



COLLEGE OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

PHYSICIANS RELATIONS QUARTERLY UPDATE

Fall 2008

1. Board Update

The board and its committees continued to work over the summer months at various initiatives that were required to move forward. Although a formal board meeting was not held, various committees held meetings and continued to plug away at projects already in motion. Such initiatives include the changes to the bylaws and regulations which are required for the introduction of prescriptive authority for ND's in BC.

A meeting was recently held in Toronto to formalize a new Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) for ND's transferring from province to province. A new Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) was recently signed by the council of Premiers of Canadian provinces which impacts the MRA and has resulted in further discussions being required. Provincial representatives from naturopathic regulatory bodies nationwide will meet again over the winter months.

2. Patient Relations Committee Update

The Patient Relations Committee would like to extend its gratitude to Dr. Cynthia Isles for her time serving as Chair of the committee and her work in initiating many new policies and procedures. Dr. Isles has now resigned from the committee and Dr. Cathryn Coe is the new chair. The board looks forward to working with Dr. Coe and the rest of the committee on current and future initiatives.

3. Patterns of Practice Committee Update

There have been some updates to Part A IV certification and Part B Chelation certification. Dr. Michael Prytula's Basic IV Therapies course has been approved for Part A, which now makes 6 courses approved for Part A certification. Dr. Michael Prytula and Dr. Bob White have now completed the certification process for their Chelation courses, and they have been approved for Part B Chelation certification. There are now 3 courses which have been approved for Part B Chelation certification. Remember, there is no longer Part C for Chelation certification. All registrants at this time who practice **any** form of chelation therapy, must be fully certified by one of the approved Part B courses.

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) has just been mandated for all doctors who practice Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy, IV Therapies, Chelation, Prolotherapy or Ozone therapy. Doctors have until June 2010 to complete the training, and must maintain active certification every three years.

4. Quality Assurance Committee Update

Please be advised that Health Canada has recently announced that hyperbaric chambers used for the treatment of patients must be approved by Health Canada as a Class 3 medical device. The CNPBC has revised its policy and facility checklist accordingly and registrants who practice hyperbaric therapy must be using a device as approved by Health Canada to provide treatment to patients.

The Quality Assurance Committee is in need of members to join its advisory group. Please contact Debbie at the CNPBC office if you are interested.

5. Criminal Records Re-Check

Starting this year, the BC government requires all professionals “working with children directly or having or potentially having unsupervised access to children in the ordinary course of employment or in the practice of an occupation”, under the *Criminal Records Review Act*, to undergo a criminal record re-check every five years. This includes all registrants of the CNPBC. In 2008. The requirement is being phased in over a five year period and registrants with surnames beginning with the letters A-E, who have not had a criminal record check in the past five years, are required to undergo a criminal record check this year.

Please watch your email for complete details and information along with a criminal records re-check form that will be sent to those that need to be re-checked before the end of this year.

Enjoy a Healthy Fall and Winter Season!

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