

Standard practice

Standard practice refers to a widely accepted way of doing something that is considered to be the most **efficient**, **effective**, or appropriate **method** based on established **norms**, **principles**, and **procedures**. It is a set of **guidelines**, **procedures**, or **protocols** that are commonly used in a particular field to ensure **consistency**, **quality**, and **safety**.

Standard practices can be established through **research**, **analysis**, and **experience**. They are often developed by professional **organizations**, **government agencies**, or **industry groups** to provide guidance to practitioners in their respective fields. Adhering to standard practices helps to minimize **errors**, improve **outcomes**, and ensure that work is done in a consistent and reliable manner.

Examples of standard practices include:

Medical procedures: Standard practices are established to guide medical professionals in diagnosing, treating, and managing various health conditions.

Overall, standard practices play an important role in ensuring **consistency**, **quality**, and **safety** across a wide range of industries and fields.

In 1993, the US Supreme Court ruled that an essential component for a **treatment** to be considered standard practice is acceptance from the relevant scientific **community**¹⁾

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Daubert v Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, 509 US 579, 589 (1993)

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