



Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine And Acupuncture UK (ATCM)

Fit to Practice (FTP) Guideline for Members

Ensuring professional, safe, and ethical practice in acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine

1. Purpose

This document outlines the Fit to Practice (FTP) requirements for all members of the Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture UK (ATCM). It ensures that practitioners maintain high standards of professionalism, clinical competence, and ethical behavior.

2. General Requirements

Members must adhere to ATCM's Code of Practice and Professional Conduct. They are expected to practice within their level of competence, maintain appropriate professional boundaries, and act with integrity at all times.

3. Clinical Competence

Practitioners must maintain a high level of clinical knowledge and skill, ensuring all treatments are based on sound Traditional Chinese Medicine principles. Members should use only recognized methods and equipment that meet safety standards.

4. Professional Conduct

All members must treat patients, colleagues, and the public with respect and dignity. They should not engage in behavior that may damage the reputation of the profession or the ATCM. Confidentiality must be maintained at all times unless disclosure is required by law.

5. Health and Fitness to Practice

Members must be free from health conditions or impairments that could affect their ability to practice safely and effectively. Practitioners should notify the ATCM if they develop a physical or mental health condition that may impact their professional performance.

6. Compliance, Monitoring, and Reporting

The ATCM reserves the right to monitor compliance with FTP standards. Members are required to cooperate with any investigations related to professional conduct, competence, or health. Failure to meet FTP standards may result in disciplinary action or removal from the membership register.

7. Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

All members must engage in regular CPD activities to maintain and enhance their professional knowledge and competence. CPD evidence may be requested as part of periodic audits or revalidation procedures.