

Practice Guidance: Question of the month – March 2025

If a Physiotherapist sells their clinic – does the new owner need to change the name?

This would depend on if the new owner is a physiotherapist or if a physiotherapist maintains majority ownership. Our current legislation, the *Physiotherapists Act*, states that “No person except a physiotherapist shall use any sign, display, title or advertisement implying that he or she is a physiotherapist.” Therefore, if a physiotherapist sells majority ownership to a non-physiotherapist, the clinic name would need to change if it included the protected title. Information on naming of a clinic is housed in the Practice Direction **Approval of a Physiotherapy Business Name**.

Do I need to let the College know?

Yes, a registrant is required send a letter to the College when they sell, move or close a clinic. The letter provides the required information on ownership and if this will impact the clinic name as well as management of patient records. This letter should include the plan for communication to patients that will outline these changes if it impacts their patient records. This required information is clearly defined in the Practice Direction **Client Records When Closing/Moving/Selling a Clinic**.