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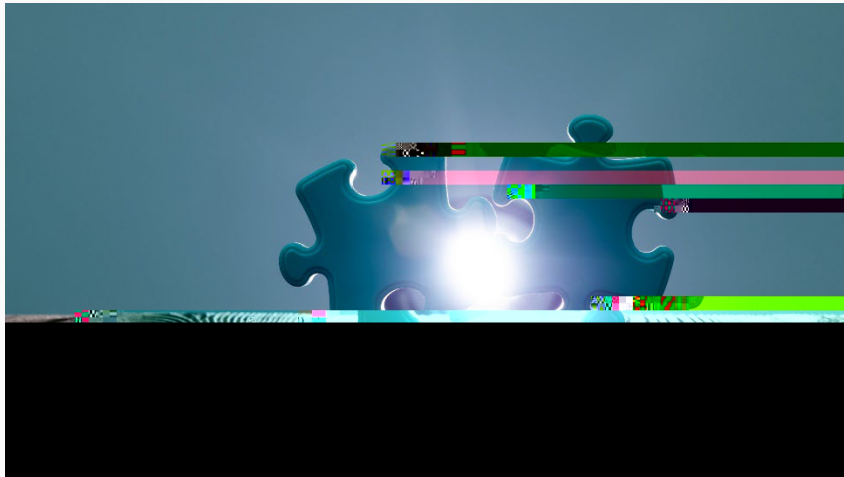
CEO Appointed for Future Multi-Profession College

In anticipation of the amalgamation of the College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC, College of Chiropractors of BC, College of Massage Therapists of BC, and College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of BC to form one new multi-profession college on June 28, 2024, a CEO has been appointed.

Carin Plischke, currently the Registrar and CEO of the College of Occupational Therapists of BC, has been appointed the CEO of the new multi-profession regulatory college. Carina Herman will continue to oversee the College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC, until amalgamation, as will registrars of the other three colleges. As well, Carin will continue to oversee the College of Occupational Therapists of BC until amalgamation. Effective June 28, 2024, the date the four colleges amalgamate, Carin will assume the full-time role of CEO of the new college.

As a reminder, the College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC, is being directed by the Ministry of Health to amalgamate with the three other colleges. This amalgamation is part of the Ministry of Health's multi-year initiative to modernize BC's health profession regulatory framework. More information is available on the Ministry of Health's [Professional Regulation webpage](#).

We will continue to keep you updated as the amalgamation work progresses, including on our [website](#). If you have questions, please email us at: office@cnpbc.bc.ca



Certification Updates

Botulinum Toxin: Medical/Non-Aesthetic Certification

Registrants must hold CNPBC certification in Botulinum Toxin: Medical/Non-Aesthetic, CNPBC certification in Prescriptive Authority, and current qualification in Naturopathic Advanced Life Support (NALS) prior to injecting botulinum toxin for the following: temporomandibular joint (TMJ) syndrome, headaches, migraines, and hyperhidrosis. Once certified, registrants may only perform these specified aspects of practice.

On January 31st, 2024, the Board reviewed the restriction prohibiting NDs from using medical botulinum outside the above four (4) areas. It was determined that adequately trained and competent registrants holding certification in Botulinum Toxin: Medical/Non-Aesthetic may utilize botulinum toxin for additional medical/non-aesthetic purposes.

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As such, registrants are no longer limited to the above four (4) areas when administering botulinum toxin for medical/non-aesthetic purposes. However, **registrants are prohibited from using botulinum toxin in the intra-ocular muscles.** The [Restricted Activities Document](#) has been updated to reflect these changes.

As with all treatments and services, regardless of the area of practice or the health condition, registrants must ensure that

*Certification in level 2 permits registrant to administer hyaluronic acid fillers, biostimulators, threads and **other injectable products used to modify or manage the effects of injectable fillers, including hyaluronidase** in level 1 and 2 areas.*

Additionally, emergency use for hyaluronidase is not restricted to any area when performed by any ND with competence.

Registrants are reminded that injectable fillers used for these procedures must be approved by Health Canada and it is prohibited for any registrant to administer injectable fillers into the genitalia.

CE changes for the 2024/25 Period

The continuing education (CE) requirement exists to ensure that naturopathic physicians

- All registrants must complete a minimum of 5 hours in Category A, 12 hours in Category B, and 3 hours in approved Category G courses.
- Registrants holding College certifications must complete 2 hours in Category E per certification.
- Registrants holding certification in Prescriptive Authority must complete 10 hours in approved Category F courses.
- The remaining hours may be completed through any category.

The category descriptions can be reviewed on the college [website](#).

As the CNPBC mandate is to protect the public, continuing education requirements need to be reflective of this mandate. A review of the Quality Assurance Program was completed by the Board. It was determined that Category A and B requirements are rooted in the promotion of the profession and the support of associations rather than the protection of the public.

As a result, the Board has made a motion to retain the overall 40-hour CE requirement and remove categories A and B, starting with the January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025 CE period. Courses previously considered category B are now included in Category C.

As such, the current CE requirements are as follows:

- **All registrants must complete a minimum of 40 hours of continuing education over each two-year CE period.**
- **All registrants must complete 3 hours in approved Category G courses.**
- **Registrants holding College certifications must complete 2 hours in Category E per certification.**
- **Registrants holding certification in Prescriptive Authority must complete 10 hours in approved Category F courses.**
- **The remaining hours may be completed through any category.**

Registrants are expected to use their best professional judgment when selecting the continuing education program that will provide them with the most valuable professional growth.

The College's complete Quality Assurance Program can be reviewed [here](#).

Laser Update

Following the [October 2023 Newsletter](#)

protection, standards of practice, certifications, and registration easily accessible.

We've introduced a comprehensive top menu and used collapsible sections throughout the website to allow for quick and efficient navigation.

The new homepage is more visually appealing and includes quick links to direct you to the desired section of the website. It is also designed to keep you up to date with CNPBC announcements through the news and newsletter sections.

In addition to the design changes, we have added sections on the processing of requests and applications where needed. These will help set timeline expectations and allow registrants and applicants to plan accordingly.

What's next?

CNPBC will continue to develop and improve its website. We invite you to explore the [new design](#) and we welcome any suggestions at office@cnpbc.bc.ca



