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Is Thursday, June 2nd on your Calendar?

The CDBC's 2015/16 *Annual General Meeting* is scheduled for **Thursday, June 2nd, 2016, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm**. Registrants are invited to join us in-person, at the CDBC office. Registrants who are unable to attend in-person are invited to join us via webcast. Meet with your RD colleagues and make the AGM a group event!



The CDBC will email invitations to registrants, Committee and Board members and CDBC public representatives very soon.

Make plans to join the College in-person or via webcast on June 2nd!

Follow Up - Unregulated Nutrition Practitioners Webinar

On April 6, 2016, the BC Ministry of Health (the Office of the Provincial Dietitian), Dietitians of Canada and the College of Dietitians of BC co-hosted a webinar on Unregulated Nutrition Practitioners in BC. The purpose of the webinar was:

- to connect with Registered Dietitians across the province and provide an overview of the collective actions in this area.
- to review the 2015/2016 Action Plan on this issue developed collaboratively with RDs across the province through support of Dietitians of Canada.
- to mobilize BC Dietitians and discuss opportunities for continued action.

Approximately 100 registrants participated in the webinar, which was an impressive turn out. Thank you to all who participated! The [webinar PowerPoint presentation slides](#) are available for viewing on the CDBC website. Follow-up actions are being developed and more information will be shared as it becomes available.

Thank you for a Smooth Registration Renewal Period!

Thank you to all registrants who renewed their registration by the March 31 deadline. The CDBC's [Public Register of Dietitians](#) reflects the current registration of **1234 Dietitians**. As part of registration renewal, College staff answered numerous email and telephone enquiries, tracked the 119 mandatory 5-year recheck **Consent to Criminal Record Authorization** forms required by the Ministry of Justice, confirmed success of 211 Jurisprudence Examination for Dietitians (**JED**) submissions, assessed 325 **CCP Professional Development Plans**, and received and verified over 650 application forms (Appendices) for 1281



Restricted Activities. Thank you for being thorough and on time!

Late Registration

If you didn't renew your registration and Restricted Acts by March 31 for the 2016-17 registration year and **are practising without being registered**, you are doing so illegally. You may register "late" with an additional \$250 penalty fee until **May 31, 2016**. Please remember that your liability insurance carrier may not cover a malpractice claim against you if you are **practising illegally**. In addition, your illegal practice may be reported to the Inquiry Committee as an "own motion" complaint by the CDBC. If you know of anyone who is practicing dietetics or using the Reserved Title "Dietitian" and is **not listed** on the CDBC's [Public Register of Dietitians](#), please contact the office immediately. In the interest of public safety, all registrants have the duty to report illegal practice as per the [Health Professions Act, part 3, section 32.2\(1\)](#).

Feedback from the College's Segment of the 2016 DC BC Regional Conference

On Friday, March 4, 2016, over 150 RDs attended the 2016 Dietitians of Canada's BC Regional Conference on site and via webinar. Fern Hubbard, Registrar, presented on "Dietetic Regulation: Looking Ahead". Some of the **feedback received** included the desire for "more concrete information about **potential upcoming changes to regulations/practice**", "changes to our regulations especially with respect to **collaborative practice**", and a question about "**swallowing assessments** and the role of the RD". Other feedback included "Good info - need another session on this as things change so quickly." To learn more about upcoming changes to the Dietitians Regulation, **plan a liaison session** with RDs in your area to meet with Fern. Just [email the CDBC to request a liaison session](#).



CDBC Bylaw Amendments In Force May 7, 2016

After eight years in the making, CDBC's bylaw amendments have been approved by the BC Ministry of Health and will be **in force on May 7, 2016**. Development of the bylaw amendments were a collaborative effort between CDBC staff and past and present Board Directors, the Ministry of Health, Registered Dietitians and the public. Thank you all for your input and support during this process. More information on the bylaw amendments will be circulated prior to the May 7, 2016 enforcement date.



CDBC Website Updates

The following key items have been updated on the CDBC website:

- [2016/17 Board of Directors' names and terms](#)
- [Board Meeting Minutes - February 18 & 19, 2016](#)
- [2016/17 Inquiry Committee Member Names and Terms](#)
- [2016/17 Quality Assurance Committee Member Names and Terms](#)
- [2016/17 Registration Committee Member Names and Terms](#)
- [Registration Committee - Approved Upgrading Courses](#)



New CCP Cycle Begins for Registrants in the 2019 Group

As part of the CDBC's mandate of public protection, the [Continuing Competence Program \(CCP\)](#) helps to ensure Dietitians practice safely, ethically and competently. Registrants who completed their CCP cycle on



March 31, 2016 are now beginning a new cycle, ending in 2019. **You may start your new three-year cycle now.**

- [login to your online CCP account](#)
- complete the Self-Assessment to select your goals
- plan your continuing competence activities
- document learning activities as you go

Your online CCP is **confidential** - CDBC staff do not have access to your CCP until you submit your Professional Development Plan. Please contact Melanie Journoud, Deputy Registrar, Quality Assurance, if you have any questions.

If you're unsure when your CCP is due, [login to your CDBC online profile](#) and view your registration under "Profile Management".

You Asked About... Swallowing Assessments

Q: The healthy authority I work in, is changing how dysphagia and swallowing assessments will be dealt with in the future. They are offering mentorships where the mentor will provide assessment and supervision to RDs to work towards competency in tableside swallowing assessments. Could you provide more information on this area (beyond what is stated in the [Standards of Practice 1 - indicator 3](#))? An SLP [Speech-Language Pathologist] had mentioned an ethical issue in regards to "professional cross-training" (one profession training another to do something in his/her scope of practice - i.e. a SLP training a RD to do swallowing assessments). How is competency in this area ensured?

A: The CDBC is pleased to learn that a HA is providing mentorship/training for RDs to become competent with swallowing assessments. This competency is in the [Integrated Competencies for Dietetic Education and Practice](#) (2013) and is now a standard competence expected of all new dietetic program graduates in Canada. (Standard #3.01, aa and bb). The notion of one health professional training another to learn a procedure that is within the "learner's" scope of practice is perfectly legal. In fact, this type of professional collaboration is one of the objectives of a Regulatory College legislated under the [Health Professions Act](#) (section 16(2)(k)). In the case of a SLP training a RD to perform swallowing assessments, competence is ensured by the teaching and assessment of the SLP. Collaborative education is not legal when the procedure is not within the scope of practice of the "learning" health professional.

Questions? Comments? Schedule a liaison session?

Please contact the College staff if you have **questions** about items in this Monthly Update or if you'd like to **schedule a CDBC liaison session** with Fern Hubbard, Registrar. Call 604.736.2016 or toll-free in BC to 1.877.736.2016, or email us at info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org. We look forward to hearing from you!



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