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Basic Life Support & Advanced Life Support Training News

With the exceptional circumstances surrounding COVID-19 in mind, the College Board recently approved the completion of Naturopathic Advanced Life Support (NALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) level CPR-HCP training **virtually and/or in-person until the end of April 2022**.

To obtain certification in NALS and/or BLS level CPR-HCP, approved providers, including the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and the Canadian Red Cross, may require registrants to complete part of the course virtually and part of the course in-person. The BC Government's Restart Plan allows for the resumption of in-person training and registrants are expected to complete **both the virtual and in-person components**, as required by the provider.

Should COVID-19 restrictions be reinstated and should course providers cease offering in-person training and offer only partial virtual training, the College will accept the partially completed virtual training until registrants are able to complete the in-person component.

Some of you may have completed the virtual component of BLS level CPR-HCP training with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, set to expire on July 31, 2021. If you fall into this category, you will need to contact the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada to determine whether you need to retake the course to ensure your certification is current.

Just a reminder that NALS and BLS level CPR-HCP certification must be current at all times. If your certification is due to expire you must enroll in time to complete currency training prior to your expiration date.

Approved providers of NALS and BLS training are listed on the College website [here](#).

If you are unable to complete online or in-person training before the expiry of your NALS or BLS certificate, please contact the College at office@cnpsc.bc.ca to request an extension of time to

complete the required course(s). When requesting an extension from the College, you must provide the reasons for your request.

Ivermectin

It has come to the attention of the College that the drug ivermectin is being publicized as a treatment for COVID-19 and a number of registrants have enquired whether ivermectin is within the prescribing scope of practice.

All registrants should be aware that **ivermectin is not an approved or recognized treatment** for COVID-19 and is not within the prescribing scope of practice for naturopathic doctors in BC.

Ivermectin is listed as an excluded drug under Appendix F of the [Scope of Practice for Naturopathic Physicians: Standards, Limits and Conditions for Prescribing, Dispensing and Compounding Drugs](#) and the Schedule of the [Naturopathic Physicians Regulation](#).

Naturopathic doctors have a responsibility to the public, to patients, and to our profession to communicate information about COVID-19 responsibly, and to not entertain suggestions or yield to pressure to recommend unproven and potentially dangerous medications and treatments.

Approved Certification Courses

The following certification courses have been approved by the Board:

1. IV Nutrient Therapy Principles and Practice for Success, taught by Dr. Erica Kubanek ND, is an approved course for registrants considering certification in IV Therapies.
2. Advanced Injection 1 Therapy Course Palpation Guided for Naturopathic Doctors, taught by Dr. Frank Johnson MD, is an approved course for registrants seeking certification in Advanced Injections Part A.
3. Naturopathic Advanced Life Support (NALS), taught by Life Safe Medical Training, is an approved provider for NALS training.

Approved Continuing Education Courses

The College announces that the following continuing education courses have been approved for continuing education credits.

Category G – Ethics, Professionalism & Cultural Safety

1. Neutralizing Clinical Language for 2SLGBTQIA+ Inclusivity, presented by the British Columbia Naturopathic Association, for 1 hour.
2. Gender Bias in Medicine, presented by Naturopathic CE, for 2.5 hours.

Category F – Prescribing Authority

1. Integrative Fertility Treatments for Naturopathic Doctors – My Health Pregnancy Plan, presented by Dr. Jocelyn Land-Murphy ND, for 2 hours.
2. Polycystic Ovary Syndrome – PCOS from Research to Practice, presented by the Confident Clinician, for 2 hours.
3. Practical Training in PAPs HPV and STI Testing, presented by Dr. Karen Parmar ND, for 2 hours.

Provider and Location Registry (PLR)

Purpose

The PLR is a trusted source of healthcare provider information, controlled by the Ministry of Health and available to be viewed by authorized users. It contains healthcare provider information sourced from the regulatory colleges in BC. Naturopathic doctors are core health providers, and the College will be providing registrant information for storage in the PLR.

What the PLR Does

- Acts as BC's central repository of provider and location information data
- Facilitates the formal exchange of health information between participating organizations (including the College)
- Data sources and consumers of PLR data sign agreements that set out the rules for sharing provider information.

Which Organization Manages the PLR?

- Each province implementing a PLR has its own registry administrator. In BC, the PLR is managed by the Health Registries branch at the Ministry of Health.

Data Content

The College will share registrant data with the Ministry of Health, including:

- Provider identifier
- Provider name
- Provider status
- Provider contact information (such as address, telephone, fax, email).

Provider Permission Required?

- Under section 26(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, primary sources, such as the College, may disclose data under section 33(c) and 34(1) for what is considered "consistent purpose."
- Primary sources, such as the College, must notify registrants of the data that is made available to the PLR and the authority and reason for disclosure. In BC, a privacy impact assessment has been completed and a formal notification of what information will be shared with the Ministry of Health will follow in a subsequent communication.

You will find further information about the PLR on the [BC Government website](#).

Consider Getting Involved on a Committee

Much of the Board's work is done through Committees that specialize in key areas of the College's mandate and support its overall regulatory function. They provide counselling and advice to inform Board decision-making and make recommendations for full Board consideration.

Committees are made up of both registrant and public members, taking advantage of their special skills, knowledge, and even personal interests. Being on a Committee is a great way to learn how the College functions, understand its mandate, and utilize your skills and experience to make good decisions for our profession.

Committees are established by the *Health Professions Act* and the College Bylaws. Terms are for two years with the possibility of reappointment. These regulatory Committees are currently recruiting registrant members.

Discipline Committee

The Discipline Committee deals with matters referred to it by the Inquiry Committee or by the Board as a whole. Meeting frequency depends on the number of disciplinary hearings scheduled in a year.

Inquiry Committee

The Inquiry Committee investigates complaints and concerns regarding registrant conduct, competency, and/or ability to practice and decides on appropriate action. The Committee meets monthly—virtually at this time.

Quality Assurance Committee

The Quality Assurance Committee establishes and maintains the quality assurance program promoting high practice standards, continuous learning, and professional development on the part of registrants. It meets monthly—also virtually at this time.

If you think Committee work might be for you, just email registrar@cnpbc.bc.ca. Let us know which Committee you are interested in and your experience as a naturopathic doctor.

Regards,
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