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About Prescriptive Authority

Registrants are reminded of their responsibility to be aware of the limits and conditions to their drug prescribing authority. Prescription drugs can only be prescribed by registrants who are certified by the College in Prescriptive Authority, and they must be prescribed in accordance with the [Scope of Practice for Naturopathic Doctors: Standards, Limits and Conditions for Prescribing, Dispensing and Compounding Drugs](#). This document sets out the classes of drugs which are not within the scope of practice for NDs, such as opioids, benzodiazepines or other drugs listed under the schedules to the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*. It also sets out the specific drugs which do not fall into an excluded class of drugs, but which have nevertheless been excluded from the scope of practice for other reasons.

The document is updated throughout the year when new drugs are reviewed by the College for inclusion or exclusion from the scope of practice, and the College includes notifications of any updates to the document in its monthly newsletters. Registrants should review it regularly and ask the College if they are ever unsure about whether a particular drug fits into their scope before they use it in their practice. Prescribing an excluded drug is a significant conduct issue which requires investigation by the College's inquiry committee.

Is your Prescriptive Authority Certification Up-to-date?

Registrants who hold certification in *Prescriptive Authority* must adhere to the BC [Naturopathic Physicians Regulation](#) and the College's [Scope of Practice for Naturopathic Physicians – Standards, Limits and Conditions for Prescribing](#)

Dispensing and Compounding Drugs.

Registrants who wish to apply to the Pharmacopoeia and Diagnostics Referral Committee for the inclusion of a new or board-excluded drug in the pharmacopoeia available to naturopathic doctors in British Columbia may do so by way of the [Excluded Drug Application Form](#).

Certification Requirements

To obtain certification in [Prescriptive Authority](#), registrants must successfully complete the [Prescribing Upgrade Course](#) and pass the [CCNM](#) exam offered in British Columbia by the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine ([CCNM – Boucher](#)).

- [Application for Certification in Prescriptive Authority](#)

NOTE: Registrants certified in *Prescriptive Authority* must maintain valid qualifications in Naturopathic Advanced Life Support (NALS).



Update on Liquid Rhinoplasty

On December 22, 2020, the College issued a communication advising that the Board had made the decision that effective January 1, 2021, registrants would not be permitted to perform the liquid rhinoplasty procedure on patients. In May 2021, an Aesthetics Sub-Committee was formed to conduct a review of the moratorium on the liquid rhinoplasty procedure by registrants and provide written recommendations to the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC). The Sub-Committee

- Reviewed the liquid rhinoplasty procedure generally including current medical literature on the procedure.
- Reviewed submissions received from registrants regarding the moratorium on the liquid rhinoplasty procedure.
- Reviewed the training and education requirements of the injectable fillers certification to determine if current training is adequate for registrants to safely perform the liquid rhinoplasty procedure, this includes a review of all safety and emergency procedures/training required to respond to an adverse reaction of a patient.
- Researched where registrants can acquire the appropriate training.
- Held a focus group with registrant experts to determine the type of education that is required to safely carry out various aspects of injectable filler procedures.

The Sub-Committee learned early in their work that the term “liquid rhinoplasty” is not specific enough or appropriate medical terminology and are using the term “injectable fillers” in their recommendations. The Sub-Committee recommendations were reviewed by the QAC and the Board, and were approved by the Board April 06, 2022, and the plan for implementing the recommendations has now been put in place. Those applying for **NEW** certification in Injectable Fillers will be required to meet the new requirements as of **September 1, 2022**.

Registrants will find the update to the [certification requirements for Injectable Fillers](#) on the website as well as a grandfathering process for those who currently have certification in injectable fillers. Grandfathering in this context is the process of assessing an individual’s education and experience for the purpose of exempting them from requirements they have already met. Registrants who have current certification in fillers can apply to be

grandfathered into the new certification format through assessment and be placed in the appropriate certification level based on their assessment results. The assessment process will consist of:

- Submission of patient records over a 12-month period demonstrating what treatments in which they have experience (patient records must be redacted to remove all patient information such as name, phone number, address etc.)
- Proof of education equivalent to the level, to which they are applying.

To manage the volume of application, the College is requesting that **ONLY** those with greater than 4 years experience in Injectable Fillers apply at this time. Once these applications are processed the College will request applications from those with 2-4years experience, followed by those with <2yrs experience. All those registrants practising Injectable Fillers are required to apply for grandfathering prior to the license renewal deadline, **December 31, 2022**. Application forms for grandfathering can be found [here](#). Records should be submitted using the form provided [here](#).



A Note From the Registrar

It's been a busy month at the College as we onboarded new Board and Committee members. The College and profession are both made stronger through their participation.

Summer weather is finally here and with it the opportunity for more outdoor activities. Everyone needs to find the time to relax practice self-care. After the last few years, we all need to spend time doing things we love.

Enjoy the summer.

Carina Herman

We acknowledge with respect that the land on which we gather is the unceded and traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples - sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), sel̓ílwitlh (Tseil-Waututh), and x̓m̓əθk̓wəy̓əm (Musqueam) nations whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.



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