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## News



### **NEW Practice Guideline: Non-medical (Recreational) Cannabis**

On October 17, 2018, the use of recreational cannabis was legalized. After extensive research, including discussions with the Ontario Association of Naturopathic Doctors, the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine and the Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors, the College has issued a new Practice Guideline with respect to non-medical (recreational) cannabis.

The Practice Guideline: *Non-medical (Recreational) Cannabis* establishes a guideline interpreting the *Cannabis Act, 2018*, in conjunction with the College's regulations and standards of practice, for the naturopathic profession in Ontario. Note that medical cannabis will continue to be subject to the requirement of a prescription by a medical doctor or nurse practitioner.

[Access the new Practice Guideline](#) in the Resources section of our website. For informational purposes only, readers may also be interested in the [Lower-Risk Cannabis Use Guidelines](#) (LRCUG) developed by addiction and health science experts and endorsed by a number of organizations, including the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH).

### **New entry-to-practise exams to replace NPLEX I & II**

At its October 24, 2018 meeting, the College Council approved the Exam Transition Policy for its new entry-to-practise exams that will replace the NPLEX I and NPLEX II exams for new applicants for registration with the College. Council also approved the Blueprint for the new Ontario Clinical Sciences Exam (replacing NPLEX II after April 1, 2019).

Note that the new exams will be required of new applicants only and not NDs who are already registered to practise in Ontario.

[Read more](#), including information about the exams, which exams will be required within specific timeframes, and other details.

### **Open consultations: Tell us what you think!**

We welcome your input and feedback on the following consultations. Comments received during a consultation process are reviewed by the appropriate College committee and by the Council as part of the decision making process. All feedback is carefully considered, even that which may not be reflected in the final regulation, policy, standard etc.

#### **Funding related to sexual abuse**

**Response Deadline:** November 27, 2018

#### **The Public Register (by-laws)**

**Response Deadline:** December 16, 2018

[Access the Consultation](#)

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### **Connect with us at the OAND Convention!**

Questions about regulation? Come visit our trade show booth. This year, we will also be offering NDs a high-level review of their websites. Note that website reviews will in no way be tracked or associated with your practice record. This is a service we are providing to help you determine if you are adhering to the advertising standards and guidelines so that the public can make informed decisions about their care.

### **Advertising and Bio Do's and Don'ts**

There have been several news stories in the last six months about what NDs and other health professionals are advertising and promoting on their websites and social media channels. In making sure the public has access to information that is true, accurate, verifiable, realistic and professionally appropriate, we encourage Members who have not recently done so to review the [advertising standard and guideline](#), as well as the [Advertising and Bio Do's and Don'ts](#) on our website.

### **Coming soon: Registration Renewal 2019**

Mark your calendar for registration renewal from February 14 to March 31, 2019. If you changed your name in the past year or are considering changing your registration class, we suggest completing the necessary form(s) now to help save processing time when you are ready to complete your renewal. Access both under ["Membership Forms"](#).

# FAQ



## **I have been approached by a supplement company to work for them and recommend herbal formulas and order tests for their clients. Am I able to do this?**

You may only provide naturopathic care, which can include recommending herbal supplements and ordering tests for someone that you have established a naturopathic doctor-patient relationship with. As a Member of the College you are always required to follow the standards of practice when providing any type of naturopathic care. Working for a supplement company does not exempt you from having to abide by the College's regulations and standards.

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

# Deadlines & Reminders



**Town Hall Meeting at CCNM.** Save the date! We will be on campus on November 26, 2018 to talk about the new entry-to-practise exams. The meeting will be open to all students and faculty, and 4th year students are especially encouraged to attend.

**When:** November 26, 2018. 12-2 p.m.

**Where:** CCNM Lecture Hall

## **Do you know someone who is passionate about patient-centric care and wants to make a difference?**

The College is a member of the Citizen Advisory Group - formed to bring the patient voice and perspective to health care regulation in Ontario. If a patient or someone else you know is passionate about health care, we encourage them to consider applying to join the Citizen Advisory Group.

For more information contact [Olivia Kisil](#) | (416) 591-3828 ext. 290 | [www.citizenadvisorygroup.org](http://www.citizenadvisorygroup.org)

**University of Toronto (U of T) Survey.** The College is aware of a survey being conducted by the U of T of ND practice patterns in Ontario. The College has not endorsed the survey nor is it involved in the research being conducted; however, we are aware that it is being conducted under the guidance of the U of T and the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI). Members who have further questions should contact the individuals noted in the email sent to them from the University.

## Practice Resources



Read our [Annual Report!](#) This year's report highlights our core program areas and discusses key trends, results and accomplishments from the past fiscal year.

**Check out our recent blog posts.** The Registrar's blog is open to the public and Members to comment and participate in. This month's post focuses on Informed Consent.

- [Informed Consent – Giving the power back to the patient](#)
- [Until Death Us Do Part](#)
- [The Role and Powers of Investigators Appointed by the Registrar](#)
- [Restricted Titles](#)
- [Peer and Practice Assessments – Separating Fact from Fiction](#)

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