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News



We are five years old!

On July 1, 2015, naturopaths joined Ontario's community of the 26 self-regulated health professions that exist to provide safe, competent and ethical health care in the best interest of the public.

Coming under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* marked the starting point of a whole new and exciting journey for the profession—and we can tell you that a lot has happened in those five years! We plan on sharing some of those important milestones and achievements as the year unfolds.



In the meantime, we hope that in reading this, our Members will take a few moments to celebrate the profession's success in embracing its commitment to self-regulation. We'd like our volunteers, staff and supporters to know just how much their contributions mean to our organisation, and we hope that Ontarians recognise that we are here to support their health and well-being when they receive naturopathic care.

Mark your calendar—Important renewal deadlines are coming up

In April, the College Council approved several important measures to ease the financial burden that Members are experiencing because of COVID-19. Among these measures were a 40% reduction of the registration renewal fees for 2020-2021, an extended payment deadline and a CPR certification renewal extension.

What should I do before September 30, 2020?

- [Pay your registration fee](#) if you have not already done so.
- Complete the [Advertising self-assessment questionnaire](#).
- Renew your CPR Certification if it expired on or after February 1, 2020.

Find more information on the [Registration Renewal 2020 webpage](#).

Consultation—Thank you for your feedback!

The consultation for the *Standard of Practice for Infection Control* and the new *Telepractice Guideline* is now closed. Thank you to everyone who participated, we appreciate your feedback!

Comments received during a consultation process are reviewed by the appropriate committee of the College and by the Council as part of the decision-making process. All feedback will be carefully considered, even that which is not reflected in the final documents.

Clinical Sciences Exam—Mandatory Information Webinar

The next scheduled Clinical Sciences Exam session will be conducted via an online exam delivery and proctoring platform on September 29, 2020. Candidates interested in sitting this session must participate in an information webinar being offered by the College on July 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. EDT. To register for this webinar, please [click here](#).

FAQ



Stay up to date with COVID-19 FAQs for NDs

Recently added items include:

Are NDs allowed to perform cosmetic facial acupuncture on patients at this time?

The College does not have specific restrictions on what treatments Members may provide. The Ministry of Health's *Operational Requirements for Health Sector Restart* and the College's *COVID-19 Reopening Guideline* outline what must be in place in order to gradually reopen a practice. A Member may provide whatever services they feel they can do safely while ensuring all requirements are met. Protocols that would need to be followed when doing a treatment such as facial acupuncture would be different from a visit in which there is no physical contact with the patient and a 2-metre physical distance can be maintained at all times.

Can I use a cloth mask when seeing patients instead of a surgical mask?

The College does not approve or deny the use of specific items or equipment. It is the ND's personal responsibility to stay informed on and meet all of the requirements in the College's *COVID-19 Reopening Guideline* and those of the Ontario government in order to provide in-

person services. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should include surgical/procedure masks or N95 masks for aerosol generating procedures.

Find the answers to your COVID-19-related questions [here](#).

Deadlines & Reminders



- **Ontario Clinical (Practical) Exam**, July 19, 2020: cancelled
- August 13 **Clinical Sciences Exam** is rebooked to September 29, 2020. **[You must register for the July 23 webinar if you wish to sit the exam.](#)**
- **Next Council meeting**: July 29, 2020. Council meetings are open to the public and Members, [please register by e-mail](#) if you wish to participate.
- **CE reporting deadline**: September 30, 2020. [Read the changes to CE credit requirements.](#)

Practice Resources



- [COVID-19 Reopening Guideline](#)
[Aussi disponible en français!](#)
- Latest blog post: [Providing immune support to patients during COVID-19.](#)



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