



**Rule 4731-1-04, OAC**, sets forth the scope of practice of a mechanotherapist.

- The rule is proposed to be amended by adding “electrical neuromuscular stimulation” at paragraph (C)(4). The amendment is proposed so that the rule matches the provisions of Section 4731.151, Ohio Revised Code. The Revised Code authorizes mechanotherapists to use electrical neuromuscular stimulation.

**Rule 4731-1-06, OAC**, sets forth the scope of practice of naprapathy.

- It is proposed as a “no change” rule.

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4731-1-04

**Scope of practice: mechanotherapy.**

- (A) A practitioner of mechanotherapy shall examine patients only by verbal inquiry, examination of the musculoskeletal system by hand, and visual inspection and observation. A practitioner of mechanotherapy shall specifically not employ any techniques which involve extraction or analysis of body tissue or fluids.
- (B) A practitioner of mechanotherapy shall not diagnose a patient's condition except as to whether or not there is a disorder of the musculoskeletal system present.
- (C) A practitioner of mechanotherapy, in the treatment of patients, may apply only those techniques listed below, but he may apply such techniques only to those disorders of the musculoskeletal system which are amenable to treatment by the listed techniques and which are identifiable by examination and diagnosis as described in this rule:
- (1) advised or supervised exercise;
  - (2) massage or manipulation; ~~or~~
  - (3) employment of air, water, heat, cold, sound or infrared rays; ~~or~~
  - [\(4\) electrical neuromuscular stimulation.](#)