



June 2025

## ***Welcoming Your New Council Members!***

On May 28, 2025, the Council held its annual in-person meeting in Toronto. May represents the start of the new cycle for the Council and we are pleased to present the Council for the 2025–2026 term. Pictured above are in the Front Row (L to R): Dr. Alicia Assenza, ND, Dr. Amy Armstrong, ND, Dr. Brenda Lessard-Rhead, ND (Inactive), Dr. Erin Psota, ND. In the back Row (L to R): Lisa Fenton, Dr. Denis Marier, ND, Dr. Jordan Sokoloski, ND, Paul Philion, Dean Catherwood, Dr. Jacob Scheer, ND.

Regrettably, Sarah Griffiths-Savolaine and Marija Pajdakovska were not available at the time of the photo.

### Election of Officers

On Wednesday May 28, 2025, the Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario held its annual election of Officers. The Officers are elected by Council members from their own ranks to fill the leadership roles on the Council. The Council is pleased to announce the results of the election as follows:

- Council Chair – Dr. Brenda Lessard-Rhead, ND (Inactive)
- Council Vice-Chair – Mr. Dean Catherwood (Public member)

### Officers-at-Large

- Dr. Amy Armstrong, ND
- Mrs. Lisa Fenton (Public member)
- Dr. Denis Marier, ND

The officers for the Executive Committee of the Council are charged with overseeing the College in urgent or emergency situations between meetings of the Council.

Stay informed — Catch up on key updates, decisions, and ongoing initiatives by visiting our website for [Council Meeting Highlights - May 28, 2025](#).

### Tribute to Our Outgoing Council Chair



**Dr. Jordan Sokoloski, ND**  
Naturopathic Doctor



On behalf of the entire Council, staff, and naturopathic community, we extend our deepest gratitude to Dr. Jordan Sokoloski, ND for three years of exceptional leadership, unwavering

dedication, and visionary guidance as Council Chair.

During his term, Jordan has been a steady hand through times of growth and challenge alike. He has brought not only strategic insight and sound governance but also a spirit of collaboration and compassion that elevated every conversation and decision.

Under his leadership, we have:

- Strengthened our governance structures,
- Developed a new strategic plan and strategic priorities,
- Seen the launch of new initiatives in support of the plan,
- Strengthened our ties with system partners not only in Ontario but across Canada through the Canadian Alliance of Naturopathic Regulatory Authorities.

Beyond the Council chamber, Jordan has been a mentor, a motivator, and a model of integrity. His approach and his legacy will continue to shape our organization for years to come.

As we mark the end of this chapter, we celebrate not just the role he has held, but the person he is — steadfast, insightful, and deeply committed to our role and responsibilities as a regulator.

Thank you, Jordan.

Dr. Brenda Lessard-Rhead, ND (Inactive)  
Council Chair



### **REP: Understanding Entry-to-Practice Requirements in Ontario**

Join us for our upcoming Regulatory Education Program (REP) session on **July 7, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET**, providing a detailed overview of the requirements for naturopathic practice in Ontario.

This session will cover education and exam pathways, application tips, and referrals to the Registration Committee. Learn how to avoid common mistakes and ensure a smooth registration process with the College of Naturopaths of Ontario.

[Register today](#)



### **Examination Accommodation Policy**

The College has released a new [Examination Accommodations Policy](#) to better support the College's exam accommodation request and review process.

Visit our [Examination Accommodations](#) page to find everything you need—including the updated policy, a Fact Sheet, and required accommodation request forms.

Questions about examination accommodations can be directed to [exams@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca](mailto:exams@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca).



### **Reminder: Share Your Thoughts on Naturopathic Specialization!**

There's still time to participate in the College's ongoing Consultation Program on the topic of Naturopathic Specialization. We are seeking your input to explore whether a program of specialization could play a role in enhancing public trust and effective regulation of naturopathic doctors. This is a chance to share and discuss your perspective on this important topic.

If you haven't submitted your feedback yet, we encourage you to do so by **June 27, 2025**.

📄 Review the consultation details and documents [here](#).

🗣️ Make your voice heard!

Submit your feedback

To support this initiative, don't miss our *In Conversation With (ICW)* session on **June 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.**, where we'll explore this topic in more detail. [Register today!](#)



### **FAQ – Discharging a Patient**

When you're facing inappropriate behavior from a patient, it's essential to understand your professional and ethical responsibilities before ending care. Learn what to consider and the steps required to discharge a patient appropriately.

Read more

## Important Dates and Upcoming Events

### June

19	ICW: Specialization Consultation <a href="#">Register</a>
27	Final Feedback Submission for Naturopathic Specialties – Preliminary Consultation <a href="#">On-line Feedback Form</a>

### July

1	College closed for Canada Day
7	REP: Understanding Entry-to-Practice Requirements in Ontario <a href="#">Register</a>
20	Ontario Clinical Practical Exams sitting
30	Council Meeting (9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. ET) <a href="#">Register</a>

### August

4	College closed for Civic Holiday
14	Ontario Clinical Sciences Exam sitting

See more dates



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