



CPTBC

College of Physical Therapists
of British Columbia

CPTBC Connects – April 2020

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.

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

Message from Maureen Duggan, Board Chair

Maureen Duggan, Chair of the Board of Directors of CPTBC, delivers a heartfelt message to all registrants. [Watch the video](#) on YouTube.



Webinar: Therapeutic Relationships & Virtual Care

Explore the impact of using tele-rehab on the quality of physical therapy service delivery.

Our presenters will provide practical ways of creating a safe therapeutic relationship, and highlight the conscious use of verbal and non-verbal behaviours and a collaborative approach to care.



[Register for April 23 Webinar »](#)

COVID-19 Resources

We recognize the COVID-19 situation is unprecedented, uncertain and challenging for the public, patients and registrants.

Along with our regulatory colleagues in B.C. and across Canada, our College staff is keeping up to date on emerging news about COVID-19 and [posting related information on the CPTBC website](#).



Registration Renewal 2020/2021

Full and interim registrants will be able to renew for the 2020/2021 registration year starting May 1, 2020. **The deadline for renewal has been extended to August 31, 2020 and the fee has been reduced to \$350.**



Registrants will be sent an email with instructions on how to complete online renewal, including the Annual Self Report for all full registrants.

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Board of Directors' Elections 2020

Voting is now open for full registrants to vote in the Board of Directors' elections.

Voting registrants were emailed a link with candidate information and voting instructions. Please take time to review the candidate statements and select your two candidates for the Board. Voting is open until May 22.



Registrants will have an opportunity to meet the new Board members at a virtual Board event in June.

College Appoints New Public

Board Member

The Board of Directors welcomes Trudy Hubbard as a public member.

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Corporation Renewal Extended

As of March 31, over 85% of corporations renewed their permits. Although many corporations were able to renew, the College recognizes the impact of COVID-19.

To help mitigate this, the deadline for corporation renewal was extended to May 31. This provides additional time for those who would still like to renew their permit.



Inquiry Decision on Stephen Witvoet

The College's Inquiry Committee concluded its investigation. Mr. Witvoet entered into a consent agreement that included a reprimand, immediate cancellation of registration, a prohibition from applying to the College for a period of four years and permanent limitations imposed in the event a future application for reinstatement is granted.

A [public notice](#) (PDF) has been posted on the CPTBC website.



Inquiry Decision on Rodney Mitchell

The College's Inquiry Committee concluded its investigation of Rodney Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell entered into a consent agreement that included a reprimand, an undertaking to not repeat the conduct of entering into a personal and/or sexual relationship with a patient



or a former patient, unless sufficient time has elapsed, a 30-day suspension of his practice and payment of a fine.

A [public notice](#) is available on the CPTBC website (PDF).

Update on ASR & RCA

The Annual Self Report (ASR) is back! It's on a new platform, with a familiar structure and some new questions. It will be ready for you on May 1, and we look forward to your feedback. The ASR is required for all full registrants wishing to renew their registration.



The RCA has been put on hold while the Quality Assurance Committee reviews the entire Quality Assurance program. The administration originally planned for 2021 will not take place as scheduled.

Update on Dry Needling

The College's approach to regulating dry needling has changed. Read about the processes and decisions [on our website](#).

We have received emails from registrants wondering why certain courses aren't on the approved list. In the interest of ending the moratorium, the list is short, but it will be reviewed regularly through a transparent process.



Board Event Coming in June

The Board of Directors will hold a virtual event in June and registrants are invited! This event is an opportunity to meet and speak to the Board of Directors of the College about what is happening in regulation and the College. Stay tuned for more details.



Revised College Bylaws in Effect

The College revised Bylaws came into effect on March 27. You can [view the new Bylaws on the College's website](#).



New Criminal Record Check (CRC) Process

In February the College began a streamlined process to request criminal record re-checks on behalf of all current registrants. CRC clearances are required every five years.

Instead of contacting you when your CRC is about to expire and asking you to complete the process, the College can send encrypted data to the Criminal Record Review Program (CRRP) and pay the \$28 (per person) fee. This has significantly reduced the time it takes to receive clearance letters, from almost a month to as few as eight days.

Note that if the CRRP requires you to provide fingerprints they will contact you directly and you will still be responsible for that fee. [Visit the CPTBC website for more information](#).



Graduate Certificate of Orthopaedic Musculoskeletal Physical Therapy

The Graduate Certificate in Orthopaedic 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](#).



The Retired Physiotherapists

Group (RPG) of BC

Do you ever wonder what happened to former colleagues?

The Retired Physiotherapists Group (RPG) of BC was formed in 2014 as a way of keeping in touch with fellow physiotherapists. As a social group, they meet once a year for a lively luncheon, the last meeting being at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club. Unfortunately this year, due to COVID-19, the gathering in April 2020 had to be cancelled.

If you are soon-to-be-retired, thinking about retirement or just want to get together with old friends and associates, email rpg.of.bc@gmail.com to add your name to their mailing list. By joining the RPG mailing list, you will only be sent details about the annual luncheon.



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