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News



Registration renewal ends March 31

Our website includes more [details](#) and [resources](#) to help you complete the process. Click [here to renew](#) now – it takes about 15 minutes from start to finish. You will be asked to sign in to our Member portal with your user name and password.

Changing registration class or your name?

Don't leave these until the last minute. Both take extra time and must be completed before you can start the renewal process.

NEW: Payment Plan Program – enrol by March 23

We are pleased to introduce a Payment Plan Program as a pilot for this renewal year. Interested Members will need to enrol by March 23, 2018 and must not pay any fees via the College's online payment system. [Learn more.](#)

Council election results

At the close of nominations on January 4, Dr. Danielle O'Connor ND, (District 2 - South) and Dr. Tara Gignac, ND (District 6 – North Central) were both acclaimed for three-year terms because no other nominations were received in these Districts.

An election took place in District 4 (Toronto East). Based on results at the close of balloting on March 8, 2018, Dr. Shelley Burns, ND has been re-elected to serve a three-year term.

The three members will each be serving a second three-year term on Council, beginning April 25, 2018 and ending at the Council meeting in April 2021.

"To move forward, you have to give back."*

We have a number of positions open for NDs to serve on various College Committees. This is a great way to become involved in the College and to learn more about what's involved in regulating the profession and protecting the public. Please [email us](#) by March 22 to learn more.

* Oprah Winfrey

When is someone a "patient"?

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care is conducting a consultation about three new Regulations to be made under the [Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991](#) that will:

- establish criteria for the purpose of defining who is a patient, in the context of sexual abuse;
- expand the information that each health regulatory College is required to post about members of the profession on their public register; and
- identify prescribed offences for which College Discipline Committee panels would be required to revoke the certificate of registration of members found guilty of professional misconduct under clause 51(1)(a) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, which is Schedule 2 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*.

The consultation is open until March 22, 2018. Click [here](#) to comment (scroll to bottom of page to submit by email).

Consent & capacity knowledge assessment – input needed

The Consent & Capacity Working Group of the Federation of Health Regulatory Colleges of Ontario is assessing the current consent and capacity knowledge of all regulated health professionals. The survey results will help to determine the feasibility of creating educational materials to improve Members' understanding of their obligations for obtaining consent and for assessing capacity in their respective practice settings.

Members are asked to complete the five – 10 minute [survey](#) by no later than April 15. Responses are anonymous and will only be used in aggregate format.

Office of the Fairness Commissioner assessment

Similar to regulated health professionals in Ontario, the College is also governed by legislation and organizations that define its work. We are in the midst of an assessment of our registration practices, conducted by the [Office of the Fairness Commissioner](#) (OFC), which takes place either as a full or partial assessment every three years. The OFC is an agency of the Ontario government with the mandate to ensure that the registration practices of Ontario's regulated professions and trades are transparent, objective, impartial, and fair. This year's full assessment is reviewing all of the specific and general duties described in the [Fair Access to Regulated](#)

[Professions and Compulsory Trades Act, 2006](#) and the [Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991](#) - collectively known as fair access legislation. The final report will identify areas where we are doing well and where further improvement is needed, and will be available on our website in late May 2018.

In addition to full or partial assessments, each regulated profession must provide an annual Fair Registration Practices Report detailing the profession's progress in meeting the requirements of the fair access legislation. The College's submitted Reports are available [here](#).

FAQ



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

Can I write a doctor's note or complete a form brought in by my patient?

There are two things to consider in this situation:

1. A Member may provide a note or complete a form if the recipient of the document accepts a naturopathic doctor as a health care provider authorized to provide the requested information. The Member should check with the patient to ensure that whoever is asking for the document has indicated that they recognize a naturopathic doctor as an acceptable provider. For example, if a form indicates that only a physician's signature is accepted, an ND is not a recognized provider in this case and completing this form could be considered professional misconduct.
2. A Member must:
 - a. only provide information that is within the scope of practice of the profession;
 - b. only communicate a naturopathic diagnosis that has been formulated following a naturopathic assessment;
 - c. only include information that is within their individual knowledge, skill and judgment; and
 - d. ensure they have the consent of the patient to release any detailed information.

Deadlines & Reminders



Discipline Committee Hearings. Upcoming disciplinary hearings involving Members of the College have been scheduled for:

- Dr. Rahim Kanji, ND, April 9-13, 2018
- Dr. Taras Rodak, ND, May 14-17, 2018

[Learn more](#) about scheduled hearings.

Upcoming Council meeting April 25. The meeting will be held at CONO's office and is open to Members and the public. Please contact us by phone 416-583-6010 or [email](#) to register as an observer.

Mandatory IVIT Type 2 Occurrence Reporting due May 1, 2018. Full details were emailed to designated members last week. This annual reporting requirement includes completing the annual [Type 2 Occurrence Report form](#), even if the premises had no Type 2 Occurrences. The reporting period covers March 2, 2017 to March 1, 2018.

Upcoming examination deadlines

Ontario Intravenous Infusion Therapy Examination

Spring Exam Date: May 27, 2018

Registration Opens: April 16, 2018 (9 a.m.)

Registration Closes: May 7, 2018 (5 p.m.)

Fall dates [here](#).

Ontario Prescribing and Therapeutics Examination

Spring Exam Date: June 10, 2018

Registration Opens: April 30, 2018 (9 a.m.)

Registration Closes: May 22, 2018 (5 p.m.)

Fall dates [here](#).

Thinking of taking the exam? [Read](#) what NDs have to say about it and their tips to help you prepare.

Group 1 CE reporting is due September 30, 2018. Find [your group](#).

Practice Resources



- Read the Spring [iNformeD](#) and catch up on “need to know” information about ND regulation and practise.
- What can you say in your online bio? Get the answers in our [Do's and Don'ts for Bios](#), originally published in the Fall 2017 issue of *iNformeD*.
- Read our latest blog posts [here](#).
- Many illnesses are reportable to Ontario Public Health. [Read the list](#) (as of March 24, 2017) and learn more about an ND's [responsibility to report](#).
- Get the facts and stats about the profession and your College in our [2016/17 Annual Report](#).

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