? How will the team create a forum for ongoing evaluation and feedback?

Patient Education

- How will information about the CAM role and the potential usefulness of an integrative approach to health care be shared with others inside and outside of your agency?
- How will the interprofessional team promote freedom of choice for patients? How will the team ensure that patients have access to up-to-date, accurate information to support informed decision-making? (Frenkel & Cohen, 2008; Patterson & Arthur, 2008; Ross, 2009)

