



The College of Naturopaths of Ontario

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NEWS

Coming Soon: Intravenous Infusion Therapy (IVIT) Premises Register

The College maintains a [Public Register](#) with profiles of every naturopath and naturopathic professional corporation registered in Ontario. It also includes information about unauthorized practitioners.

Starting this fall, the Register will include a fourth section that identifies clinics where IVIT is compounded and delivered. All premises offering this treatment **must** be registered with the College and undergo an inspection, the results of which will be included in the Register. Learn more about how to [register a premises](#).

The searchable Public Register is designed to help patients make informed choices about their care.

FAQ: terminating a patient

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

I need to discontinue treating a patient. What should I consider before doing so?

If a Member believes they are not the appropriate health care provider for a patient who still needs treatment, there are two relevant College documents to consider.

The [Professional Misconduct Regulation](#) states that the Member must have considered the following:

- their reasons for discontinuing services,
- the patient's condition,
- the availability of alternate services, and
- the opportunity provided to the patient to arrange for alternate services before discontinuing their treatment.

If the Member feels it is still appropriate, and would be reasonably regarded as appropriate by their colleagues to do so, then they may discontinue treating a patient.

The [Code of Ethics](#) indicates that the ND is to provide care until reasonable notice of termination of care has been provided to the patient, however the expectation as stated in the *Professional Misconduct Regulation* is that this would only be done once the patient has been given the opportunity to arrange for alternate services.

REMINDER: CE REPORTING DEADLINE

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 - core activities – 30 credits**, including
 - 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 – self-directed activities - 40 credits**
- Find your [reporting cycle](#).
- View [approved Category A courses](#).
- Download [CE Log Forms](#).

HAVE A SAY!

Standards, Guidelines & By-laws Consultations

We are seeking public and Member feedback by August 31, 2017 about:

- Changes to [Standards of Practice and Guidelines](#) (**response deadline extended**), and
- [Proposed amendments to our By-laws](#) to align them with the intent of the *Protecting Patients Act, 2017*.

We initiate consultations with 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 both the public and the profession.

Comments received are reviewed by the appropriate College Committee and Council as part of the decision-making process. All feedback is carefully considered, even that which is not reflected in the final document.

Citizen Advisory Group – call for volunteers

Do you know someone who is passionate about patient-centric care and wants to help shape the evolution of health regulation? The College and seven other health regulators have partnered to develop a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) to bring the patient's voice and perspective to our work.

Originally formed by the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario, the expanded CAG will meet four times a year in Toronto. It is not a decision-making group, but was established to get public input on policy, standards, communications and more. Members are different from public members on Council in that they provide an “arm's-length” perspective and are not bound by fiduciary duty to the College. Interested members of the public can contact Munir Jamal at mjamal@nevazasolutions.com or 416-722-7490, ext. 672.

UPCOMING

Ontario Prescribing & Therapeutics Exam

Successful completion of this exam will deem a Member to have met the [*Standard of Practice for Prescribing*](#), permitting them to perform the controlled acts authorized to the profession in the [*General Regulation*](#) in accordance with the *Standard of Practice*. Registration for the fall exam is open from September 11 – October 2, 2017, with the exam taking place October 22.

To be eligible to sit this examination, Members must be enrolled in the [*Ontario Prescribing and Therapeutics course*](#), offered online via the Therapeutics Education Collaboration. Please note that three to six months of self-guided study is recommended to complete the course and be prepared to sit the exam.

RESOURCES & QUICK LINKS

- Read the latest Registrar's Blog post [*DNM is not a naturopath*](#).
- Working with a new grad? Read the Spring [*iNformeD*](#) for business and patient care tips.
- Delegation, referral, consultation and assignment of care – do you know the difference? The Spring [*iNformeD*](#) has the answers.
- More practice resources: [*Prescribing a drug*](#)
- Watch for the upcoming Fall issue of *iNformeD* with a special focus on advertising, how the *Protecting Patients Act, 2017* applies to NDs in practice, and more.

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