

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

The College was pleased when naturopathic doctors were invited by both Vancouver Coastal Health and Island Health to participate at approved vaccine clinics in the role of COVID-19 immunizers.

Given the high level of excitement around BC's vaccination program rolling out as quickly as it is, it's not surprising that registrants are asking the College if it's appropriate to discuss these (or any) vaccines with their patients.

With the trust the Health Authorities placed in our registrants to serve as frontline immunizers, the College considers it appropriate for naturopathic doctors holding immunization certification to provide information about COVID-19 vaccines to their patients.

We do remind you that, when discussing COVID-19 or any other vaccines, you must be sure that the information you are providing is consistent with the guidance provided by the [BC Centre for Disease Control](#), the [College Immunization Standard](#), and [College Code of Conduct/Ethics](#).



We also note that you must not advertise or counsel patients on anti-vaccination content, advertise misinformation about COVID-19 vaccines, or recommend or advertise unproven therapies for the treatment of COVID-19.

If you have any questions about what you can and cannot discuss concerning COVID-19 or other vaccines, feel free to contact the College at office@cnpbc.bc.ca.

Criminal Record Checks

As you know, it is a requirement of registration that a current criminal record check be on file with the College. Under the Criminal Records Review Act, 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*” are required by the Ministry of

Justice to undergo a criminal record check **every five (5) years**.

To find out when your criminal record check expires, please log into your [ROSS account](#) and proceed to the “Criminal Records” tab. Here you will find the date your last criminal record check was cleared as well as the date it will expire.

The process for obtaining a new criminal record check is outlined on the College website [here](#). Most of you will be able to do so online.

Please note that if you do have to submit your criminal record check by paper it may take 8-12 weeks for it to be processed by the Ministry of Justice. For this reason, please submit your request for a criminal record check well in advance of registration renewal and avoid any unnecessary delays.

Registration renewal for 2022 will begin November 15, 2021.



Moratorium on Liquid Rhinoplasty - Update

On February 5, 2021, the College issued a communication outlining the steps registrants needed to take to have the moratorium decision of the Board reviewed. Those steps included:

1. prepare written materials, including medical literature to support your position to have the Board decision reviewed;
2. provide all written materials to the attention of the Quality Assurance Committee by sending the materials to office@cnpbc.bc.ca.

Submissions were at that time required to be provided to the College by **July 31, 2021**.

Please note that the College is moving this deadline forward to June 15, 2021.

This means if you wish to provide written submissions to have the moratorium decision reviewed, please provide all materials to the College **by 4pm on June 15, 2021**.

Approved Continuing Education Courses

The College would also like to announce that the following continuing education courses have been approved for CE credits.



Category G – Ethics, Professionalism & Cultural Safety

1. Adolescent Suicide Prevention, available at Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine, for 1.5 hours
2. Understanding Neurodiversity and Working with Patients on the Autism Spectrum, available at Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine, for 2 hours.

Category F – Prescribing Authority

1. Black Box Warning for Common Pharmaceutical Medications, presented by Collaborative Education, for 1.5 hours
 2. Medication Deprescribing and Polypharmacy in Canada, presented by Collaborative Education, for 1.5 hours
 3. Cardiovascular Medications Adverse Reactions: Screening and Management, presented by Collaborative Education, for 1.5 hours
 4. Vitamin A and Vitamin D – Applications and Associations for Immune Health, presented by Collaborative Education, for 1 hour
 5. Management of Neuropathic Pain: Making Rational Choices for Often Irrational Conditions, presented by BC Naturopathic Association, for 0.5 hours
 6. Management of Chronic Low Back Pain: Getting Back to the Basics, presented by BC Naturopathic Association, for 0.5 hours
 7. Does $1+1+1 = 2$ or 3 ?... A Deep Dive into COPD Puffer Escalation, presented by BC Naturopathic Association, for 0.5 hours
 8. A New Generation of Diabetes Drugs: Exploring the If, When, and How of Rational Prescribing, presented by BC Naturopathic Association, for 0.5 hours
 9. Injectable Hyaluronic Acid: In-Office Clinical uses for Knee Osteoarthritis Management, presented by BC Naturopathic Association, for 0.5 hours
 10. Menopause Management/Hormone Bootcamp, presented by Institute of Women's Health and Integrative Medicine, for 9.5 hours
 11. The ABCs of HRT, presented by The Confident Clinician, for 2 hours
 12. Treating Hypertension in the Elderly, presented by Naturopathic CE, for 1.75 hours.
 13. Community Antimicrobial Stewardship, on the BCCDC website in the LearningHub, for 3.5 hours
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Thanks to Registrants

For almost a year and a half now we've all been put to the test as we work to overcome the challenges presented by COVID-19, both professionally and personally.

But as stressful as we know this experience has been for all of us, the College is reassured by all the ways people across our naturopathic doctor community have risen to the occasion, reorganized the way in which their practices operate and worked diligently to keep patients and staff safe and calm.



For this, and for all you do, we are grateful!



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