



CPTBC

College of Physical Therapists
of British Columbia

CPTBC Connects – October 2019

Welcome to the October 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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Update on the Board of Directors

Over the summer, the Board of Directors accepted resignations from two of its directors, Sean Bevan and Krisha Dhaliwal, who relocated outside of B.C. Also, Michelle Schramm, MPT2 representative, completed her term. The Board and staff thank Krisha, Michelle and Sean for their contributions and we wish them well in their future endeavors.



In accordance with the Bylaws, the Board has appointed Robin Roots to fill the vacancy created by Sean Bevan's resignation.

Krisha Dhaliwal was a public member appointed by government. The Crown Agency and Board Resourcing is now working with the College to fill the public member vacancy.

Welcome Robin Roots and Tom

Kanwischer to the Board of Directors

We're excited to announce Robin Roots and Tom Kanwischer have joined the College's Board.



Robin is the Coordinator of Clinical Education Northern and Rural Cohort and a Senior Instructor, UBC Faculty of Medicine, Department of Physical Therapy.

Tom is a 2021 Masters of Physical Therapy candidate at the University of British Columbia (UBC).

Learn [more about their background and experience](#) on our website.

New Supervision Guide and Agreement

Are you supervising an interim registrant? How about students? Do you assign tasks and supervise the physical therapy services provided by physical therapist support workers?



Our new [Supervision Guide](#) assists all physical therapists to better understand the College Standards of Practice and expectations around supervision. It also clarifies the similarities and difference between supervision models.

The College also introduced a new [Supervision Agreement](#) that replaces what was formerly the employment and supervision proposal.

Questions? Register for our upcoming webinar on Thursday, October 31. In the meantime, contact practicequestions@cptbc.org if you have questions about the guide.

If you have questions about the supervision agreement, please contact registration@cptbc.org.

Webinar October 31 – CPTBC’s New Supervision Guide

We developed a [Supervision Guide](#) (PDF) to help registrants better understand their responsibilities when providing and receiving supervision. Also, the application process for interim registrants and the role of their supervisor have recently been updated.



Join us for our webinar on Thursday October 31, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. to learn more about the application process, the supervision guide and how to ensure supervision requirements are met.

[Register for the Webinar »](#)

Congratulations MPT2 Graduates!

Congratulations to the UBC Department of Physical Therapy graduating class of 2019. We wish you the very best for a long and fulfilling career. Welcome to the profession!



Bylaw Amendments

The College is proposing amendments to the 2018 Bylaws. Registrants have received a direct email with information about the amendments and are encouraged to review the bylaws and provide any comments by **January 21, 2020**.



Harmonized Code of Ethical Conduct for Physical Therapists in Canada

In August, the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators (CAPR) and the Canadian Physiotherapy Association (CPA) announced the harmonized Code



of Ethical Conduct was ratified by the CPA membership. For details [visit the CAPR website](#).

The Code of Ethical Conduct was adopted by the College in 2018 and [can be found on our website](#).

Internationally Educated PT Needed for Project Advisory Committee

The College has begun a project to improve the supervision and mentorship of internationally educated physical therapists (IEPTs) who seek registration in B.C. and elsewhere in Canada. The Project Advisory Committee (PAC) has members from B.C., Alberta and Ontario and would benefit from the experience of an IEPT who did not participate in a bridging program.

The PAC will meet electronically several times between now and early 2021. To be considered for this volunteer opportunity please send your resume and expression of interest to Chris Smerdon at csmerdon@cptbc.org by November 6, 2019.



New Public Group Focuses on Health Care Regulation

The BC Public Advisory Network (BC-PAN) is a recent multi-college initiative that encourages comprehensive and meaningful public engagement on important issues related to health care regulation in BC.

Seven colleges have partnered to establish the BC-PAN: the BC College of Nursing Professionals, the College of Dental Surgeons of BC, the College of Massage Therapists of BC, the College of Occupational Therapists of BC, the College of Pharmacists of BC, the College of Physical Therapists of BC, and the



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When is Pilates Considered (or not) to be Part of Physical Therapy Services?

I offer clinical Pilates sessions and provide receipts for physical therapy, but my client was recently asked to pay back the money she was reimbursed for these sessions. She now owes the insurer several thousand dollars and I wonder if I made a mistake?



The College has received calls from the public and physical therapists where this scenario has played out after an insurer has audited a claim, reviewed a physical therapist's clinical record, and determined that the chart did not provide evidence that physical therapy services were delivered. Learn what you need to consider.

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Meeting with Board of Directors: College of Occupational Therapists of British Columbia

On September 27th, the Board of Directors of the College of Physical Therapists of British Columbia (CPTBC) and College of Occupational Therapists of British Columbia (COTBC) were fortunate to hear from Dr. Chris Hacker, Registrar and CEO of the College of Dental Surgeons of BC (CDSBC) and Mr. Harry Cayton, regulatory consultant, about regulatory reform.



Dr. Hacker discussed the review of the CDSBC by Mr. Cayton and steps the CDSBC is taking to respond to

recommendations found in the Cayton Report. Mr. Cayton discussed global trends in health and regulation based on his experience evaluating regulatory agencies around the world including several in British Columbia and elsewhere in Canada.

There is little doubt that the global regulatory landscape is changing. We expect that change will occur, in due course, in British Columbia although the magnitude of change is unknown today. Anticipating changes ahead, the CPTBC and COTBC are exploring opportunities to work together to improve regulation in the public interest through sharing and collaborative activities.

Committee Appointments

The Board approved the following appointments to statutory committees:

Quality Assurance

- Phil Sweeney
- Angelina Woof
- Khushboo Baldawa

Inquiry

- Sandra Squire

Registration

- Alison Greig to the position of Chair

Non-statutory Committee: Governance and Nominations

- Don Hubbard, Public Member



Report of the Auditors: December 2018-May 2019

Due to the transition in our fiscal year a stub year audit was conducted by RHN Chartered Professional Accountants. The audit has been reviewed and approved

by the Board of Directors. The [audited statements](#) can be found on the CPTBC website.



Survey to Assess Feasibility and Reliability of the Clinician QI Questionnaire

Dr. Marie Westby at the Centre for Hip Health and Mobility in Vancouver is conducting a Canada-wide survey to assess the feasibility and reliability of the online Clinician QI questionnaire. Physical therapists can use it to reflect on the quality of rehab care they provide to patients after total hip and knee replacement surgery for osteoarthritis.

Your responses will help them to refine the questionnaire, ensure it is reliable (by completing the optional questionnaire a second time 1-2 weeks later) and capture a snapshot of current rehab practices across Canada.

You can [complete the 15-20 minute survey online](#). **Survey closes Oct 30.**



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