



APPENDIX 2: IASI Position Statement - Appropriate Regulation of Structural Integration

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In response to the high prevalence in the United States of America of required state authorization to practice structural integration coupled with use of inappropriate standards in existing law and regulation for structural integration education, practice, and competency assessment, The Board of Directors of the International Association of Structural Integrators offers this policy guidance for legislators, regulators and other consumers.

- I. Structural integration is a distinct, specialized bodywork discipline with a unique scope of practice.
- II. Appropriate regulation of structural integration protects the public from unsafe and unqualified practitioners.
- III. Professional licensure boards can appropriately regulate structural integration practitioners, *provided that* regulations incorporate professional standards, educational requirements (initial and continuing), and competency assessment specific to the discipline of structural integration.
- IV. Safe practice of structural integration is assured by:
 - professional practice standards and defined scope of practice
 - professional standards for basic education
 - competency determination by examination
- V. The safe practice of structural integration requires demonstrated competency in:
 - visual assessment of global postural and movement patterns
 - manual assessment of fascial and myofascial tissues
 - manual therapy skills and movement education skills
 - organizing a series of individualized sessions, based on the work of Dr. Ida P. Rolf, to increase clients' capacity for efficient, comfortable movement
 - adherence to ethical and contraindication protocols