



CPTBC

College of Physical Therapists
of British Columbia

CPTBC Connects – December 2020

Welcome to the December 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.

Season's Greetings from CPTBC

The Board of Directors and staff of the CPTBC wish you all good health and wellness over the holiday season and into 2021.

We wish to thank all registrants for embracing the challenges that COVID-19 created. You continued to serve British Columbians despite having to transition services and keep up to date on ever evolving public health directives. We are proud of the resilience you have shown.

We are committed to continuing our work with the public, registrants, the PABC, UBC Department of Physical Therapy, our regulatory colleagues, government and other stakeholders to meet the opportunities and challenges that lie in the year ahead.



Holiday Closure Dates

The CPTBC office will close over the holiday season on **December 21** and re-open on **January 4, 2021**.

Annual Report

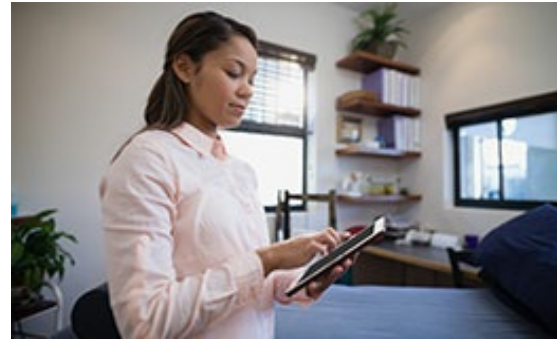
Maureen Duggan, CPTBC Board Chair, [introduces the CPTBC 2019-2020 Annual Report](#).

The full annual report is [published on our website](#).



Health Profession Corporation Updates

Registrants, please note effective December 14, the annual corporation permit fee is \$90. For guidance and answers to common registrant questions download our recently published [Health Profession Corporation Guide](#).



Supervision Toolkit

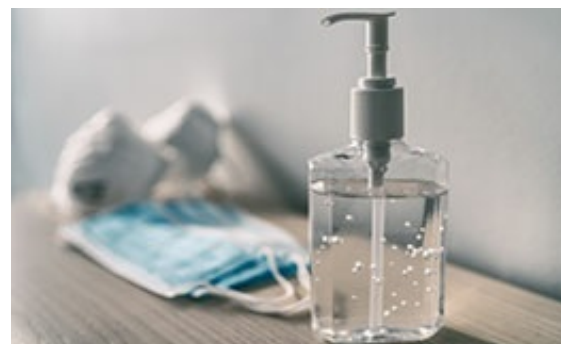
The College is developing an online toolkit, with funding from the provincial government, to improve the supervision experience for both interim registrants and their supervisors. The comprehensive resource includes learning modules, worksheets and forms.



Current interim physical therapists and their supervisors have an opportunity to test the toolkit and provide feedback by December 31, 2020. We look forward to your comments.

PPE and Self-Isolation After Exposures in Physical Therapy Private Practices

We've added additional clarification regarding PPE and self-isolation after COVID-19 exposures to our [COVID-19 resources webpage](#).



NEW! Telerehabilitation Standard Effective January 1,

2021

The College has a [new Telerehabilitation Standard](#) approved by Canadian physical therapy regulators. The new Standard provides a consistent set of expectations for physical therapists across the country.



Looking for Volunteers

The Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators (CAPR) is working on the launch of an online clinical exam. They ask for the following support:



CAPR
Canadian Alliance
of Physiotherapy
Regulators

ACORP
Alliance canadienne des
organismes de réglementation
de la physiothérapie

- More examiners are needed in 2021. [Learn how to apply](#) if you are able to volunteer.
- Some candidates might need private rooms or a stable internet connection to take the exam. Please consider whether you are able to offer a quiet room to an upcoming candidate for one of the weekend dates.

Together we can succeed in the face of this challenge. Thank you!

Extraordinary Action re: Ross McFadyen, RPT

The College received a complaint from a female patient alleging that Mr. McFadyen touched a sensitive part of her body without consent, which could, if proven, constitute professional misconduct. The Inquiry Committee is currently investigating the matter.



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Board Meeting Highlights

Our Board of Directors met in November. Two items were approved:

- 2019-2020 Annual Report
- Election schedule for 2021



Board Elections 2021

It's never too early to start thinking about who would make a good Board member and preparing for the nominations' process. We'll officially announce the call for Board nominations in February 2021. There are two elected Board positions available for a three-year term.

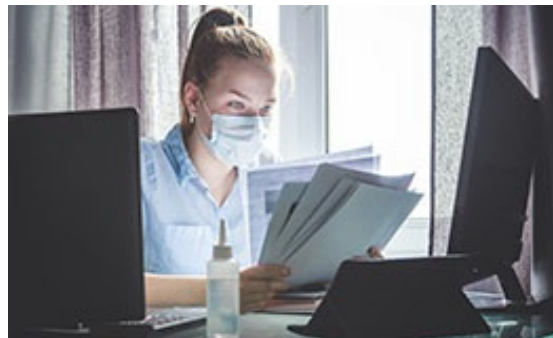
[Learn more about the role of the Board and its members](#) and the process for nominating physical therapists for election.

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



Registrant Input Requested for Study on Teaching Professionalism

UBC asks for your participation in a study to explore teaching professionalism in the clinical context and find better ways to do so. Whether you currently take students in the clinical setting or not, if you have an interest in the topic, they value your input and insights.



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GCOMPT Application Deadline

UBC's GCOMPT program is a new benchmark in musculoskeletal post-

graduate clinical training. Renowned clinicians teach within an integrated framework to develop your expertise in musculoskeletal physiotherapy.

GCOMPT is now accepting applications for September 2021. The application deadline is Friday, May 31, 2021. [Visit UBC's website](#) for more info about the program.



Where to Find Public Notices

Under the *Health Professions Act*, the College is required to notify the public of inquiry and discipline outcomes regarding “serious matters”, which are defined as matters that would ordinarily result in an order imposing: (1) limits or conditions on; (2) a suspension of; or (3) cancellation of, one’s registration.



Since 2018, the College has posted such public notices on the [Discipline & Other Public Notices](#) page of its website, following the [BCHR Public Notification Framework](#) and now the recently adopted [College Publication Policy](#).

Research Study on PT Interventions for Chronic Health Conditions

The University of Western Ontario is exploring the perceptions of physiotherapists in the management of chronic health conditions. If you’re interested in participating in this research visit our website to learn more.



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Research Study on How to Increase Accessibility and Equity in Educational Programs

A study team led by principal investigator Tal Jarus, Ph D, OT (C) from the

Department of Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy at UBC is conducting a study that investigates the barriers and facilitators to the inclusion of students with disabilities in health and human service professional programs. In particular, they are interested in the accommodations of fieldwork settings in 10 health and human service programs.



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