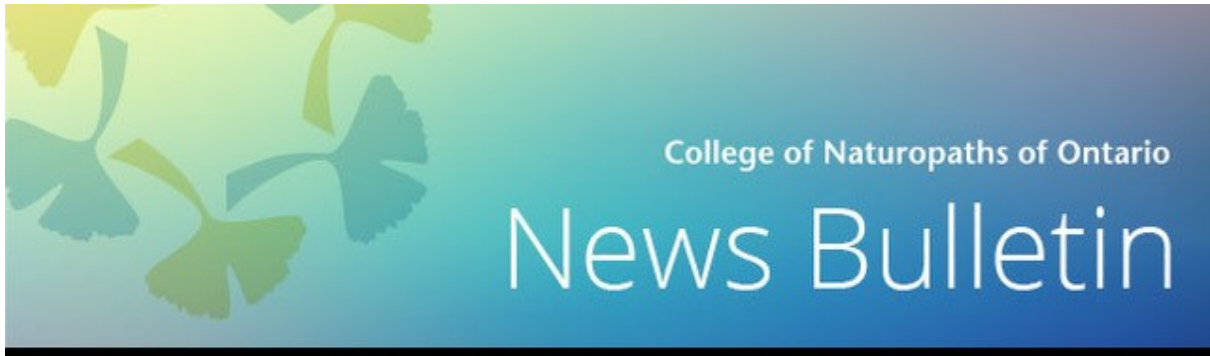


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News



Council Elections

The call for nominations is now open! Elections will be held in Districts 7 and 8 in the new year. Find your district and access the Election Handbook and nomination forms [here](#).

Registration Renewal 2020

Mark your calendar. Registration renewal will open February 14. Note the new time deadline of 5 p.m. on March 31.

Pre-renewal tips:

- Are you planning on changing your registration class? You have until March 17 to do it. Processing a class change takes time and you won't be able to renew until the change has been completed. [Learn more](#).
 - Make sure your Professional Liability Insurance is up to date and that you have entered the current information on your Member profile.
 - If you have changed your name, complete the [Name Change Form](#) ahead of time to avoid processing delays.
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Governance Review Consultation: Tell us what you think.

The College Executive Committee is seeking input from stakeholders, Members, and the public about its [Governance Review](#). Once you have read the brief background document online, you can participate in the consultation.

December 6, 2019 is the participation deadline.

Call for Volunteers

Join over 80 members of the profession who volunteer with the College. The contribution and assistance of all volunteers is a very valuable resource that helps the College support patient rights and safety.

We are seeking NDs for a number of different volunteer roles. Time commitments vary depending on the position.

- Statutory Committee members;
- Non-statutory Committee members;
- Exams-related work and committees (French and English) including examiners, question writers, exam maintenance, and Prior Learning Assessment Program assessors; and
- Quality Assurance – Peer & Practice Assessors and IVIT Inspectors.

Visit our [Volunteer Opportunities webpage](#) for more details and to fill out an application form. Questions? Contact volunteers@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca.

Read our Infographic and Annual Report

Our [2018/19 Annual Report](#) is now available as well as a [one-page infographic](#) of highlights. [Take the reader survey](#) after you've read the report.

FAQ



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

Personal beliefs in naturopathic practice

Personal beliefs and cultural practices are important components in the lives of naturopathic doctors and their patients. In assessing a patient's conditions, Members often take religious, social and cultural factors into account, as well as their health history and symptoms.

The Code of Ethics states that naturopaths are required to practise in a manner that treats each patient with dignity and respect and to provide care that respects the patient's needs, values and

dignity, and does not discriminate on any grounds, including on the basis of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status or disability.

It is expected that any discussions during a patient visit are relevant to the patient's care and treatment. Sharing any personal views and values (including political, religious and moral beliefs) with patients may exploit their vulnerability or cause distress. In addition, Members must be very careful not to breach the professional boundaries that are essential to maintaining a relationship of trust between a naturopathic doctor and a patient, as well as recognizing the position of power the Member has over the patient within the therapeutic relationship.

Reference:

[Standard of Practice: Therapeutic Relationships and Professional Boundaries Code of Ethics](#)

Deadlines & Reminders



- **Ontario Clinical Sciences Exam** registration is open December 16, 2019 until January 16, 2020.
- Reminder to NDs who just finished reporting their CE credits in September (Group II) to send us an **updated photo for the Public Register** by November 28 by mail or drop off in person. Avoid a \$50 late fee by submitting on time.

Practice Resources



- [6 Tips to Avoid Insurance Related Complaints](#)
- [7 Tips for Using Electronic Records in Your Practice](#)
- [8 Social Media Tips for NDs \[infographic\]](#)
- [Medical Devices](#)
- [Succession Planning to Prevent Abandoned Records](#)

Guideline spotlight: Wondering about how to talk with your patients about non-medical cannabis? Read our [Guideline on Non-Medical \(Recreational\) Cannabis](#)

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