



CPTBC

College of Physical Therapists
of British Columbia

CPTBC Connects – February 2020

Welcome to the February 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](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for more details about the College and upcoming events.

Call for Board Nominations

We've emailed all full registrants with the official call for nominations. There are two positions on the Board of Directors available for a three-year term.

Are you wondering if the [modernization of health regulation](#) (PDF) will impact the elections? For now, it's business as usual. We'll continue to comply with the elections' requirements (outlined in the [College Bylaws](#)) until further notice.

[Learn more about the role of the Board and its members](#) and the process for nominating physical therapists for election.

For more information email CPTBC Registrar Dianne Millette at dmillette@cptbc.org or phone 604.742.6341.



Updates to Bylaws in March

2020

Thank you to all registrants who provided comments on the amendments to the bylaws. The consultation period is closed. The Ministry of Health has filed the bylaws that will come into effect on **March 27, 2020**.



Many of the amendments are editorial and provide clarity. A summary of major changes are listed on our website. More details will be provided in coming days.

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Health Profession Corporation Renewal in March

All health profession corporation permits expire on **March 31, 2020**. Renewal will open early March. Only full registrants are eligible to have a health profession corporation. Owners: Keep an eye on your inbox including junk/spam folders. For more information, [visit our website](#).

Email us at corporations@cptbc.org if you still have questions.

Corporation Renewal

Dry Needling Update

Full and interim registrants were invited to complete a survey in January on the College's regulatory approach to dry needling. Over 1,400 registrants, or more than 33% surveyed, participated - an impressive response. The Board of Directors will consider the survey results at their meeting on February 29, at which time they will discuss regulatory policy options.



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Coming Soon: Registration Renewal 2020-2021

All registrants' current registration will expire on **May 31, 2020**. Watch your inbox (including junk/spam) for information on the upcoming registration renewal.

Full and interim registrants will be required to complete the **Annual Self Report (ASR)** as part of renewal. You will receive an email when the ASR is available.



Update on Steven Witvoet Case

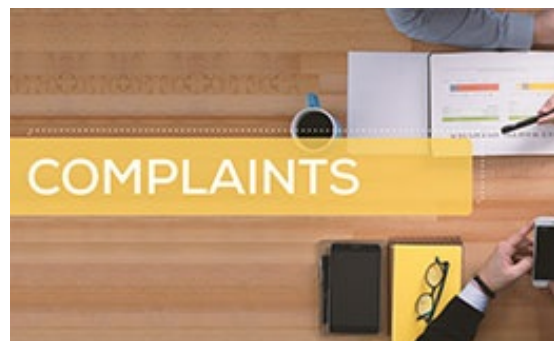
Mr. Witvoet was charged with 16 counts of sexual assault contrary to section 271 of the Criminal Code for conduct that occurred while providing physical therapy to female patients. In October 2019, Mr. Witvoet pleaded guilty to nine of those charges and is still awaiting his sentence. Once the sentence has been handed down, the College will conclude its regulatory process.



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A Complaint About Cultural Insensitivity

The College received a complaint from a patient identifying as South Asian, alleging that a physical therapist made culturally insensitive and racist comments to them during treatment.



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Liability Insurance Audit Results

In 2019, the College conducted an audit of liability insurance. A stratified random sample of 226 full and interim physical therapists were asked to submit their evidence of liability insurance. More than five percent of registrants sampled were found to be in breach of the Bylaw.



[Bylaw #84: 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.] Please ensure you have appropriate insurance.

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How to Support Aboriginal Cultural Safety

What does Aboriginal cultural safety look like in health care? Interior Health has developed a video to present several examples, scenarios, and tips for “allies.” Witnessing culturally unsafe behaviours can be daunting. The video provides information on how to “stand up” effectively to unsafe behaviours or comments directed at Aboriginal clients.



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Graduate Certificate of Orthopaedic and Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy

The Graduate Certificate of Orthopaedic and Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy (GCOMPT) program is accepting applications for a third cohort. Applications will be accepted until May 29, with a tentative start date in September 2020. [Find out more on their website.](#)



Keeping Yourself and Your Clients Healthy

Infection control is a hot topic, especially with the recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Take a look at our current and upcoming resources.



February Webinar: What Can We Learn from College Complaints?

Join us for our webinar on Thursday, February 27, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. as we look at two complaint summaries and explore what we can learn from these experiences.



[Register for Webinar »](#)

Practice Resources Publication: Your Privacy Toolkit

Our newly published Privacy Toolkit assists physical therapists meet the requirements of the Personal Information Protection Act (PIPA). [Download your copy today](#) (PDF).



Advertising DPT Credentials

From time to time, College registrants ask about the use of the doctor of physical therapy (DPT) credential. The College also receives concerns about the inappropriate use of DPT credentials, particularly in advertising.



Please note that the use of DPT credentials is permitted only if you have graduated from an accredited university and in most circumstances, this is for the purpose of meeting entry-level requirements. See [Standard 19 - Use of Title](#).

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CPTBC at the Physio Forum

We're excited to continue to support the

annual PABC Forum. The College will have a booth at the forum. We look forward to speaking with registrants on April 25!



Call for Participants

Jill Zwicker, occupational therapist, researcher, and expert in Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) at BC Children's Hospital is looking to recruit parents of children with confirmed or suspected DCD to participate in two online surveys. The request is for health professions to assist with sharing the information about the surveys, as appropriate. The first survey looks at the [impacts of DCD on children and families](#). The second survey is designed to [gather parents' perceptions of a web-based intervention for children](#) with suspected or diagnosed DCD.



Questions? Please contact Jill Zwicker at jill.zwicker@ubc.ca or her Master's student Erin Klein at erin.klein@alumni.ubc.ca.

CAPR Board of Examiners is Recruiting

The Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy regulators (CAPR) is currently seeking a physical therapist to join the board of examiners. [Learn more](#) about the position on their website.



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