

WNF Policy on Regulation

The WNF encourages regulation of the naturopathic profession in every jurisdiction. Regulation of the profession ensures patient safety, practitioner accountability and professional integrity.

Naturopathy / naturopathic medicine is a profession and system of medicine / health care based on an approach to health practice underpinned by specific philosophies, principles and theories. It involves detailed assessment processes and naturopathic diagnosis. There is a core set of modalities and therapies that are common to Naturopathic practice, and due to the integrative nature of the profession, it also provides for regional and jurisdictional variability.

The regulation of single modalities, in the absence of regulation of health care professions, does not accurately or appropriately reflect the regulatory requirements for naturopathic practice (nor any other health profession). Ensuring the regulation of professionals ensures patient access and safety. We therefore encourage countries and their jurisdictions to focus on the regulation of health care professions, not treatment modalities.