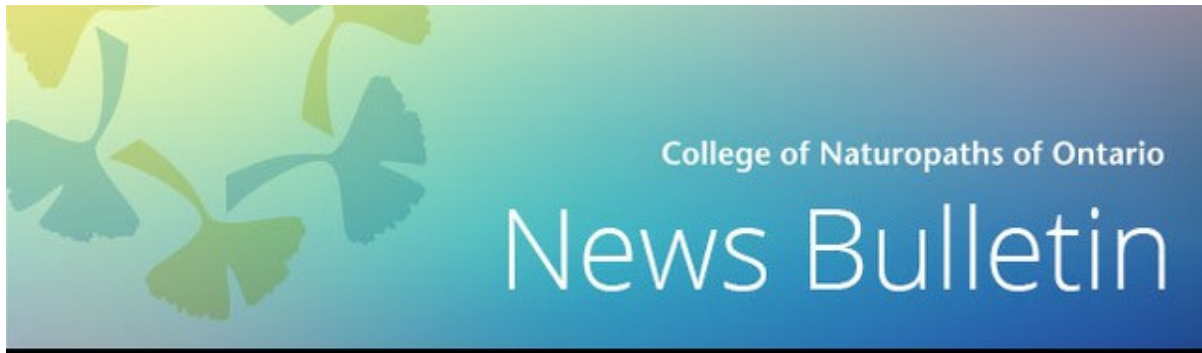


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## News



### **New Cannabis Regulations: What they mean for NDs and the public**

The College is assessing what upcoming legal changes may mean for naturopathic practice in Ontario. We are interested in discovering how and/or if our Members would incorporate cannabis into their practices, i.e., administer, dispense, and sell it for medical purposes. We are also asking the public to provide their input. Click [here](#) to take the survey by October 1, and read our fall issue of [iNformeD](#), which features an in-depth article about medical cannabis in naturopathic practice in Ontario. Your answers to the survey will remain anonymous. Please note this is not a formal survey or consultation.

### **Ontario Prescribing and Therapeutics Exam**

If you have been thinking of taking the exam in order to be able to prescribe drugs such as therapeutic doses of vitamins A and D, folic acid and more, consider [enrolling in the pre-requisite online course](#) over the winter to prepare to sit the next exam in Spring/Summer 2019. Successful completion of the exam is also one of the prerequisites for meeting the [Standard of Practice for IVIT](#).

Registration for the October 28, 2018 exam **is now open**. Registration will close on October 9th, 2018 at 5:00 pm or earlier, if maximum capacity is reached. To register, please click [here](#). Eligibility has been extended to 4th year CNME-accredited program students, and NDs registered in another regulated Canadian jurisdiction, who have completed the Ontario Prescribing and Therapeutics course offered through the Therapeutics Education Collaboration (TEC).

For additional information, and to register for the examination, please visit the [Prescribing Standard of Practice](#) page of the College website.

### **Member Communications Survey**

Thank you to NDs who participated in our Member Communications survey. Your comments will help shape our communications strategies, and have given us a clear indication of what you would like to see changed. The survey is now closed. Our next steps are to review and analyze the data, and to prepare a report which will be made available to our Members and stakeholders.

## FAQ



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

**I haven't had an inspection yet, do I have to have my Policies and Procedures Manual done or can I wait until I have the inspection?**

Every premises performing IVIT procedures is required to currently have all the Inspection Program Requirements in place, regardless of whether or not they have had an inspection. This includes the Policies and Procedures Manual. It is expected that when the premises is notified

that it has been selected for an inspection, the Manual is complete and ready to be submitted as requested.

## Deadlines & Reminders



**Group I CE Reporting** is due September 30, 2018. [Find your group.](#)

For a complete and up-to-date list of approved courses, click [here](#).

### Preparing for registration renewal

If you recently changed your name...you can help speed up your 2019 registration renewal by submitting the College's [name change form](#) ahead of time. It is also your responsibility to ensure you keep your information current. This includes your email address, home address, practice location, and other details. This can be done through your profile after logging into your account through the [College](#).

Remember that changing your name and/or your class of registration takes extra time and must be completed before you can start the renewal process. As a result, you must first submit the [Change of Class of Registration form](#) and, only after being notified by the College that your request has been completed, can you proceed to renew your registration (pay your fees and complete the Information Return) for the new class. Please allow yourself sufficient time to complete this process.

## Practice Resources



We just released our Fall 2018 issue of [iNformeD!](#) In addition to the Cannabis feature article, it includes an extensive article about Cannabis in naturopathic practice in Ontario, ND perspectives about the Peer & Practice Assessment Program, as well as our new Students' Corner feature.

In the meantime, check out some of our latest blog posts:

- [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](#)
- [Providing Online Naturopathic Care](#)

**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. Its members provide essential feedback on a variety of topics including professional rules, standards and policies, strategic priorities and communications directed at the public.

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.

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