



# CPTBC

College of Physical Therapists  
of British Columbia

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## CPTBC Connects – April 2019

### Welcome to the April Issue of CPTBC Connects!

This e-newsletter will keep you up-to-date with news about the College, Board and Committee activities, important dates to remember, tips and resources for your physical therapy practice and more! Look for CPTBC Connects in your inbox every other month.

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### See You at the Physiotherapy Forum!

CPTBC will be at the BC Physio Forum on April 27. Here is where you can find us:

#### **Breakfast with the Board (7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.)**

The Board will share highlights of the annual report, new strategic plan and discuss current and upcoming initiatives. You do not need to be registered for the Physio Forum to attend the breakfast.

#### **CPTBC Booth**

We're celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the College! Come by, say hello, and play Spin the Wheel as we quiz you on our history!

#### **The Future of OTA/PTA Practice in Canada (10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)**



Kathy Davidson, Practice Advisor, will discuss the national PTA/OTA Visioning Project and share key recommendations from that initiative. Included throughout the session will be examples of the types of calls/emails the CPTBC Practice Advisors receive related to supervision and assignment of tasks to physical therapist support workers and will provide suggestions about how best to manage those situations.

**Concurrent Session: Learning from a College Complaint: Where did things go Wrong? A Case Study**  
**(12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.)**

Join Susan Paul, Manager, Professional Practice and Joëlle Berry, Manager, Inquiry and Discipline as they navigate through a hypothetical scenario and explore how some situations can be mitigated or prevented.

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## Registration Renewal is Now Open!

Registration renewal opened on April 15. To renew, [visit our website](#) and click on Registrant Login.

If you are currently non-practising and wish to return to full registration status, this is a separate process from renewal. You will need to [apply to reactivate your registration](#) before you can resume working.

In accordance with the bylaws, renewal must be completed (submitted, approved and paid) by **11:59 p.m. PT May 31** or registration will be cancelled. There is no grace period.

Registrants who have been cancelled will need to apply for reinstatement. Reinstatement is not immediate, so registrants are strongly urged to renew in a timely manner to avoid unnecessary delays. It's also important to ensure your email address on your registrant profile is up to date so you don't miss important



messages and critical deadlines! Visit the CPTBC website for [more on registration renewal](#).

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## **Criminal Record Re-Checks are About to Become Easier**

The *Criminal Records Review Act* (CRRA) requires all regulated health professionals, including physical therapists, to consent to and undergo a criminal record check (CRC) at initial registration and thereafter, every five years. To comply with this requirement, registrants must submit a criminal record check or verification *authorization* to the College.



The College is streamlining its operational processes to make it easier for you to meet the CRC requirement set by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General (Ministry). For starters, during the 2019-2020 renewal, you will be asked to provide consent, (as required by the Ministry and as you have done in the past in paper or online) to ongoing re-checks. This will prevent you from having to provide consent every five years. The College will initiate the CRC re-checks on your behalf, omitting this step for you.

While we are making every effort to make this process easier for you throughout your career, and more efficient for the College, fingerprinting, which is also part of the required consent process, will remain your responsibility to complete and pay for if required. This is because fingerprinting is a separate process that local authorities manage including collecting payment.

Visit our website for [more information about the CRC process](#).

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## **A Good Reason to Complete Criminal Record Checks**

Failure to provide consent or

authorization has consequences under the CRRA and the *Health Professions Act* (“HPA”), including being referred to the Inquiry Committee. Even if consent or authorization was provided on application, failing to provide fingerprints or paying the required fee subsequently can be considered as a failure to “complete” the authorization.



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## New CPTBC Website

We launched our new website on April 7, 2019. You’ll find it easier to navigate, improved content quality and a refreshed logo. [Visit our website](#) and [share your feedback](#) with us!



## Consultations with Registrants About QA

Phase 1 consultations with physical therapists about quality assurance and continuing competence took place April 1 - 7, 2019. Thank you to the more than 180 people who registered to participate in the facilitated online focus group discussions. Results from this phase will inform the next set of discussions, scheduled to take place in May with the same participants.



## CPTBC Webinar Series

Join us for our [webinar on Thursday, April 25](#) as Practice Advisors Susan Paul and Kathy Davidson discuss professionalism in physical therapy practice. They will provide examples of situations where professionalism was in question.



Susan Paul



Kathy Davidson

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## Happy Retirement, Olga!

A long-time employee of the College, Olga Nesic, will retire on May 24, 2019. Olga began her employment with the College in 2007 as the Quality Assurance Program Co-ordinator. During her first years she travelled the province to meet with registrants, discuss quality assurance and assist with its early development. Later, Olga became a manager when she transitioned to the Registration Department, in 2017.



Olga has contributed much to the operations of the College and will be missed. On behalf of the College and the many applicants and registrants Olga has served, we wish Olga a very happy retirement!

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## Board Nominations

This year there were two Board positions available for election. Two nominations were received.

In accordance with the bylaws, Melina Kurtakis and Jennifer Agnew are acclaimed as Board members for a three year term beginning on June 15, 2019.

Melina is a graduate of the UBC Masters



of Physical Therapy program with 11 years of clinical experience in general private practice and sports medicine. She is currently employed with Lifemark Health Group managing the operations of Lifemark's private multidisciplinary clinics in BC and acting concurrently as the Provincial Director of Quality and Performance Improvement.

Jennifer Agnew is completing her first term on the Board having been elected in 2017. Jennifer is a physical therapy graduate from McGill University and received a law degree from the University of Toronto. She currently works at BC Children's Hospital in the Neonatal Follow-up Clinic. Jennifer is the current Board Vice-Chair and serves on the Governance and Nominations Committee.

Congratulations to Melina and Jennifer.  
Welcome to the Board of Directors.

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## **Professionalism: Difficult to Teach, Hard to Evaluate and Regulate!**

Professionalism is a “hot” and important topic of interest to educators, regulators and our industry. Many of the complaints that regulators receive are related to professionalism. Communication, general demeanor and boundaries are all issues that include aspects of professionalism.

The College reached out to Sue Murphy, Head, Department of Physical Therapy at UBC, to talk about professionalism. Our conversation is posted on the CPTBC website.

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## **Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapy**



UBC is offering a Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapy (GCOMPT) for physical therapists wanting to advance and enhance their provision of effective, evidence-based assessment and treatment of musculoskeletal conditions. For more information, [visit the UBC Department of Physical Therapy website](#) or contact [ubc.manualtherapy@ubc.ca](mailto:ubc.manualtherapy@ubc.ca).



## What Are Executive Functioning Assessments in Practice?

Researchers from the School of Physical Therapy at Western University invite you to participate in a survey about executive functioning and the assessments used to measure it. The [survey](#) takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. You'll find information about confidentiality, anonymous submission and the conditions to withdraw from the research on the first page. For more information please contact Nicole Guitar at [nguitar@uwo.ca](mailto:nguitar@uwo.ca).



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