



The College of Naturopaths of Ontario

News Bulletin

CONO's Monthly News

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CURRENT EVENTS

Protecting Patients Act, 2017

The [Protecting Patients Act, 2017](#) was given Royal Assent by the Provincial Government on May 30, 2017. This legislation makes several important changes to the [Regulated Health Professions Act](#). [Read more](#) about how this applies to NDs and see our consultation below about changes to the College's by-laws.

Group III CE reporting due September 30, 2017

As part of the College's Quality Assurance Program, all Members who hold a General Certificate of Registration are required to participate in Continuing Education (CE) and Professional Development (PD) activities. This includes engaging in relevant activities and submitting a summary log with supporting documentation (where required) to verify participation.

A Member's reporting cycle is determined by their initial year of registration with the College or previously with the BDDT-N. Find your [reporting cycle here](#).

All Members in Group III are required to submit their CE and PD Log Forms to the College by September 30. Any CE credits collected between April 1, 2014 and September 30, 2017 can be used to fulfill the Credit Requirements below.

- **Category A – 30 credits**
 - Jurisprudence – 3 credits;

- Pharmacology – 6 credits (if you have met the Standard for Prescribing);
- IVIT – 6 additional credits – for a total of 36 Category A credits (If you have met the Standard for IVIT);

- **Category B – 40 credits**

View approved Category A courses [here](#). Download CE Log Forms [here](#).

IVIT Inspection Program fees due June 30, 2017

An email (Subject: Invoice for Existing Premises Inspection Fee) was sent to all premises to the attention of the Designated Member on May 31, 2017. It included the amount owing for the initial installment of the Inspection Fee and how to submit payment to the College. It is the responsibility of the Designated Member for existing premises offering IVIT to ensure payment is made by **no later than June 30, 2017**. Members have the option of paying online or mailing a cheque for the stated amount to the College.

For more information about the Inspection Program please contact Dr. Mary-Ellen McKenna ND (Inactive) at maryellen.mckenna@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca or 416-583-6020.

Consultations: we want your input

We initiate consultations with our stakeholders about changes to College by-laws, regulations, policies, standards, and practice guidelines to help us understand the effectiveness and impact of the proposed changes on the public and the profession.

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 is carefully considered, even that which is not reflected in the final regulation, policy, standard, etc.

The College of Naturopaths of Ontario is currently seeking feedback about:

- [Proposed amendments to our By-laws](#) (deadline: August 31, 2017)
 - Changes to [Standards of Practice and Guidelines](#) (deadline: August 13, 2017)
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New website for patients

The Federation of Health Regulatory Colleges of Ontario has created a new [website](#) as a one-stop gateway to the websites of all health regulators in the province. Featuring information in nine languages, the site provides the public with trustworthy and up-to-date information about colleges and the professionals we regulate. Feel free to share this new resource with your patients and staff!

Should we publish cease and desist letters?

Read the latest [blog post](#) from our Registrar and CEO Andrew Parr. A cease and desist letter is a formal letter sent by the College to an individual who is not a member of the College and who is seen to be breaching the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, the *Naturopathy Act, 2007* or the regulations under those acts.

FAQ

Each issue of the News Bulletin now highlights a practise-related FAQ and response from our Regulatory Education Specialist.

Is a Member responsible for all types of advertising or social media where information such as testimonials about them is included?

A Member is always responsible for advertisements about their practice regardless of whether the Member created the ad. Members are responsible for taking reasonable steps to ensure that any advertising about the services they provide meet the [Standards of Practice for Advertising](#). This also includes advertising that is done by another person on their behalf.

Where the member is not in control of the advertising medium, they should, at the very least, ask the individual or entity to remove any information that would contravene the Standard. For example, if an employer advertises that a Member is a registered specialist, the Member should ask that this reference be removed because no specialty registration class exists in the College's [Registration Regulation](#).

Many websites also allow people to post comments or reviews. A Member should not solicit or allow others, including patients, to post testimonials about their practice on their page(s). If a Member becomes aware of any statements about them or their practice that are in breach of the Standard, they should request the removal of these statements, if it is not possible to do it themselves, and document such requests.

UPCOMING

Council Meeting

CONO's next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held **July 26, 2017**. Observers are welcome. If you are interested in observing, please contact the College at info@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca to register.

RESOURCES & QUICK LINKS

[IVIT resources](#) - learn more about the IVIT Inspection Program, including InfoBites and webinars about how to register a premises.

Record keeping FAQ – [read answers](#) to Members' top questions about the retention and transfer of patient records.

Be in the know - read the latest issue of our [iNformeD](#) newsletter featuring:

- Council election results;
- professional practice articles - including working with new grads;
- scenarios about delegation, referral, consultation and assignment of care;
- professional conduct summaries; and more.

CONO on the go – our recent [website](#) updates included optimization for mobile devices, making it easier to find what you need.

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