

Mary-Ellen McKenna's retirement

Happy Retirement!

After a long and illustrious career in naturopathy and naturopathic regulation, Dr. Mary-Ellen McKenna, ND (Retired) has announced her decision to retire from her work with the College, effective March 31, 2027. As part of her transition into retirement, Mary-Ellen will begin a pre-retirement period in September 2026. During this time, she will remain available to support the organization as needed while stepping back from her regular day-to-day responsibilities.

Mary-Ellen began her career as a Naturopathic Doctor in the fall of 1994 when she became a registrant of the Board of Directors of Drugless Therapy – Naturopathy (BDDT-N). In 2007, Mary-Ellen began her service to the people of Ontario as a volunteer with the BDDT-N serving on various committees, including the Complaints Committee. She later became a member of the Board of Directors of the BDDT-N and in 2009 was also appointed to the transitional Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario where she would go on to serve as President.

In the fall of 2013, Mary-Ellen joined the staff of the transitional Council of the College as a part-time practice advisor, before moving into the full-time role of Manager, Quality Assurance and Inspection.

Throughout her career with the College, Mary-Ellen has made significant contributions to our team and has been a trusted colleague, mentor, and friend to many. Her commitment, professionalism, and positive impact have helped shape naturopathic regulation in Ontario and our organization. We are deeply grateful for everything she has done.

Please join us in congratulating Mary-Ellen and wishing her all the best on this well-deserved next chapter.

New continuing education (CE) reporting in Alinity



Looking for guidance on CE reporting? The recording of *Understanding the New CE Reporting Process through Alinity* is now available. This session walks you through CE reporting requirements, explains the differences between Category A and Category B activities, outlines documentation expectations, demonstrates how to enter, track, and submit your CE activities in Alinity and how to avoid common submission errors.

Whether you're reporting your CE activities this year or want to ensure you understand the new process for future reporting, this recording provides the guidance you need.

[Register today to access the recording](#) and earn 1 Category A (Jurisprudence) CE credit.

For additional guidance or assistance, contact our Quality Assurance team at qa@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca.

New online CE reporting module now live

The new online CE reporting module is now live and ready to use.

[Log into your profile to access the new learning module.](#)

Release of 2025-26 Audited Financial Statements



At its July 29, 2026 meeting, Council approved the College's audited financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2026.

Key takeaways:

- The statements were audited by an independent external auditor, who confirmed that they present a reliable picture of the College's finances.
- The statements report a deficit of \$350,425, which was lower than budgeted.
- Council anticipated this deficit and initiated a Financial Sustainability Review to ensure the College remains well positioned to respond to changing practice environments, increasing operational demands and emerging risks.
- The auditor found no issues that raised significant doubt about the College's ongoing operations.

[Read the 2025-26 Audited Financial Statements.](#)

REP: Considerations for obtaining informed consent

Regulatory Education Program
College of Naturopaths of Ontario



Naturopaths are responsible for obtaining and documenting informed consent throughout a patient's care. Join us on Monday, September 21, 2026 for an REP session examining the legal and regulatory expectations for informed consent.

We'll cover the information patients need to make informed decisions, how to assess capacity, the role of substitute decision-makers, and the requirements for documenting consent throughout the course of care.

Get ready to participate and review:

- The [College Consent Standard of Practice](#)
- The [College Informed Consent: Dos and Don'ts Guideline](#)

[Register now to secure your spot.](#)

New graduates working for a College Registrant



In between graduation from a naturopathic educational program and achieving registration with the College, some graduates look for opportunities to work with a registered naturopath. This relationship comes with important regulatory, legal, and insurance responsibilities. Whether you're a new graduate seeking this type of working opportunity or a registrant considering bringing a new graduate into your clinic, the College's regulatory guidance outlines the requirements for consent, supervision, billing, and professional accountability.

[Read the New Graduates Working for a College Registrant Regulatory Guidance.](#)

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

September

7	College is closed for Labour Day
8	Ontario Biomedical Exam sitting
21	REP: Considerations for Obtaining Informed Consent Register
27	Ontario Prescribing and Therapeutics Exam sitting
30	Virtual Council Meeting (9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. ET) Register

October

12	College is closed for Thanksgiving
25	Ontario Clinical (Practical) Exams sitting

November

11	College is closed for Remembrance Day
23	REP: Navigating Conflict of Interest in Practice Register
25	Virtual Council Meeting (9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. ET) Register

[See more dates](#)



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