



CPTBC

College of Physical Therapists
of British Columbia

CPTBC Connects – August 2020

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 [COVID-19 Updates](#), [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for more details about the College and upcoming events.

Registration Renewal Ends 4:30 p.m. on August 31

The deadline for registration renewal is fast approaching. Some renewals are flagged for staff to review, which take additional time. Find out how to avoid issues including how to best update your employment and practice hours, enter insurance information in the right place and provide information about the ASR once completed.

**TIME TO
RENEW**



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COVID-19 Update

Due to COVID-19, more physical therapists are providing services virtually. The Telerehabilitation Guide drafted by the Alberta and Manitoba Colleges was recently adapted for the British Columbia context and is [available for download](#).

We have additional [COVID-19 related resources for registrants](#). Visit this web page weekly to keep up-to-date.

Telerehabilitation Guide

July 2020, Version 1



Update on CPTBC During COVID-19

College staff will continue to work remotely. We operate Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Correspondence through email is most effective - [see list of CPTBC contacts](#). Phones are operational, so feel free to leave voicemails.



Physical Therapy Students

The College normally receives requests from Canadian students enrolled in physical therapy education programs abroad for student registration to complete placements in B.C. The number of requests has increased since March when the pandemic caused programs to close and students to be sent home.



In April, the Registration Committee decided not to register students enrolled in programs outside of this province to protect placements for UBC students. The Ministry of Health was informed of this. While the College understands this is stressful to these students, the priority is to allow UBC students to complete their studies.

The Registration Committee reviewed their decision in July, and the College has now resumed registration for all students including out of province and international. [More information is](#)

A Complaint Regarding Client-Centred Care

The College received a complaint from a patient (the “Complainant”) advising that the Registrant was part of a WorkSafeBC (“WSBC”) Occupational Rehabilitation 1 (OR1) Program treatment team and alleging (among other things) that the Registrant did not take the time to understand the Complainant’s specific injury and pressured the Complainant during the first team meeting to sign a “goal sheet” that included goals (running and jumping), which the Complainant’s surgeon specifically advised against.

Learn about the Inquiry Committee’s decision.

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Important Billing Information for Interim Registrants

Did you know MSP has been rejecting billing when interim registrants’ expiry dates are not up to date in their system? Because interims’ terms expire on different dates, it is important to ensure MSP has up-to-date information.

To avoid billings being rejected, MSP asks that interim registrants do the following whenever there is a change in their status or expiry date (when they first apply for a billing number and particularly after registration renewal):

- Take a screenshot of their permit ([log in to account](#))
- Identify their MSP number
- Send both to MSP: Fax 1-250-405-3592 / [email MSP](#)



Revisions to Quality Assurance

Program

The Quality Assurance Committee has been reviewing [information from consultations with physical therapists](#) to consider a revised program. They are close to making recommendations to the Board based on available evidence, legislation, and the College strategic plan.



Upcoming Survey on Dry Needling

UBC PT professor Alex Scott, CPTBC Registrar Dianne Millette and a team of MPT students have designed a survey: B.C. Physiotherapists' beliefs on their use of dry needles for pain relief in chronic low back pain, knee osteoarthritis and subacromial pain syndrome.



The survey is planned for release in August. B.C. physios who are currently on the dry needling roster will receive an email inviting their participation.

Please watch out for your email and take advantage of this opportunity to share your views about dry needling and acupuncture in B.C.!

UBC MPT Resources for Clinical Educators & Students

The UBC MPT Clinical Education Team hopes everyone is staying healthy and well. As many of you know, the MPT program transitioned to online course delivery in March as a result of Covid-19. The 2B clinical placement was ended one-week early in March. The remainder of clinical placements were placed on hold and/or cancelled temporarily.



Despite the turbulence of the past five months, clinical partners stepped up to support the MPT students – as they always do! The soon-to-be grad cohort (2018-2020) returned to clinical placements July 20 for their consecutive

level 3 placements. Those students are supported currently on placements within and across all health regions in B.C., in a diversity of practice settings in public and private practices.

Learn about resources to support clinical educators and students through clinical placements during the COVID-19.

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