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REGISTRAR'S REPORT

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the College Board of Directors, to announce the appointment of Ann Lo to the position of Deputy Registrar effective January 3, 2006. Ann graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from McGill University and worked in the public sector in Victoria before moving to Vancouver to work in the private sector. Ann joined the College staff at our busiest time of year. She quickly learned the registration renewal requirements and assisted in processing the renewals!

Thank you for your patience during the 2006 renewal year. The College's new registrant management system was implemented in the office in early December 2005. The online Registrant Services went 'live' on December 19th. An email notice was sent to all registrants who had an email address listed with the College notifying them that online registration renewal, with the option to pay by credit card, was available for the 2006 renewal year. Approximately 400 registrants chose this option while many others advised the College that they had already submitted their renewal via mail but would opt for the online process next year. As the College staff had not entered all the renewals submitted by mail by December 31st, the online renewal option was no longer available on January 1st. Next year all the mail submissions will be processed by December 31st and there will be no need to shut down this service on January 1st.

In addition to the Information Technology Program Upgrade, the College Board recently approved two other projects: the development of a new Continuing

Competency / Quality Assurance Program and a project to investigate the option of regulation of Physical Therapy Support Workers (PTSW) under the "umbrella" of the College. Further details on both these programs can be found in this issue of Update.

As this issue of Update goes to press, plans are underway for the College's Annual General Meeting, presentation and reception. We hope that you can join us at the Hilton Hotel in Burnaby for this annual event.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

The 2006 Annual General Meeting of the College takes place on
Friday, April 28, 2006 at 6 p.m.

Tiffany Ballroom
Hilton Vancouver Metrotown
6083 McKay Avenue
Burnaby, B.C.
Phone: 604.438.1200

Registration starts at 5:30 p.m.
Your 2005 Annual Report will be mailed to you in early April.

The Quorum for an Annual General Meeting is 50 registered Physical Therapists. The College is requesting that you RSVP to the College office at 604.730.9193 by **April 17, 2006** if you are planning on attending. Proxies do not count towards Quorum.

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**JOIN US FOR THE
BETH MALONEY
MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP
AND COLLEGE RECEPTION
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The College of Physical Therapists of BC is pleased to announce Mr. Don Nilson as the guest speaker at this year's Beth Maloney Memorial Lectureship. Mr. Nilson is a principal of Nilson & Company Professional Accountants and Investment Council. He will be discussing the ten fundamental principles that will make a difference to the success and the quality of life of a professional career. Mr. Nilson has over 25 years' experiences in lecturing on practice management in the accounting profession across Canada.

**POST-AGM COURSE
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
A FREE POST-AGM COURSE ON
SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH, 2006
FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.**

The College, together with the Physiotherapy Association of BC (PABC), is offering a 2 hour course in a case study format. The course will include:

- Review of the PABC Clinical Practice Guideline on Whiplash Associated Disorders, presented by Therese Leigh.
- A case study of a patient presenting with a Whiplash Associated Disorder, presented by Carol Kennedy.
- Practical application of College regulation on draping, consent, and patient confidentiality, presented by Susan Paul.
- Demonstration of the Outcome Measures database System for the Neck Disability Index and the Numeric Pain Scale, presented by Meena Sran.

The course will be held at: Hilton Metrotown
6083 McKay Ave., Burnaby
Phone: 604.438.1200
Website: www.hilton.com

If you are interested in attending the course, and have not already RSVP'd to PABC, please RSVP via email to the College at info@cptbc.org or by calling 604.730.9193.

Please note: seating is limited and we are expecting to reach capacity for the course. If you did RSVP to PABC and now find yourself unable to attend please notify PABC at info@bcphysio.org or by calling 604.736.5130.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Carla Vendrame was appointed Vice-Chair, Continuing Competency Sub-Committee effective November 5, 2005.

Kristina Felt was appointed to the Continuing Competency Sub-Committee effective November 5, 2005.

Lynda Lawrence was appointed to the Inquiry Committee effective March 2, 2006.

PATIENT RELATIONS CORNER

RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCES PROFESSIONAL versus PERSONAL Relationships - a "Heads Up" Review

As physical therapists we often see our patients for a number of visits. Starting with the first visit, we begin developing a relationship with our patients. This relationship differs in a number of ways from any personal relationships we have in our lives. Some of these differences are described below:

Power

There is an imbalance of power in a professional relationship. By giving us their personal information, the patients become vulnerable and we need to ensure that we respect and protect this vulnerability. The physical therapist has power in directing the patients' treatment. It is our role to assist patients in determining their goals, and work with patients to achieve those goals.

Behavior

In our patient relationships our behaviors are regulated by our professional standards and code of ethics. We do not permit values and beliefs to affect the relationship with our patients. We need to respect and try to understand cultural, social and religious beliefs that differ from our own. However, in our personal relationships our behaviors are determined by our values and beliefs.

Purpose of the Relationship

The physical therapist-patient relationship is directed towards achieving the patient's treatment goals. A personal relationship, on the other hand, occurs for pleasure or to develop personal interests. The physical therapist's behavior with a patient must not serve to meet the physical therapist's personal needs.

Responsibility in the Relationship

In our relationships with patients, it is our responsibility as physical therapists to ensure the relationships are established and maintained to achieve treatment goals. On the other hand, with our friends we have an equal responsibility to maintain our relationships.

Location of the Relationship

In our relationships with our patients, we meet only in a defined location where we provide care. Nevertheless, we can meet with our friends in many different locations of our choice.

Length of the Relationship

The length of our relationship with our patient is determined by the time needed to provide effective treatment. We use our professional judgment to decide when it is time to end treatment. Our relationships with our friends might last for a lifetime!

Remuneration

The physical therapist is paid to care for the patient. We are not paid to be with our friends!

Previous Relationships with a Patient

A casual acquaintance is someone we have met but has a relationship less intimate than a friendship. If a casual acquaintance becomes a patient, it may be necessary for the physical therapist to clarify the change in the relationship. If this is deemed not acceptable to the patient, then it is necessary for the physical therapist to make alternative treatment arrangements. This clarification is also necessary if a friend, with whom you have a nonsexual relationship, becomes a patient. If the physical therapist has a romantic relationship with a person, it is unacceptable for that person to become a patient.

The College of Registered Nurses of BC has published a booklet called, "Nurse-Client Relationships" which is available for download on their website: www.crnbc.ca/download/406.pdf. This booklet also describes, "yellow light" situations. You may be in a yellow light situation if you:

- find yourself often thinking about a particular patient during nonworking hours
- make exceptions for a patient because you find them appealing
- disregard input from the patient's family or significant others and/or your colleagues because you feel strongly about how to direct the patient's care.

If you suspect you are in a yellow light situation, then you need to re-evaluate your relationship with your patient to ensure that you do not cross the boundary into a personal relationship.

The booklet, "Where's My Line?" also discusses the differences between personal and professional relationships and is available on the CPTBC website at www.cptbc.org, under the heading 'Regulation' and then 'College Reference Guide'. It is our responsibility with each patient to establish and maintain a professional relationship. In order to do this successfully we need to be very clear on how a professional relationship differs from a personal one. We also need to be clear with our patients and their families about the boundaries and expectations of this relationship.

Penny Wilson

Patient Relations Committee, CPTBC

REGISTRATION REPORT

Renewals Report - 2006

Many thanks to those registrants who submitted their renewals before the December 31st deadline!

This year the College implemented a new Registrant Management system which enabled the College to offer an online renewal process. Registrants can now pay their fees by credit card when renewing online! The process was well received and several hundred renewals were processed online. This option was especially welcomed by our out-of-province and out-of-country registrants who were able to avoid mailing their registration renewals and cheques during the busy Christmas season.

The "Hardest Working Physical Therapist Award" was earned with only 10,000 Practice Hours this year as compared with 30,000 last year!

Note: There are only 8,760 hours in a year! Please take the time to enter your correct hours otherwise the

College staff will need to call you to confirm your correct hours.

Top 4 errors in completing the renewal process:

- 1) Incorrectly addressing your cheque to another organization
- 2) Entering the incorrect amount owing on your cheque
- 3) Not submitting proof of malpractice insurance to the College when required - including when renewing online!
- 4) Not submitting your Practice Hours

Reinstatement after Cancellation for Non-Payment of Dues

Full and inactive registrants who did not renew their registration by January 31, 2006 had their registration cancelled effective February 1, 2006 (see lists below). Full registrants may not work until their registration with the College has been reinstated. Both the registrant and the registrant's employer are notified by registered mail of this occurrence. Reinstatement forms and instructions are mailed to all cancelled registrants.

Full Registrants Cancelled for Non-payment of Dues - 2006

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>REGISTRATION #</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Bilz, Andrew | 04991 |
| Brar, Harinderpal | 05035 |
| Crocker, Barry | 02208 |
| Dewan, Drew | 04984 |
| Diaz, Jr., Emiliano | 00150 |
| Fitzgerald, Patricia | 02002 |
| Fowler, Lara | 04808 |
| Grey, Jane | 05005 |
| Guizzo, Greg | 03633 |
| Hart, Glenda | 03512 |
| Jury, Donald | 00304 |
| Khoja, Shainoor | 01413 |
| Knowles, Tanya | 04094 |
| Le Guilloux, Jay | 04721 |
| Leia, Cheryl | 04493 |
| Linklater, Douglas | 05000 |
| Mah, George | 04213 |
| Moroney, Damien | 03753 |
| O'Connell, Siobhan | 00462 |

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|-------------------------|-------|
| Osborn, Jill | 01260 |
| Penikett, Sally | 02658 |
| Pritchard, Toni | 03022 |
| Runquist, Donald | 00544 |
| Saville, Brad | 04138 |
| Trenholm, Ian | 05037 |
| Tse, Yee Pin | 02684 |
| Vong, Key-Leong Raymond | 04366 |
| Walker, Dian | 01472 |
| Weber, Melissa | 04154 |
| Willms, Jocelyne | 05104 |
| Wong, Micheline | 04927 |
| Zobl, Rosaleen | 04956 |

Inactive Registrants Cancelled for Non-payment of Dues - 2006

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>REGISTRATION #</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Abel, Charles | 03303 |
| Begg, Michelle | 02902 |
| Bisset, Megan | 04921 |
| Conibear, Darbi | 01003 |
| Craig, Ann | 00127 |
| De Vries, James | 03550 |
| Dion, Donna | 00088 |
| Ebert, Gail | 00985 to Mar 2/06 |
| Ellis, Michael | 04565 |
| Emson, Yvonne | 01271 |
| Graham, Rochelle | 01136 |
| Haddad, Rima | 04745 |
| Hinchey, Belinda | 03280 |
| Kyte, Lisa | 03940 |
| Leighton, Jordan | 04961 |
| Lui, Mary | 03589 |
| Milton, E. Anne | 03853 |
| Moolman, Cheryl-Anne | 03258 |
| Parkin, Marilyn | 01347 |
| Robertshaw, Conne | 04862 |
| Tam, Mabel | 02148 to Mar 1/06 |

Full Registrants Reinstated - 2006

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>REG. #</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Diaz, Jr., Emiliano | 00150 | February 13, 2006 |
| Fitzgerald, Patricia | 02002 | February 18, 2006 |
| Guizzo, Greg | 03633 | February 16, 2006 |
| Jury Donald | 00304 | February 21, 2006 |
| Le Guilloux, Jay | 04721 | February 16, 2006 |

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|--------------------|-------|-------------------|
| Mah, George | 04213 | February 16, 2006 |
| Moroney, Damien | 03753 | February 16, 2006 |
| O'Connell, Siobhan | 00462 | February 13, 2006 |
| Penikett, Sally | 02658 | February 24, 2006 |
| Pritchard, Toni | 03022 | February 16, 2006 |
| Tse, Yee-Ping | 02684 | February 16, 2006 |
| Wong, Micheline | 04927 | February 22, 2006 |

Inactive Registrants Reinstated - 2006

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>REG. #</u> | <u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u> |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Bisset, Megan | 04921 | February 25, 2006 |

Registrants Cancelled in Good Standing - 2006

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>REGISTRATION #</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Basnett, Wendy | 02200 |
| Boer, Carlijn | 03704 |
| Bostick, Geoffrey | 05001 |
| Clarke, Shelagh | 01511 |
| Ebert, Gail | 00985 eff Mar 3/06 |
| Gabrys, Jennifer | 04532 |
| Georgette, Lucienne | 03033 |
| Janicki, Ryan | 04566 |
| Leung, Sari | 04463 |
| McLean, Lindsay | 04739 |
| Mosier, Lesley | 05062 |
| Nasser, Zenil | 04484 |
| Nichol, Kimberly | 05202 |
| Rastogi, Ravi | 04753 |
| Saville, Brad | 04138 eff. Feb 20/06 |
| Steel, Janette | 02012 |
| Tam, Mabel | 02149 eff Mar 2/06 |
| Towler, Shirley | 02872 |
| Walther, Monika | 04794 |
| Wehner, Ursula | 04643 |
| Wiens, Charmaine | 04528 |
| Wilson, Joan | 03933 |

Registrants Retired - 2006

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>REGISTRATION #</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Anderson, Doris | 00007 |
| Aubert, Elizabeth | 00020 |
| Beacham, Laurel | 00032 |
| Boskovich, Christina | 02271 |
| Burrows, Lynne | 00080 |
| Dodson, Jo-Anne | 00153 |
| Fox, Louise | 00199 |

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|----------------------|-------|
| Gower, Jane | 00221 |
| Houghton, Elinor | 00273 |
| Keene, Mary | 02357 |
| McMillan, Mary | 00446 |
| Murray, Patricia | 00633 |
| O'Sullivan, Beverly | 01346 |
| Rashleigh, Nina | 00515 |
| Reynolds, Barbara | 00523 |
| Robertson, Lyle | 00534 |
| Takagi, Grace | 04720 |
| White, Helen | 00662 |
| Wijnbeek, Geertruida | 01491 |

Access to Your Registration Profile

Access to your registration profile is now available to you through the Registrant Services link on the College website at all times at www.cptbc.org

Practice Hours information has recently been added to the new database and should now be correct in your profile. The College requests that you review and, if necessary, update your information as required. This is especially important when you change employers as this information is now available to the public on the Registrant Directory which is located on the College's website.

If you have advised the College that your employment contact information is the same as your home contact information, you will note that the College has entered your work information as 'self-employed' so that your personal contact information is not available to the public as per the provincial privacy of information guidelines.

If you have not received a temporary password from the College, you may do so by emailing me at brenda_hudson@cptbc.org and requesting your access information.

INQUIRY COMMITTEE SUMMARIES**Professional Misconduct & Incompetence**

The Complainant was referred for physical therapy treatment following a cardiac incident in which he sustained a back injury. During his first physical therapy visit, he informed the physical therapist that he had an Implanted Cardio-verter Defibrillator (ICD) and that it was sensitive to electrical stimulation. The physical therapist advised the Complainant that electrical stimulation on his back could be done safely and proceeded to treat him.

During the fourth treatment the Complainant alleged that the placement of the electrodes and the intensity of the stimulation were such that his ICD “fired”. The physical therapist completed his treatment session with ultra-sound before releasing him. The Complainant stated that, after resting at home, he went to an Emergency Department to confirm that he had not sustained any cardiac damage. The tests were negative. The Inquiry Committee decided under section 33(6)(c) of the *Health Professions Act* to act under section 36(1)(c) and 36(1)(d) of the Act and requested the physical therapist to consent to reprimand and to consent to undertake to provide the Committee with a report describing the difference between a pacemaker and an ICD and the indications and contraindications of using TENS and IFC in these instances.

Incompetence

The Complainant was referred to the Physical Therapy Out-Patient Department following a total knee replacement (TKR). The Complainant alleged that the physical therapist assigned to her did not introduce himself and was rude to her. The Complainant also alleged that the physical therapist did not conduct an assessment nor did he discuss a treatment plan with her. The client also questioned the appropriateness of the physical therapist's clinical intervention. After investigation 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.

Professional Misconduct

The Complainant was attending physical therapy prior to a motor vehicle accident. Following his accident he increased his visits to physical therapy. The Complainant alleged that the physical therapist double billed him for services following his accident – on each of these occasions one billing for services was paid by the Complainant and the other was paid by his automobile insurance company. After investigation 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.

Incompetence – Exacerbation of Injury

The Complainant states that she received three physiotherapy treatments in March 2005 for her left sciatic back pain. The Complainant alleged that these treatments, especially the third treatment, exacerbated her pain and that she has been in constant pain since then. The Complainant also alleged that the treatment she received was both ‘hazardous and extremely unprofessional’. After investigation 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.

CLINICAL PLACEMENTS NOTICE

PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS: HAVE YOU BEEN APPROACHED BY OUT-OF-PROVINCE OR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS?

While we recognize that you are willing to provide an educational experience for an international or out-of-province student, please forward all requests to the University of British Columbia (UBC) and we will deal with all the organizational processes.

Facts to be aware of:

1. **All requests** for placements received by any facility or private practice **must first be forwarded** to the Academic Coordinator for Clinical Education at UBC. (contact information below). These will be organized at the University after UBC students receive their placements.
2. **All students must then register with the College:** Once the placement is approved the Academic Coordinator will provide the student with a College student application package which must be completed, forwarded to the College and approved by the College before the clinical placement may begin. Without College registration, the student is practicing illegally.
3. All academic programs in Canada organize out-of-province requests in the same fashion, although not all provinces require College registration for students.
4. It is the **responsibility** of all practitioners to ensure that out-of-province students are in fact registered with the College prior to the placement.

Why?

1. To **protect the available placements for UBC** students first and then students from other Canadian Universities. **UBC students** have the right to expect that quality fieldwork opportunities will be available to them first. Some international programs require their students to do 14 weeks of clinical placements. That means that the facility will not be taking another student for the whole year. That is a disadvantage to our students. Some facilities only want to supervise international students and again this is a disadvantage to UBC students. **All placements not used by UBC students are then offered to students from other Canadian programs and then to international students.**
2. To **ensure the student is practicing legally in BC**, has the required liability insurance and is attending a WCPT-recognized University program.
3. To ensure that all students are placed in facilities where they have full time supervision by a physiotherapist with the appropriate skills.

If you are interested in being involved in Clinical Fieldwork Education, please contact the Academic Coordinator for Clinical Education at UBC:

Pat Lieblich at 604-822-7413 or by email: lieblich@interchange.ubc.ca.

PHYSICAL THERAPY SUPPORT (PTSW) PROJECT

The PTSW Project contract was recently awarded to Management Dimension Inc. The purpose of this project is to provide the College Board of Directors with a report outlining the rationale for creating, or not, a class of 'non-registrants' under Part 9 – Delegation, Authorization and Supervision of the model Bylaws.

In February 2004 the Ministry of Health Services released a template to assist Colleges established under the Health Professions Act to revise their Bylaws in accordance with new Ministry requirements. These model Bylaws enable Colleges to establish classes of 'non-registrants' under Part 9 of the Bylaws. 'Non-registrants' refers to discipline specific assistants. Regulating this group of workers allows the College to assign use of title; set educational and training requirements for this group of workers; define the aspects of practice that can be delegated and gives authority to the College to establish quality assurance, inquiry and discipline provisions for the group of registrants.

In July 2004 the College Board of Directors approved a task group to investigate the regulation of support workers within the College. In its March 19, 2005 report to the Board the task group recommended that the Board proceed with regulating, within the College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia, individuals who work in the role of Physical Therapy Assistants. The Board of Directors received this recommendation and is now seeking further information to evaluate whether to proceed with the Task Force's recommendation or not.

The project includes reviewing and analyzing current curriculum, obtaining input from registrants, educators, administrators and support personnel through focus groups and web based feedback from registrants. The focus groups are being scheduled to take place in early April in Kelowna, Prince George, Victoria and Vancouver.

Registrants wishing to provide input into this project may do so by sending their comments to the Registrar at brenda_hudson@cptbc.org.

Further information will be available in the summer edition of the newsletter.

CONTINUING COMPETENCY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

In October 2005, the Continuing Competency (CC) Sub-Committee posted a Request for Proposals for the development of a Quality Assurance (QA) Program which would satisfy government requirements for both a Continuing Competency and Quality Assurance Program. Since then the CC Sub-Committee has selected the consultants, Management Dimensions Inc; and the College is in the initial phase of the project. The consulting team is made up of 6 physical therapists with extensive experience in: the profession, development of quality assurance and continuing competency programs, program development and evaluation, and regulation development.

Management Dimensions Inc. consultants are currently preparing a paper on best practices within quality assurance programs, assessment and remediation, and registrant information and communication. A forum is scheduled for March 31st and April 1st, 2006 where the CC Sub-Committee, the consultants, and several external representatives with knowledge of QA programs and regulation will join together to review the discussion paper and formulate recommendations about the direction of the College's QA program. The program recommendations will then require Board approval. Pilot testing with selected registrants is scheduled at several stages of the program development. Keep an eye on the coming issues of Update for information on the progress of the project.

CPTBC AND PABC JOINT INITIATIVES COMMITTEE

I've just closed my physical therapy clinic - what should I do with my client's clinical records?

Both the PABC and the College frequently receive inquiries about what to do with clinical records when a practice closes. The College's perspective on storage of clinical records is written below, and the PABC will comment on the professional association's perspective on the topic in the Spring issue of Directions.

Not only is it important to maintain your clients' records for your own protection if legal action were ever taken against you as a physical therapist, it is important that a client be able to find and access their physical therapy clinical record.

According to College Bylaw 60 (Registrant Records) and the Practice Directive entitled "Treatment of Clinical

Records on Closure of Practice” when a physical therapist closes their practice they must:

- transfer the records to any other physical therapist or make appropriate arrangements to store the records safely and securely;
- where the records are transferred to another person for processing, storage or disposal, ensure that the contract includes provision to maintain the confidentiality and physical security of the records;
- ensure that the records can be accessed by former clients and their representatives; and
- notify the College in writing where the clinical records are stored.

Remember that even if a physical therapist is an employee of a non-physical therapist, it remains the physical therapist’s responsibility to store and dispose of clinical records in accordance with College Bylaws.

The summer 2005 edition of Update included an article with more detail on record retention guidelines, and can be reviewed on the College website at www.cptbc.org.

MEMBER ADVISORY

Animal Therapy

The College has had a number of inquiries from physical therapists regarding the provision of health care to animals. From the College’s perspective there are a number of issues to consider with respect to providing health care treatment to animals.

1. **Scope of Practice** - The legal definition of physical therapy states that it is the “...treatment of the **human body** by physical or mechanical means...” which leaves the treatment of animals outside of the physical therapy scope of practice. As a result the provision of health care to animals must not be called animal physical therapy.

2. **Malpractice Insurance** - The general rule is that malpractice insurance covers activities within a health care provider’s scope of practice. The treatment of animals is not part of physical therapist’s scope of practice and as such, physical therapy malpractice coverage does not extend to the treatment of animals.

3. **Use of Title** - When providing treatment to animals it must be made clear to the public that the practitioner is not acting as a physical therapist since the treatment of animals is not within the physical therapy scope of practice.

4. **Practice Hours** - the time spent providing animal therapy does not count towards the College’s Practice Hour requirement.

5. **Veterinarians Act** - the treatment of animals for therapeutic reasons is reserved to licensed Veterinarians. Providing animal therapy must be done in accordance with the rules and standards of the College of Veterinarians. Section 32 (1) of the *Veterinarians Act* notes that anyone holding themselves out to be a “...*practitioner of any branch of veterinary medicine commits an offense.*” Section 27(2) of the Act goes on to state that:

(2) *...a person is deemed to practice veterinary medicine within the meaning of this Act if the person does any of the following:*

- (a) *by advertisement, sign or statement of any kind, written or verbal, alleges or implies that the person is or holds himself or herself out as being qualified, able or willing to diagnose, prescribe for, prevent or treat any animal disease, ailment, deformity, defect or injury or to perform any operation to remedy any animal disease, ailment, deformity, defect or injury, or to examine or advise on the physical condition of an animal;*
- (b) *diagnoses or offers to diagnose an animal disease, ailment, deformity, defect or injury, or who examines or advises on, or offers to examine or advise on, the physical condition of an animal;*
- (c) *prescribes or administers a drug, serum, medicine or any substance or remedy for the cure, treatment or prevention of an animal disease, ailment, deformity, defect or injury;*
- (d) *prescribes or administers a treatment or performs an operation or manipulation or supplies or applies any apparatus or appliance for the cure, treatment or prevention of any animal disease, ailment, deformity, defect or injury; ...*

Below is the definition of veterinary medicine in to the Veterinarians Act:

“veterinary medicine” means the art and science of veterinary medicine, dentistry and surgery, and includes

- (a) *the application of medicine, dentistry or surgery to any animal*
- (b) *diagnosing, prescribing, treating, manipulating and operating for the prevention, alleviation or correction of a disease, injury, pain, deficiency,*

deformity, defect, lesion, disorder or physical condition of or in any animal, with or without the use of any instrument, appliance, medicine, drug, anesthetic or antibiotic or biologic preparation, and

- (c) *the giving of advice in respect of anything mentioned in this definition with or without a view to obtaining a fee or other reward.*

John Brocklebank, the Deputy Registrar of the BC Veterinary Medicine Association (BCVMA), points out that only a person who is registered under the Veterinarians Act may practice veterinary medicine as defined in section 27(2) of the Act. **The BCVMA takes action against any non-registrant practicing animal therapy, treatment, rehabilitation, or health care as these are considered to be unauthorized veterinary practice; unless care is provided under the delegation protocol with an appropriate level of veterinary supervision.**

Anyone providing animal health care is encouraged to contact the BCVMA to ensure that your practice is in accordance with the Veterinarian's Act.

BCVMA can be contacted by phone at 604-929-7090 or 1-800-463-5399, or via email at info@bcvma.org.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

After I complete the first section of course work with the Acupuncture Foundation of Canada, can I perform acupuncture on my clients? No. In order to perform acupuncture as part of your physical therapy practice you must meet the educational requirements set out in Clinical Practice Statement No. 12 on Acupuncture and Intramuscular Stimulation. This means you must not practice acupuncture on clients until to you have successfully completed the Level 1 exams.

I have completed the College's acupuncture educational requirement; can I call myself an acupuncturist? No. Just as the title physical therapist is protected for the exclusive use of registrants of the College of Physical Therapists of BC, the title acupuncturist is protected for exclusive use by registrants of the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of BC. Remember, as physical therapists we have a variety of 'tools in our toolbox' which we use to treat patients- one of which is acupuncture. It must be clear to the public that you are a physical therapist

providing physical therapy, and treatment may include the use of acupuncture techniques.

Recently I saw advertising for a Sonic Relief pulsed ultrasound unit marketed to the public. Is this legal? And what about all of these LASER clinics that seem to be operated by non-physical therapists? The College has received several enquiries from registrants regarding the sale of pulsed ultrasound units to the public. On investigation the College has learned that according to Health Canada, medical devices such as therapeutic LASER and pulsed ultrasound units are Class II and, as such, are considered to present a low risk value. In order for a Class II license to be granted the manufacturer has to attest that the safety and effectiveness requirements (Sections 10 - 20 of the Medical Devices Regulations) have been met. If Health Canada feels that the manufacturer is making questionable safety and effectiveness claims they can request clinical evidence to support these claims. There is no regulation to limit who may use a Class II device. The concern to College registrants is that while the device may be deemed to safe, its application may not be safe. The topics of ultrasound for home use, and LASER clinics, have been added to the Quality Assurance Committee's upcoming meeting for discussion and to review whether or not the College has jurisdiction over these matters.

IN MEMORIAM

**Mary Fullerton
1946 – 2006**

Mary Fullerton passed away in Victoria, B.C. on January 17, 2006 surrounded by her devoted family after battling ovarian cancer for 2^{1/2} years.

Mary graduated in Physical Therapy from Middlesex Hospital in London, England in 1968. After working in England for one year Mary then moved to Vancouver where she resided until she retired from practice in 2002.

Mary is missed by family and friends and is especially remembered by her co-workers, at both Vancouver General Hospital and Lions Gate Hospital for her devotion to the profession of physiotherapy. Mary will always be remembered for her zeal, her energy, her humour and her many great stories that lifted the spirits of the many patients, students and co-workers who felt fortunate to have known and worked with her.

Dianne, Rhona, Sue, Liz, Rosie, and Tricia will forever remember you, Mary, with great love.

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Thompson Cariboo Shuswap

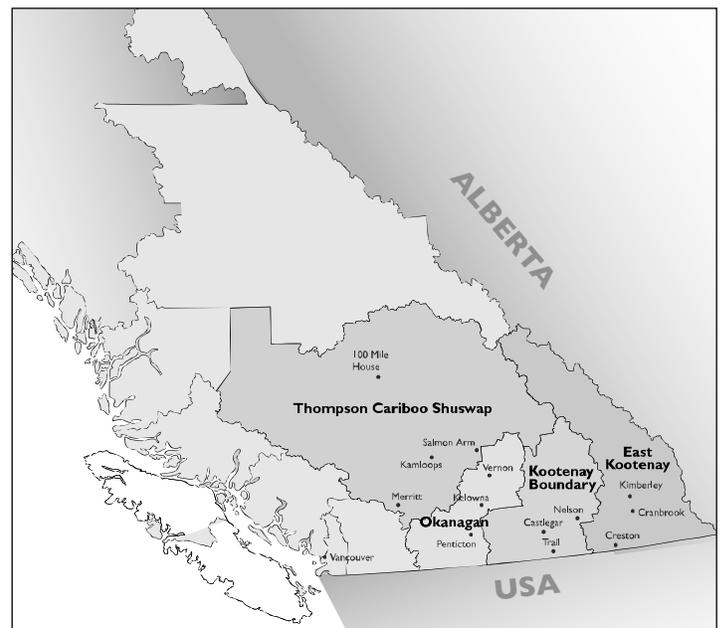
Throughout this region, rehabilitation is well integrated in the acute, residential and community systems. Varied opportunities exist from participating in outreach programs by working and traveling to rural communities to working in more specialized tertiary level facilities. There is a focus on best practice throughout all rehab programs. In January 2006, we will be opening a province-wide Neuropsychiatry program. Positions are currently available in Kamloops, 100 Mile House and rural areas of the Thompson.

Kootenay Boundary

The Kootenay Boundary Region has Physiotherapists working in all areas with a strong presence in community care, residential facilities and the Regional Rehab Unit. Physiotherapy is responsible for the successful Cardiac Rehab program through the Chronic Disease Management Program. The region is well known for its beauty and endless supply of recreational opportunities.

Okanagan

The Okanagan health service area boasts a full range of acute, community and residential programs in addition to an occupational rehabilitation program. You will find yourself working with a diverse patient population while gaining valuable training and experience with neurological patients. Our specialized rehabilitation services has recently seen the implementation of a Chronic Disease Management Program as well as research projects on falls prevention. Full-time positions are available in Kelowna, Penticton and Summerland and additional openings in Vernon are anticipated throughout 2006.



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**MAKING CHANGES?
MAIL OR FAX COUPON TO:**

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302-1765 West 8th Avenue
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**CHANGING YOUR STATUS?
(not available online)**

_____ (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 Registration Coordinator or on your annual renewal form, which will be sent to you by November of each year.
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 **and must report continuing education 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 Registration Coordinator if you have any questions.

**CHANGING YOUR NAME?
CHANGING YOUR HOME/BUSINESS
ADDRESS?**

ONLINE: You may also make these changes online via the College website: www.cptbc.org
If you need your User ID and password email the Registrar: brenda_hudson@cptbc.org

Note: online changes are reviewed by the College prior to being posted on the website. Name changes require a copy of your marriage or change of name certificate before being posted.

CHANGING YOUR NAME?

Registration 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.

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: _____

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Deadlines: January 15, May 15 & August 15

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