

Oregon Board of Massage Therapists OAR 334
Proposed Changes
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Practice of Massage

- (1) Massage treatment may include, but is not limited to:
 - (a) Client intake and assessment;
 - (b) Practice of massage or bodywork;
 - (c) Post massage assessment and recommendation; and
 - (d) Documentation.
- (2) Massage treatment does not include:
 - (a) The application of high velocity/low amplitude force further defined as thrust techniques directed toward joint surfaces;
 - (b) The use of equipment or devices that require a prescription; or
 - (c) Making a medical diagnosis.
- (3) A massage therapist must use safe and functional coverage/draping practices during the practice of massage when the client is disrobed.
 - (a) Safe and functional coverage/draping means:
 - (A) LMT explains, maintains and respects coverage/draping boundaries;
 - (B) Client gives informed consent;
 - (C) Genitals and gluteal cleft of male and female clients and the breast area of female clients are not exposed;
 - (i) With voluntary and informed consent of the client, the gluteal and breast drapes may be temporarily moved in order to perform therapeutic treatment of the area.
 - (D) Massage or movement of the body does not expose genitals, gluteal cleft or breast area.
 - (b) Exceptions to the rule may be made for LMTs who can document training in specific modalities that require variations in coverage/draping.
- (4) A Licensed massage therapist must not perform or offer to perform any services for clients other than those connected with giving massage therapy treatments as defined in ORS 687, unless the LMT has additional training and/or licensure.
- (5) A person represents himself or herself as a massage therapist when the person adopts or uses any word(s) that implies a skill or application as defined by statute 687.011.
- (6) Any person who holds a license as a massage therapist in this state may use the abbreviation "LMT." No other person(s) may assume such title or such abbreviation or any other word[s], letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the person using the title is a licensed massage therapist.
- (7) All licensed massage therapists must notify the Board office in writing of any change of residence, business, email or mailing address within 30 days of change of address.
- (8) Active licensed massage therapists must display their **current** license in a location clearly visible to their clients.
- (9) Active licensed massage therapists are required to include their license number in all advertisements, including but not limited to: written, electronic, televised and audio.