



COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Specialty Therapy Certification Requirements

The following is a list of board approved Specialty Therapies practiced by Naturopathic Physicians in the province of British Columbia. Their corresponding Committees have set individual guidelines for each Specialty Therapy. These guidelines, which have been approved by the Board, must be attained to receive Board Certification for practice.

Naturopathic Physicians are required to maintain continuing education hours for each specialty therapy and they must provide the board with verification of hours completed. Continuing education hours are documented and monitored and doctors are updated of their status on an annual basis.

Registrants are required to use the term Board Certified in expressing Specialty Therapy Certification.

Acupuncture Certification Requirements

CNPBC Board certification to practice Acupuncture requires all of the following:

1. Certified evidence of a minimum of 200 hours of study in Traditional Oriental Medicine, which must include:
 - A) Syndrome differentiation and formulation of point prescriptions
 - B) Traditional acupuncture anatomy, physiology and pathology
 - C) Acupuncture and Moxibustion techniques and point location
2. Certified evidence of a minimum of 50 hours of supervised clinical training by a licensed acupuncturist or practitioner authorized by the CNPBC.
3. A naturopathic physician licensed in another province of Canada or another country, who has qualified to practice in BC and is certified to practice acupuncture elsewhere, may automatically be granted certification to practice acupuncture in BC upon review of his or her records by the Committee for Acupuncture certification.

To maintain valid certification, a naturopathic physician must maintain the required amount of continuing education hours in Acupuncture.

Chelation Certification Requirements

CNPBC Board certification in EDTA Chelation therapy requires all of the following parts:

Part A - IV Therapy technique and general safety procedures.

Part B - Theoretical course or technician course with exam as supplied by GLACM, ACAM or equivalent* (*courses that teach the ACAM protocols with approval of the NCCC).

To maintain valid certification, a naturopathic physician must maintain the required amount of continuing education hours in Chelation therapy.

Hyperbaric Certification Guidelines

Naturopathic Bio-Oxidative Committee (NBOC) Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy: Sub-committee.

A duly qualified and licensed naturopathic physician may be approved to practice hyperbaric oxygen therapy in the Province by the College of Naturopathic Physicians of British Columbia on the recommendation of the Naturopathic Bio-Oxidative Committee (NBOC) with the successful completion of all three of the following parts.

PART A - Education - The physician standard of primary training in hyperbaric medicine is a 40 hour course approved by the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society. Standard Examination of Qualifications – The written and oral examination in hyperbaric medicine must be completed to the approval of the NBOC.

Practice - The safe administration of high-dose inhaled oxygen at pressure is to be practiced as full life-support of a critical life function. Hyperbaric qualified physicians must examine each patient for fitness for therapy, assess medical contraindications, inform the patient or their agent of the risks of the therapy, as well as the benefits, and obtain consent for therapy. A physician supervising HBO therapy shall remain in the facility during the patient's first treatment, and shall be available within five minutes during the treatment of any patient in the facility. Any hyperbaric treatment supervised by a physician shall only proceed while a reliable communications link is established with the chamber operator. Barotrauma and emergency procedures may require medical consultation or evacuation to critical care facilities.

PART B - Facilities - The facility housing a hyperbaric oxygen chamber shall meet the National Fire Protection Association codes for healthcare facilities NFPA 99, and all applicable sections of Chapter 19 codes for hyperbaric installations. Fire and electrical inspection and approval by local authorities is mandatory. The hyperbaric chamber must meet Lloyd's standards for Pressure Vessels for Human Occupancy. It must be fit for use, properly installed to manufacturer's specifications, commissioned by qualified personnel, and maintained to the specifications of the manufacturer.

The Committee must inspect any hyperbaric facility it may approve for adherence to safety codes and practices, and shall inspect logs and records for proper practices, informed consent, maintenance and credentials of personnel.

PART C - Examination of Qualifications - A provincial written and practical examination in hyperbaric medicine must be successfully completed to the approval of the NBOC.

PASSING GRADE: A grade of 75% must be attained in both the practical and the written exam. The results WILL NOT be averaged together.

RE-CERTIFICATION -

Physician - A hyperbaric physician must be re-certified by the committee every three years. This shall include re-examination by the committee and review of approved continuing education.

FACILITY - Any facility approved by the committee must be re-certified every three years. This may include a site inspection of the chamber, its housing, records of conformation to the standards set by the committee, clinical records of the practice of hyperbaric medicine, and credentials of personnel administering hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

In addition to the completion of these requirements, it is expected of a naturopathic physician to adhere to common standards of practice of hyperbaric therapy. The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society Operations Committee 1999 Report recommends these guidelines -

PRIMARY APPROVED THERAPIES –

The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society has since 1977 published a list of approved indications for appropriate use of hyperbaric oxygen in medicine. These have scientific and mechanistic validity based on high quality controlled clinical trials, and are an important guideline to practitioners and third party reimbursement agencies.

ANCILLARY THERAPIES –

Other conditions may be treated if approved by the Board upon institutional review by the Bio-Oxidative Therapies and the Patterns of Practice Committee. Review shall consist of evidence of safety and risk analysis effectiveness, recommended protocols and standards of care. Non-UHMS approved conditions are to be evaluated by the Patterns of Practice and Bio-Oxidative Therapies committees. An institutional review of safety and effectiveness, protocols and standards of care is needed for each condition to be approved.

Ozone Therapy Certification Requirement

CNPBC Board certification in Ozone therapy requires all of the following parts:

Part A - Training in IV and Safety Techniques

Part B - Successful completion of an approved Ozone course, either IBOM, IOMA or Dr. Schallenberger (or equivalent).

To maintain valid certification, a naturopathic physician must maintain the required amount of continuing education hours in Ozone therapy.

Prolotherapy Certification Requirements

CNPBC Board certification in Prolotherapy requires the following parts:

Part A - Successful completion of one of the following recognized courses:

1. The Hackett Hemwall Foundation 4 day course
2. The American Academy of Musculoskeletal Medicine 3 part course
3. American Academy of Orthopedic Medicine courses
4. National Academy of Therapeutic Injections

It is strongly recommended that doctors complete the first 2 listed courses to become proficient in practicing prolotherapy.

Achieving proficiency in peripheral injections prior to attempting axial injections is also strongly recommended.

To maintain valid certification, a naturopathic physician must maintain the required amount of continuing education hours in prolotherapy.

******All doctors certified in Chelation Therapy, Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, IV Therapies, Ozone Therapy and Prolotherapy must maintain active certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS). Initial training in ACLS must be completed by June, 2010 and active certification must be renewed every 3 years.******

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