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## News



### Complaints Summaries now available online

As part of the College's commitment to transparency, we now include summaries of outstanding complaint investigations on our [website](#), anonymously referenced by complaint file number. The goal is to provide the public and profession with more information about complaints and reports that are reviewed by the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (ICRC). The ICRC derives its power from the [Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991](#) to deal with concerns about naturopaths' conduct, practice and behaviour.

For health care regulators, transparency is at the core of how we work. Being open in our decisions and providing Ontarians with useful information helps to increase public confidence and trust in the profession's ability to self-regulate.

### Time for the Ontario Prescribing & Therapeutics Course?

More than 540 NDs have successfully completed this voluntary exam. In addition to being able to prescribe drugs such as therapeutic doses of vitamins A and D, folic acid, and more, ND's have cited multiple other benefits to passing the exam. These range from increased collaboration with patients' MDs and pharmacists to being able to access a wider scope. [Read](#) what NDs have to say about how the exam helps them in practice and benefits their patients.

We recommend NDs take three – six months to complete the self-study course before sitting the exam. With the next exam scheduled for October 28, 2018, now is an ideal time for interested NDs to [enrol in the course](#).

## New consultation: share your thoughts

The College is seeking input from stakeholders about proposed revisions to its *Standards of Practice* and *Practice Guidelines*. [Learn more.](#)

## 2018 Renewal a success!

Ontario's naturopaths are clearly engaged in this part of the regulatory process, with 97.6% of Members renewing on time. For many regulatory Colleges, an 80% renewal rate is the norm. Registration renewal is so much more than filling out a form or paying the necessary fees. It represents an ND's commitment to providing the public with safe, competent and ethical care.

Special thanks to Members who answered our renewal satisfaction survey. Members gave the process an overall rating of 4 stars (with 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest). We received positive feedback on improvements to the forms and website over the previous year. In 2019, we look forward to incorporating Members' suggestions about ways to further improve the process. Sixty-seven Members took advantage of the new Payment Plan Program, launched this year as a pilot to allow interested Members to spread their renewal fee payment over several months.

## FAQ



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

### Can I send my patient to their Medical Doctor for laboratory tests?

Yes, you may send a patient to their family doctor, or other health care provider who has the authority to order laboratory tests, for this purpose. The lab tests may or may not be on the [list of tests](#) that naturopaths may order. However, it is not sufficient to send the patient with a list of laboratory tests to give to their doctor. Sending a patient to another health care provider for a specific purpose is a referral. Certain information, as outlined in the [Referrals and Consultations Guideline](#), should be included and provided directly to the health care provider when requesting a referral.

# Deadlines & Reminders



## Is your contact information current?

It is your professional responsibility under the College [by-laws](#) to ensure we receive updates including, for example, changes to your preferred email address, home address, name, employer, and practice location, within 30 days of you making any changes. In addition to meeting your legal obligation, this will help ensure you receive important regulatory updates and information. Click [here](#) to update your Member Profile and [here](#) for the Name Change Form.

## Discipline Committee Hearing

An upcoming hearing involving Dr. Taras Rodak, ND has been scheduled for May 14-17, 2018. [Learn more](#) about scheduled hearings.

## Next Council meeting April 25

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

## Mandatory IVIT Type 2 Occurrence Reporting due May 1, 2018

Designated members must complete the annual [Type 2 Occurrence Annual Report form](#), even if the premises had no Type 2 Occurrences.

## Upcoming examinations deadlines

### Ontario Intravenous Infusion Therapy Examination: May 27, 2018

- Registration opens April 16, 2018 (9 a.m.) and closes on May 7, 2018 (5 p.m.). Register [here](#).

Find fall dates [here](#).

### Ontario Prescribing & Therapeutics Examination: June 10, 2018

- Registration opens April 30, 2018 (9 a.m.) and closes on May 22, 2018 (5 p.m.)

Find fall dates [here](#).

## Group I CE Reporting due September 30, 2018

[Find your group](#).

# Practice

# Resources



- Check out our latest blog posts: [The 'I Did Not Receive the Email' Defense Fails](#); [About the College's Administrative Fee](#); [Whose Name Should Go on the Receipt?](#); and more.
- [What you need to know](#) about new graduates working for a College Member.
- [Telemedicine](#) – important considerations for providing naturopathic care from a distance.
- Read the Spring [iNformeD](#) and catch up on “need to know” information about ND regulation and practise.
- Help us help you! Please [email us](#) comments or story ideas for future issues.

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