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College of Naturopaths of Ontario

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News



"The happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more." H. Jackson Brown Jr.

We join hundreds of other Canadian organizations by celebrating National Volunteer Week in April! Every year more than 80 naturopaths and members of the public give over 40,000 volunteer hours to the College. That works out to about 3,330 hours a month. These volunteers make important contributions to the safety and evolution of the profession by helping shape how it's regulated. Hat's off to all our volunteers! Your contributions drive our success.

Want to get involved?

We are actively seeking volunteers for multiple roles on various committees.

For more information on how to get involved, <u>click here</u>.

Exam Volunteers

We are also recruiting examiners for these exams:

• Ontario Clinical (practical) in acupuncture, manipulation and physical exam/instrumentation; and

• Intravenous Infusion Therapy (IVIT).

Parlez-Vous Français?

We also need French-speaking examiners, assessors for the Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition (PLAR) program, and members for our Exam Committee.

To learn more including time commitments, qualifications and how to apply for these

Registration and Exam positions, send us an email.

Updated Standards of Practice and Guidelines

The College Executive Committee recently approved changes to a number of Standards of Practice and Guidelines that outline quality and safety expectations for services provided to patients by naturopaths. The College regularly develops, reviews and updates these and other documents to reflect current legislative and health care system requirements as part of the framework for the practice of the profession. Members are advised to review and adopt all changes relevant to their practice.

Access the full summary of changes made to each of the following documents:

Standards of Practice

- Conflict of Interest
- Dual Registration
- Fees and Billing
- Infection Control
- Record Keeping
- Restricted Titles

Guidelines

- Conflict of Interest
- Contradictions for Manipulation

Is your CPR certification current?

General class Members must have valid Healthcare Provider Level CPR at all times. One (1) year and two (2) year CPR certifications must be renewed on or before their expiry date. Anything issued for more than two (2) years must be renewed on or before the two (2) year anniversary of the certification. <u>Email</u> us if you have questions about requirements and valid certifications.

New program re illegal marketing of drugs and devices

Health Canada's online <u>Stop Illegal Marketing of Drugs and Devices (SIM-DD) Program</u> aims to:

1. Support health care professionals in understanding what is, and is not, illegal advertising and marketing.

2. Provide health professionals with a quick tool to file a complaint to Health Canada should they encounter potentially illegal practices.

3. Help health professionals avoid engaging in illegal advertising when promoting health products and/or services to consumers.

Outstanding legal achievement

Congratulations to Richard Steinecke, founder and principal of the College's general legal firm, SML Law. He is this year's recipient of the Ontario Bar Association's Tom Marshall Award of Excellence for Public Sector Lawyers, celebrating outstanding achievement by Ontario lawyers practising in the public interest.

FAQ



This News Bulletin highlights a practice-related FAQ and response from our Regulatory Education Specialist.

Can I use a treatment like reiki or Bowen therapy in my practice?

Techniques such as reiki or Bowen therapy are in the public domain and do not require legal authorization to perform them, unlike for example, controlled acts or ordering lab tests. A Member of the College may perform an assessment or treatment that is in the public domain as long as they:

• have acquired the knowledge, skill and judgment to provide the assessment or treatment safely, competently, and ethically;

are providing it within the context of a naturopathic assessment and treatment plan; and
comply with the College's regulations and standards, such as record keeping, informed consent, and fees and billing.

Deadlines & Reminders

Council Election Voting ends May 1

Members who are eligible to vote in District 3 have until **Wednesday**, **May 1**, **2019** to cast their ballots in the Supplemental Election to elect a Member to sit on the College Council.

To begin the voting process, <u>click here</u>.

Type 2 IVIT Occurrence Annual Reports due May 1. <u>Access the 2019 Annual Report Form</u>. (The designated member for all premises that perform IVIT must submit a report even if there were no occurrences.)

Upcoming 2019 Exam Dates

Ontario IVIT Exam: May 5 (registration now closed)

- Ontario Prescribing and Therapeutics Exam: June 23 (register between May 10 31)
- Ontario Clinical Sciences Exam: June 27 (register between May 13 29)
- Ontario Clinical Exams (Practical): July 21 (register between May 28 June 17)

Upcoming Council Meeting: April 24, 2019. Meetings are open to the public and College Members. Seating is limited, so please register with us ahead of time by phone at 416-583-6010 or by <u>email</u>.



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