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Notice of Annual General Meeting and Election Information

The Annual General Meeting (the “AGM”) of the College of Naturopathic Physicians of British Columbia (the “College”) is scheduled to take place from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, online via Zoom webcast. Attendees will be eligible for one (1) hour of continuing education credit in Category A.

The AGM will be followed by an education session from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The education session will focus on new Standards of Practice for registrants of the College. Attendees will be eligible for one (1) hour of continuing education credit in Category G.

Registration

Information on how to register for the AGM, will be sent to registrants approximately one month prior to the meeting by our facilitators at Get Quorum. Please monitor your inbox and junk folders for the registration notice and information.

Election Information

Please note that an election will take place at the AGM. Nominations must be received no later than April 18, 2022.

The College’s election procedures are outlined in the document entitled “AGM Election

Procedures” found at the following link:

<https://cnpbc.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/AGM-Election-Procedures-updated-1.pdf>

To download the Nomination Form and Proxy Appointment Form, please go to the following links on the College’s website:

<https://cnpbc.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/AGM-Nomination-Form-updated.pdf>

<https://cnpbc.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/AGM-Proxy-Appointment-Form-updated-1.pdf>

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.



Standards of Practice Framework

Naturopathic Physician practice is diverse and complex. Both regulators and registrants need standards that will guide and set expectations for practice.

A standard is the minimum level of acceptable performance. It is an expected and achievable level of performance against which actual performance can be compared.

The framework below outlines three types of standards, all falling under the umbrella 'Standards of Practice' heading.



Professional Standards give clear expectations of what is historically expected of a professional. The general principles can apply to any professional but in this case are particular to NDs.

Scope of Practice Standards are based on the activities that NDs can carry out and defines what needs to be considered prior to carrying out these activities. In essence it considers, “I **can** do this but **should** I do it?”

Practice Standards expand on some of the requirements identified in the Professional Standards and provide more clarity on topics such as informed consent, record keeping, etc.

Together, the Standards of Practice set out the requirements for registrants and make expectations for practice clear and enforceable.

The **Professional Standards** have been developed and we provide them here. They describe the responsibilities of naturopathic physicians in providing care to the public in BC.

Patient-Centred Care

1. Put the interests of patients before the interests of the naturopathic physician in providing safe, professional, quality patient care.
2. “Do no Harm”.
3. Respect the patient’s right to privacy and confidentiality.
4. Respect the patient’s right and ability to make informed choices regarding their care.

Unique Body of Knowledge

1. Ensure the Therapeutic Order is the foundation of practice.
2. Base practice on a unique, scientifically based body of knowledge and expertise.
3. Practise according to evidence-based and peer-supported principles.

Competent Application of Knowledge

1. Competently apply knowledge in assessing, treating, and managing patient care.
2. Assess outcomes of care provided.
3. Maintain competence by undertaking continuous learning and professional development.

Professional Ethics

1. Practise in accordance with the ethical guidelines for the profession.

Professional Responsibility and Accountability

1. Maintain accountability in the public interest.

2. Ensure that practice meets the legislative requirements and professional standards of the profession.
3. Assume primary responsibility for maintaining own competence and fitness to practise.

CNPBC is looking for NDs who can lend their expertise by reviewing and commenting on Practice Standards as they are developed. If you are interested in this professional opportunity, please contact mpayne@cnpbc.bc.ca and indicate “standards review” in the subject line.

Cervix Cancer Screening in BC

The College has been notified by Dirk van Niekerk, Medical Director for Cervix Screening in BC, that there are updated documents on their website which will be of interest to registrants. The documents describe BC's cervix cancer screening program and the current guidelines. As the information is expected to be updated from time to time, we will be sure to direct you to future changes.

The essential resources on their website can be found at <http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/screening/health-professionals/cervix/resources> This material is designed for health care providers who share screening information with patients.

The latest updates are available here:

<http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/screening/Documents/Cervix-Program-Overview.pdf>

Current colposcopy guidelines can be accessed here:

<http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/screening/Documents/Colposcopy-Standards.pdf>

A Note From the Registrar

The seasons are changing and longer, brighter days lie ahead. The year does seem to be flying by and another AGM is nearly upon us. We're anticipating another robust turnout for our virtual meeting. The virtual AGM has proven to be popular with many registrants as have other new ways of doing things over these past two years!

Indeed, change seems to be a constant during these pandemic times and that has meant that patience has become the norm. Many of you have reached out to me about some of these changes, via email, and while I do read them all, due to the sheer volume I am unable to reply to every single one.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone for the care they are providing British Columbians during the pandemic.

Be well.

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