

College of Naturopaths of Ontario

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News



Requisitioning Laboratory Tests

NDs are reminded that they may only requisition tests or take and send samples to Ontario laboratories licensed under the Laboratory Specimen Collection Centre Licensing Act. Click the link to search for a licensed lab.

<https://iqmh.org/Services/Centre-For-Accreditation/Accredited-Facilities#accreditedlabs>

Call for Council Nominations

The Registrar has set March 8, 2018 as the election date for Members of the Council in Districts 2 (South), 4 (Toronto East), and 6 (North Central). The call for nominations opened on December 5, 2017 for a 3 year term (April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2021). The deadline for nominations is January 4, 2018. Details [here](#).

Updates to the Standards and Guidelines

Following a public consultation that closed on August 31, 2017, the College has recently updated the following standards and guidelines:

- Acupuncture Standard of Practice
- Advertising Standard of Practice
- Communicating a Diagnosis Standard of Practice
- Consent Standard of Practice
- Internal Examinations Standard of Practice
- Emergency Preparedness Standard of Practice
- Advertising Guideline
- Informed Consent Guideline
- Managing Risk in Clinical Practice Guideline.

Details [here](#).

FAQ



Each *News Bulletin* highlights a practise-related FAQ and response from our [Regulatory Education Specialist](#).

Do I have to have an initial in-person visit that includes a physical examination for a new patient before I can do a 'telemedicine' visit?

The College does not require that the initial visit includes a physical examination nor does it have to be done in person; however, the General Regulation states that prior to communicating a diagnosis the Member must conduct an assessment using one or more of the following:

1. The patient's health history.
2. The findings of an objective patient evaluation, including a physical examination of the patient.

3. The results of any relevant tests or investigations.

It is the responsibility of each Member to exercise their knowledge, skill and judgment to determine what information is needed and how they will collect the information in order to formulate a diagnosis and provide the appropriate care.

The Member is expected to consider the needs of the patient, the condition they present with and any unique circumstances when determining whether an in person visit or one by telemedicine is the best approach and in the best interest of the patient.

Office Holiday Closure

The College will be closing at 3:00 pm on Friday, December 22, 2017 and will reopen for business on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 8:30 am. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

If you recently changed your name...

You can help your 2018 registration renewal go more quickly this spring by submitting the College's name change form ahead of time. [Learn how.](#)

Deadlines & Reminders



Upcoming Council meeting: January 24, 2018

Observers are welcome. If you are interested in attending, please email info@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca to register.

Practice Resources



Read [Celebrating Peer and Practice Assessments](#) - the newest blog post from College Registrar and CEO Andrew Parr.

Our website includes extensive practice resources to support you in providing safe, ethical and competent naturopathic care. Here are links to several topics:

- Did you know that sound record keeping practices may be one of your most important defenses if a patient complaint is made against you? The [Standard of Practice for Record Keeping](#) includes tips and requirements for charting and records.
- [Ordering Lab Tests](#) specifies the 194 tests that a naturopath is authorized to requisition for a patient from a licensed specimen collection centre or laboratory.
- [Telemedicine](#)
- [Privacy Issues When a Patient is Suicidal](#)

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