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## NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS:

REVISED ADVISORY STATEMENT ENCLOSED.  
ETHICAL GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH  
(effective December 1, 2008) – add to your binder  
Replaces Advisory Statement No. 9 – Ethical Guidelines for  
Research (November 1998) – discard

## NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD POSITIONS

**NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN** for three Board positions, each to be elected for a two-year term.

The College Board has a total of nine members: six are Physical Therapists elected by the College registrants and three are public representatives appointed by the Ministry of Health. A physical therapy student representative from the Department of Physical Therapy, Faculty of Medicine, University of British Columbia also attends the meetings.

Board members are expected to attend all Board meetings and to serve on one or more College committees. Board meetings are held at least five times a year, usually on a Saturday, in Vancouver. Some committee meetings occur around the same time as Board meetings to facilitate travel for out of town members.

Full registrants from all parts of the province, who practice either in the public or private sector, are encouraged to accept nominations for the three upcoming vacancies on the Board.

For further information about this opportunity contact the College Nominations Committee c/o the Registrar at [brenda\\_hudson@cptbc.org](mailto:brenda_hudson@cptbc.org) or 604-730-9193.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the College office by contacting Carlyne at 604-730-9193 or [carlyne\\_massincaud@cptbc.org](mailto:carlyne_massincaud@cptbc.org).

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: 4 PM FEBRUARY 2, 2009.**

## DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The office will be **CLOSED**  
on  
Thursday, December 25th, 2008  
Friday, December 26th, 2008  
Thursday, January 1st, 2009

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## INSERTS

- 2009 Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators Examiner Application
- Advisory Statement No. 5 Ethical Guidelines for Research

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

It has been six months since I assumed the position of Board Chair for the College and what a six months they have been! In May of this year, the Provincial government amended the *Health Professions Act* with a resultant impact on the way the College functions. Many of the functions related to the complaints process and the registration process will be affected, not to mention the requirement to develop a quality assurance program. Effectively, self-regulation of our profession in this Province has been eroded by the creation of a Health Professions Review Board that has final oversight on a number of College functions.

These amendments will affect all registrants. For example:

As of this fall, any complaint not resolved within a predetermined time frame (as defined by the Ministry) can be referred by the complainant to the Health Professions Review Board. Also, any complainant who is unsatisfied with the outcome of the Inquiry Committee's review and decision of their complaint can now appeal to the Review Board. Additionally, when a complaint is made, the College is also now required to notify the public of the name of the physical therapist, what action has been taken as the result of a complaint and the reasons for having taken this action. Currently, the College publishes the nature and outcome of a complaint when the complaint has been resolved but does not publish names unless a license to practice has been revoked. The College is of the opinion that this will only make the consensual resolution process more contentious and therefore more costly.

With respect to registration, any person who is dissatisfied with the outcome of their application for registration with the College may also appeal to this Review Board.

As these appeal processes are new to the College, the costs associated with them are currently unknown but are expected to be significant if the College and its legal counsel are required to prepare for and appear before the Review Board.

The College will monitor the costs associated with these new obligations and, if necessary, will be obliged to raise fees to cover them. Any increase in registrant fees is something the College Board of Directors takes very seriously and will not do so without completing its due diligence. The College will share any further information as and when it becomes available.

In closing, despite all this I am confident that the College can continue to function in an effective and meaningful manner and fulfill its mandate to protect the public to the fullest possible extent.

*Victor Brittain, Chair*

## REGISTRATION REPORT

### ANNUAL REGISTRATION RENEWALS – DEADLINE JANUARY 1, 2009

The College Bylaws require the annual renewal of the registration of all full, limited, interim and inactive registrants and the cancellation of registration when renewal does not take place. **If your registration is cancelled due to failure to renew, you must not work as a Physical Therapist in British Columbia.** You may apply to have your registration reinstated by submitting the completed renewal form, proof of malpractice and the reinstatement fee within one year of cancellation.

The relevant sections of the College Bylaws Sections 42; are excerpted below:

#### **Bylaw References: Part III Registration:**

#### **Renewal of Registration**

*s.42 The registrar must renew a registration if the registrant:*

- (1) applies to the registrar and pays the fee for renewal of registration, within thirty (30) days of the date the assessed fees are due,*
- (2) pays any other outstanding fee, debt or levy owed to the college,*
- (3) attests that the registrant is in compliance with the Act, the regulations, and these bylaws, and is in compliance with any limits or conditions imposed under section 39(1)(c) of the Act, and*
- (4) meets the continuing competency requirements as imposed under section 16(2)(e) of the Act.*

#### **Cancellation**

*s.44 (5) Where a registrant fails to pay an annual registration fee on or before January 31, he must cease to be registered unless the board otherwise directs.*

**Reinstatement**

*s.44(7) The board must reinstate the registration of a former registrant who ceased to be registered by reason only of a failure to renew his or her registration where the former registrant:*

- (a) applies for renewal of registration in the form required by the board not later than 1 year following the expiration of his or her registration,*
- (b) is not in contravention of the Act, the regulations, or these bylaws, and*
- (c) pays the annual registration fee and reinstatement fee in an amount equal to 35 percent of that person's annual registration fee.*

The College Bylaws are on the College website: [www.cptbc.org](http://www.cptbc.org) and in your College Reference Guide.

**You may renew your annual registration**  
**by mail upon receipt of the 2009 renewal form**  
**or online at [www.cptbc.org](http://www.cptbc.org) starting December 1, 2008 at 8 a.m. PST**

**GUIDELINES TO COMPLETE YOUR 2009 RENEWAL:****A) Online Registration Renewal**

- ❖ Go to the College website at: **[www.cptbc.org](http://www.cptbc.org)**.
- ❖ Go to the header "Registrants" and click on "Registrant Login".
- ❖ Log in using your College User ID and password.
- ❖ You may request your password from this screen if you have forgotten it.
- ❖ Once you are logged into your profile, you will locate the registration renewal option at the top of the page.
- ❖ Update your profile if required.
- ❖ Complete the sections on practice hours, employment and malpractice insurance. Note that you will need to send proof of malpractice insurance to the College if you are not employed in a facility owned and operated by a B.C. Health Authority. You may fax a copy of confirmation of malpractice insurance to the College at 604-730-9273 or you may submit it by mail.
- ❖ Attest that the information you have provided the College is true and accurate.
- ❖ Pay your registration renewal fee on your Visa or Mastercard or mail your cheque, in the amount owing, to the College.
- ❖ **Online Renewal is the fastest and most efficient way to renew!**

**B) Registration Renewal by Mail**

- ❖ Your registration renewal form will be mailed to you in the middle of November. If you do not receive it by **December 1, 2008**, and plan to renew your registration by mail please call the College immediately.
  - ❖ Review your personal information on the first page, and revise or update if required.
  - ❖ Complete page two by adding your 2008 practice hours and all requested employment information. Attached to the renewal form is a 2-page guideline to assist you in completing this section.
  - ❖ Confirm which registration status you are requesting.
  - ❖ Complete the section on malpractice insurance.
  - ❖ Sign and date the application form.
  - ❖ Return your complete signed application form, proof of malpractice insurance, if required, and your cheque in the amount owing to the College of Physical Therapists of BC (CPTBC).
- If you are going to be **out of town**, designate someone to complete the form and return it to the College by the deadline. You must include a letter authorizing your designate to complete and sign the form on your behalf. Alternately you can renew your registration online from anywhere – all you require is a computer and internet access!

- **Malpractice insurance:** All registrants must submit hard copy proof of malpractice insurance in the amount of at least three million dollars (\$3M CAD) per occurrence unless **your *only* employer(s) under Primary/Secondary Workplace(s) on the renewal form is/are a facility owned and operated by a B.C. Health Authority. Faxed copies are acceptable.**
- Make your cheque or money order payable to the **COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA or CPTBC.**  
**Enter the correct date and amount payable.** Any errors related to payee, date or amount will result in your renewal application being returned to you and you must still meet the January 1, 2009 deadline.
- **Your renewal form will be returned to you if it is in any way incomplete. A renewal that is returned to you for completion or correction must still be returned to the College by the January 1, 2009 deadline to be processed without a late fee. Renewal forms received between January 2, 2009 and January 31, 2009 will be subject to a late fee. Your registration with the College will be cancelled on February 1, 2009 if the office has not received your completed application form and payment.**
- There is a Drop-Box to the right of the front door at the College office (1765 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver) for after-hours drop offs.
- If you wish to **change your registration status from inactive to full for 2009** please contact the College **IMMEDIATELY** to request an application form. The application form must be submitted with your renewal form before the January 1, 2009 deadline.

<b>2009 REGISTRATION RENEWAL FEES</b>	
<b>Registration fees</b>	
full registrant	\$350.00
interim registrant	\$350.00
limited registrant	\$350.00
inactive registrant	\$ 75.00
<b>Late fees</b>	
full registrant	\$70.00
interim registrant	\$70.00
limited registrant	\$70.00
inactive registrant	\$15.00
<b>Reinstatement fees</b>	
full registrant	\$122.50
interim registrant	\$122.50
limited registrant	\$122.50
inactive registrant	\$ 26.25

**2009 MEETINGS****BOARD MEETINGS**

February 7, 2009, April 4, 2009, June 20, 2009  
September 19, 2009 and November 28, 2009  
in Vancouver, British Columbia

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
and  
EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**Saturday, April 4th, 2009 - Save the date!**

at the  
**PLAZA 500 HOTEL**  
500 West 12th Avenue  
Vancouver, British Columbia

**The CPTBC and PABC Joint Initiatives Committee is putting together its annual AGM Education Program and is hoping you'll mark the day on your calendar and plan to join us.**

**NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS****Health Canada Endorsed Important Safety Information on  
Liko Universal SlingBar**

Liko issued a safety notice for the Universal SlingBar. An unanticipated fatigue may lead to the sling bar to detach from the patient lift resulting in the patient falling. The link below contains important safety information regarding the inspection of the SlingBar to detect any problem.

[http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/\\_2008/index-eng.php](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/advisories-avis/prof/_2008/index-eng.php)

**INQUIRY SUMMARIES****Professional Misconduct**

The committee received a complaint that a person was practicing physical therapy while unregistered. The committee moved to investigate this allegation pursuant to section 33(4)(a) of the *Health Professions Act*. The College's Inquiry Committee began an investigation into this matter and determined that the committee did not have jurisdiction under the *Health Professions Act* and referred the matter to the Registration Committee.

**Professional Misconduct**

The College received a written complaint against a physical therapist alleging that the physical therapist did not seek the patient's consent to assess him but instead 'forced' him to comply with the assessment.

Following an investigation into this matter the Inquiry Committee decided under section 33(6)(c) of the *Health Professions Act* to act under sections 36(1)(c) and 36(1)(d) of the *Health Professions Act* and request that the physical therapist consent to a reprimand and undertake to ensure that the patient's consent for treatment is received, that the patient's family physicians approve care and that all communication between the clinic and the family physician is documented in the clinical record.

**Incompetence - Exacerbation of injury**

The College received a written complaint against a physical therapist alleging that during the course of the complainant's treatment in an ORI program he injured his left arm and that the physical therapist did not document this injury in his chart. The complainant also alleges that he was discharged with 'normal function' and without there being any mention of his arm injury in his WorkSafe report. The complainant further alleges that his physical therapy record does not reflect all his visits to the clinic. Following an investigation the Inquiry Committee decided under section 33(6)(c) of the *Health Professions Act* to act under section 36(1)(c) of the Act and request that the physical therapist consent to a reprimand for not adequately assessing, reevaluating and documenting the patient's left shoulder complaints.

**Incompetence - Exacerbation of injury**

The College received a written complaint against a physical therapist alleging that the physical therapist injured the complainant during the course of his treatment. The complainant stated that following the treatment he experienced increased soreness in his hip, groin and upper legs. The complainant was eventually hospitalized and diagnosed with a herniated disc. Following an investigation into the complaint the Inquiry Committee decided under section 33(6)(a) of the *Health Professions Act* to take no further action in this matter and the file was closed.

**Jenny Robertson ~ In Memorium**

Jenny Robertson, a physiotherapist who worked at GF Strong from 1978- 2007, passed away from ALS on August 11, 2008. Jenny will be remembered for her keen interest and enthusiasm in all activities that she undertook. Not only was she a skillful PT, but she was also a researcher in the area of NMES application for gait facilitation. In 2005, she founded the international FESAiR (Functional Electrical Stimulation: Applications in Rehabilitation) organization along with Maura Whittaker and two other Physiotherapists from England.

Jenny served as HSA Chief Steward at GF Strong and as a HSA Board Director representing Region 4. In her Director capacity she also chaired HSA "Run for the Cure" committees.

To say the least, Jenny was involved and gave life "her all" with zest, grace and a good sense of humour. She was dedicated to her work as a PT and was quoted in the December 2007/January 2008 HSA Report "*I loved my job. I loved it.*"

***Sarah Rowe, GF Strong***

**ARE YOU MOVING?  
CHANGING YOUR STATUS?  
CHANGING YOUR NAME?  
MAIL OR FAX COUPON TO:**

Registration Program  
College of Physical Therapists of B.C.  
302-1765 West 8th Avenue  
Vancouver, BC V6J 5C6  
Phone: (604) 730-9193  
Fax: (604) 730-9273  
Email: registration@cptbc.org

**MOVING OR CHANGING JOBS?**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Full: \_\_\_\_\_ Inactive: \_\_\_\_\_ Interim: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective date of change: \_\_\_\_\_

**New Home Address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**New Business Address**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHANGING YOUR NAME?**

Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a copy of official change of name form or marriage certificate and \$25 each for a new certificate or registration card.

**GOING INACTIVE**

**CHANGE MY REGISTRATION STATUS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name) & (Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Registration Number

I am a full registrant in good standing with the CPTBC and intend to cease practice as a physical therapist in British Columbia. If I choose inactive registration, I understand that as an inactive registrant I no longer need to carry malpractice insurance, may not work in BC as a physical therapist and **MUST** renew my registration by December 31. Please change my registration status to:

- Cancelled in good standing
- Retired
- Inactive\*

on \_\_\_\_\_ (m/d/y)

\*If you choose inactive registration, please be aware of the following:

1. You must be a full registrant to qualify for inactive status. You must request this change in writing, either with this form, with a letter to the Deputy Registrar or on your annual renewal form.
2. You **must** change to inactive registration in BC if you no longer carry malpractice insurance.
3. There is no refund in whole or part of the annual registration fee when you change status during the year.
4. Inactive registrants may not work as physical therapists in any capacity, either clinically or non-clinically **and must report practice hours on renewal of registration.**
5. Inactive registrants continue to be listed in the register, receive the newsletter and any College mailouts.
6. To change from **inactive to full** registration at **any time during the year** you must first contact the office and obtain an application package. Allow three weeks for processing. Call the Deputy Registrar if you have any questions.

### ADVERTISING RATES

The College of Physical Therapist newsletter **Update** is published three times per year (spring, summer and fall).

Contact the College for submission deadlines.

<b>Rates:</b>	\$100	up to 3¼" x 3¼"
	\$150	3¼" x 4½"
	\$200	3¼" x 8½"
	\$400	full page (black and white)

Contact the College for quotes for color ads

### WHO TO CONTACT AT THE COLLEGE

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