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College of Physical Therapists
of British Columbia

CPTBC Connects – August 2019

Welcome to the August 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.

Follow the news links to our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for more details about the College and upcoming events.

Moratorium on Applications to Dry Needling Roster

A short-term moratorium on accepting any new dry needling roster applications came into effect on August 6, 2019. Several registrants contacted the College to ask if the moratorium can be extended as they missed the initial email notice. In the public interest, and to ensure that those who are needling have met the criteria for rostering, the College extended the application deadline to **Thursday August 29th**.



The Board of Directors has asked College staff to review the regulatory policy related to dry needling prompted by:

- an increasing number of dry needling courses
- reports of adverse events to patients
- requests from College registrants to broaden the range of registrants who may use needles

- concerns from private practice about the quality of needling practices

Completion of the policy review is expected by year end.

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By-law Amendments

A series of by-law amendments are underway including changes to registration categories, supervision and assignment and other administrative changes. Please watch for future notice about the proposed changes. Take time to review them and provide your input.



Registration Application Goes Online

This summer we rolled out an online application for registration! It's currently available to first-time applicants and former registrants who are applying for full or interim registration. As we continue to work on refining our system, more features will become available. Stay tuned for further updates.



Do You Have the Right Insurance?

All full, interim, student and temporary registrants must be insured against professional liability for negligence in an amount of at least \$3,000,000 per occurrence (College Bylaw 84) regardless of where you might work or live.

If you are going on any type of leave, make sure you have active liability insurance to maintain your registration. Insurance providers that offer a one-year extension following expiry of your policy do not meet CPTBC registration requirements.



Note that professional liability insurance should not be confused with other types of insurance such as commercial, general liability insurance. Talk to your insurance provider and ensure you are appropriately covered.

No Annual Self Report This Fall

After nine years, the ASR is moving! Due to the change in our registration year (now June 1 to May 31) and pending the Quality Assurance Committee's consideration of registrants' input on the Quality Assurance Program, the next ASR is expected to run in Spring 2020.

Do you have a scenario that has challenged your application of regulation in practice? Or a scenario that you would like more PTs to be aware of? [Complete our simple survey](#) to send it our way; it might make it into ASR 2020! Email gap@cptbc.org if you have questions.

NEXT ASR:
Spring 2020

Advice to Consider: Leaving or Closing a Physical Therapy Practice

What are my obligations when I am leaving or closing a physical therapy practice? What should I do about my clinical records? How do I prevent conflict with my employer regarding ownership of clinical records? Am I obliged to tell my clients?

Are these questions on your mind? Find expert recommendations in [Leaving or Closing a Physical Therapy Practice](#) in our [Practice Resources](#) section online.



Webinar September 26: Tele-Rehabilitation – What Registrants Should Know

Join us for our webinar on Thursday September 26, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. as

Dianne Millette, the College's registrar, and Leanne Loranger, Physiotherapy Alberta's Manager, Policy & Practice share information about providing physical therapy services remotely, often referred to as tele-rehabilitation.



You'll learn whether you can offer services online and the implications if you treat a client who lives out of province.

Join us as we talk about the current and future trends in digital service delivery and share resources for anyone adding this to their practice. In the meantime, be sure to take a look at our [Tele-Rehabilitation: Advice to Consider](#) resource.

[Register for the Webinar »](#)

Advice to Consider: Working with Physical Therapist Support Workers – The Answers You've Been Waiting For



At the recent PABC/CPTBC Forum in April, Kathy Davidson, a practice advisor at the College, presented on OTA and PTA Practice in Canada. She posed questions to all participants about OTA/PTA practice in B.C. and the College's regulations around supervision.

Many attendees have asked whether their responses were correct. We've published the answers in [Working with Physical Therapist Support Workers: Frequently Asked Questions](#) located in the Advice to Consider section of our website.

Digital Practice White Paper and Survey

Interested in digital practice? The World Confederation for Physical Therapy and the International Network of Physical

Therapy Regulatory Authorities have jointly released a white paper on physiotherapy practice and regulation in the digital age and they are looking for your feedback. [Read the white paper and respond to the survey.](#)



Behind the Scenes at Clinical Education

As the Clinical Education team move forward with planning for expansion of the MPT program in the Department of Physical Therapy, they remain focused on fostering partnerships and building capacity for clinical placement opportunities for their students. It is a timely opportunity to highlight the role of the Clinical Education team.



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Physiotherapy Alberta "Connect + Learn" Conference – October 19 & 20

Physiotherapy Alberta is pleased to announce their upcoming conference, Connect + Learn, will be held in Canmore, Alberta on October 19 and 20.

Physical therapists are invited to connect with colleagues to learn about innovations and discuss trends in practice that will shape their profession today and in the future. Highlights include:

- clinical content on a range of condition-specific topics including exercise and cancer, diastasis rectus abdominis, kinesiophobia



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- and ACL injury rehabilitation
- what's new with Physiotherapy Alberta's toolkit topics on healthy aging, chronic pain and concussion management
- the launch of a new toolkit on coaching for health behaviour change
- an "Out of the Box" content stream is new this year and looks at non-clinical issues impacting practice; a "Business Boot camp" highlights topics important to business owners and those considering starting a new business

[Conference registration is now open.](#)

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