



February 22, 2019

News



Registration Renewal in full swing!

Registration Renewal has officially launched. **March 31, 2019** is the deadline for all Members to complete their registration renewal. **Please check your emails for your link to renew.**

Renewal is a two-step process that includes completing the Information Return form and paying your annual registration fee. You must do both or your renewal will be incomplete and you could incur an administrative fee as a result.

For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Payment Plan Program 2019

The College is once again offering an optional Payment Plan Program as a pilot project for Members who want to pay their registration fee in installments rather than in one lump sum payment. The deadline to enrol is **5 p.m. (EST), March 22, 2019**. [Learn more](#), including how to apply.

Mandatory Patient Privacy Breach reports due March 1

Members are legally required to report privacy breaches of a patient's personal health information to the [Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario \(IPC\)](#) each year.

Privacy breaches may include information about a patient that was stolen, lost, used without authority and/or disclosed without authority. Any regulated health professional who had at least one privacy breach of a patient's personal health information during the 2018 reporting year—from January to December, are required by law to complete the [online reporting questionnaire](#) by **Friday, March 1, 2019**.

Do not submit a statistical report if you did not have any patient health information privacy breaches in 2018. This [letter](#) from the IPC contains more information, including what NDs must report.

Searching for volunteers!

We are seeking NDs to sit on statutory and non-statutory College Committees and the newly-created Investment Advisory Committee, and to serve as Examiners for 2019.

Members can earn up to 18 Category B CE credits over their three-year reporting period for time spent volunteering. Volunteers also receive \$150 per day for the work they do on the College's behalf. Read more about each position and how to apply on our [website](#).

We want your input

The College is conducting a 90-day consultation about proposed changes to the drugs/substances and laboratory tests that naturopaths may access. The deadline to submit feedback is **Sunday, April 7, 2019**.

Click [here](#) to visit the College's website for more details, including background information and how to submit feedback.

2019-2022 Operational Plan now available

The College's 3 year operational plan is available on our [website](#). It highlights challenges and opportunities facing the College, along with the key activities for the coming three years.

By-laws update

The College Council approved proposed by-law revisions at its January 30, 2019 meeting. The updated [by-laws are available online](#).

FAQ



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

Are we permitted to release laboratory results to a patient at their request without first reviewing them at their visit?

Yes. Laboratory results are part of the patient record, therefore a patient can request a copy without first having a visit with the Member. The Member may choose to advise the patient that they would like to review the results in person, however they cannot withhold the results from the patient.

Deadlines & Reminders



Upcoming Exam Dates

[Ontario IVIT Exam: May 5, 2019](#)

[Ontario Prescribing and Therapeutics Exam: June 23, 2019](#)

[Ontario Clinical Sciences Exam: June 27, 2019](#)

Council Elections

On February 1, 2019, the College issued a supplemental election in District 3 in order to seek nominations for that position on Council.

Individuals who are interested in seeking election are invited to download the [Supplemental Election Handbook](#). Those wishing to be nominated must [submit their election materials](#) to the College no later than **5 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2019**.

Upcoming Council Meeting

The next Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. Meetings are open to the public and to College Members. If you wish to attend as an observer, please register with us by phone at 416-583-6010 or by [email](#).

Practice Resources



Quick links to helpful information on our website.

- [Informed Consent Do's & Don'ts](#)
- [Moving Between Regulated Provinces](#)
- [Advertising Do's & Don'ts](#)
- [List of tests an ND can order](#)
- [Forms and handbooks](#) for practice related topics including inspections, QA/CE and more.

Read our latest blog posts. The Registrar's blog is open to the public and Members to comment and participate in.

[Pitfalls to Avoid When Joining a Practice](#)

[Can a Member Offer Discounts to Patients?](#)

[Who Files Complaints?](#)

[Clarity on Cannabis](#)

[You received a complaint – now what?](#)

[Informed Consent – Giving the power back to the patient](#)