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# News



## **Important changes to Mandatory Self-Reporting**

We sent a profession-wide email on June 14 to let Members know about new requirements applicable to all Ontario NDs and what you need to do to comply. To recap, please read the “Reportable Information” questions below.

- If you answer yes to any of them, you must [report the information](#) to the College. Failure to do so may result in findings of professional misconduct which may include a variety of penalties against you and your registration to practise.
- If your answers are all no, you do not need to do anything.

### *Reportable Information*

1. Are you currently registered with any other regulatory body in Ontario and/or any other Canadian, US or international jurisdiction? In other words, do you practise or are you authorized to practise another regulated profession in addition to naturopathy?
2. Are you currently registered with any other naturopathic regulatory body in any jurisdiction outside Ontario?

3. Has a finding of professional misconduct or incompetence been made against you by another regulatory body in Ontario and/or in any other jurisdiction?
4. Have you been charged with any offence? An offence means any breach of law that is prosecuted in a court including criminal or drug charges, speeding or parking tickets, etc.
5. Have there been any findings of guilt, professional negligence, or malpractice against you?
6. Are there any bail or release restrictions currently in place?

***Note that these reporting requirements apply as of May 1, 2018 to all regulated health professionals in Ontario. This means that should any of these occur during the course of a year, you are legally required to report them to the College as soon as reasonably possible but no longer than 30 days from the date of occurrence. You cannot wait until the annual renewal of your registration to advise the College of these events.***

#### *Other Mandatory Reports*

In addition to the above, our website includes a list of [all Mandatory Reports](#) (e.g., sexual abuse, child abuse, patient privacy breaches, etc.).

## FAQ



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

**I know I can't provide information to my patients about vaccinations since it is outside of the scope of practice, but what can I say about other forms of treatment that I feel strongly about?**

As with a Member's advertising, any information provided to patients must be accurate, true and verifiable as well as within the limits of their knowledge, skill and judgment. While a Member may

have a strong view or opinion about a certain aspect of health care or treatment, professional boundaries dictate that their personal views should not be shared with patients. Members are expected to inform patients only on that which is within the naturopathic scope of practice in Ontario and in a professional, accurate and balanced manner.

## Deadlines & Reminders



Second **Inspection Fee installments** for existing premises are due by June 30. An invoice and payment instructions have been emailed to all designated members.

If you have been thinking of taking the **Ontario Prescribing and Therapeutics Exam** in order to be able to prescribe drugs such as therapeutic doses of vitamins A and D, folic acid and more, now is an ideal time to [enroll in the pre-requisite online course](#) to be able to sit the next exam on October 28, 2018.

Our consultation about proposed revisions to our *Standards of Practice* and *Practice Guidelines* closed last week. Thank you to the Members and organizations that have provided feedback to date. We will report on the results later this summer.

Group I **CE Reporting** is due September 30, 2018. [Find your group.](#)

## Practice Resources



The [Members Practice section](#) of our website contains extensive information to help NDs in practice, including [Regulatory Guidance articles](#) on topics such as *Transfer of Records*, *New Graduates Working for a College Member*, *Reportable Diseases*, and more.

Read our May [News Bulletin](#) about all of the other recent changes to the [Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991](#) that apply to NDs. For instance, a person is considered to be a patient of a Member for one year after the person stopped receiving treatment from a Member. As such, it

may be considered sexual abuse if a Member, within one year of ending the professional relationship, enters into a sexual relationship (even if consensual) with a formal patient.

Be [iNformeD for summer!](#) The latest issue of our quarterly newsletter features:

- key lessons for all NDs based on a recent Discipline hearing,
- ND insights on the Inspection Program,
- a summary of a complaint about advertising services in the public domain or “wearing two hats”, and more.

Check out our latest blog posts!

- [Restricted Titles](#)
- [Peer and Practice Assessments – Separating Fact from Fiction](#)
- [Providing Online Naturopathic Care](#)

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