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Registration statistics

As of August 20, 2007, the 978 registrants on the College register includes:

- 940 Full Registrants and
- 38 Temporary registrants.

Chair's Message

With the passing of summer, and in particular summer vacations, comes the reality of getting back to school and work. As I reflect on the work that CDBC is currently embracing, I'm impressed with what we have accomplished.



CDBC's infrastructure has matured to the point where we can quickly and easily respond to our changing landscape. A great example of this can be found in how well-positioned CDBC is in aligning with the new British Columbia - Alberta Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA). A component of TILMA ensures the mobility of labor, including dietitians, between the two provinces. CDBC, as a member of the Alliance of Canadian Dietetic Regulatory Bodies, is one of the signatories of the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) which sets the rules and guidelines by which dietitians can freely move across Canada while almost seamlessly maintaining their professional registration. The MRA, along with CDBC's registration bylaws, policies and procedures, makes the College compliant with this new trade agreement.

Another area I am particularly excited about is the new Essential Competencies for Dietetic Practice in Canada. The Essential Competencies were developed by the Alliance over a three-year period that included extensive consultation with RDs across Canada and a national validation survey. CDBC is now in a position to plan how to best implement them. Once implemented, the Essential Competencies will become the criteria for registration and the standard by which our practice is assessed and evaluated.

All the best,

Glenn Kissmann, RD, CDE, MHS
Board Chair

- RA "A" - 544
- RA "B" - 276
- RA "C" - 136
- RA "D" - 3.

Three registrants have also met the requirements for inserting feeding tubes, a limitation on practice outlined in Section 6 of the Dietitians Regulation.

Board members

- *Glenn Kissmann*, Chair, Interior/North
- *Heather Martin*, Vice-chair, Vancouver Coastal
- *Laura Cullen*, Vancouver Coastal
- *Marilyn Davis*, Vancouver Island
- *Adrian Kershaw*, public representative
- *Carol Kline*, public representative
- *Peter Lam*, Fraser
- *Joyce Statton*, public representative
- *Robin Watt*, Interior/North

Continuing Competence Program (CCP)

College staff have been invited to present information on the CCP to several dietitian groups: Providence Health Care (Vancouver, March 30), North Shore dietitians (Lions Gate Hospital, September 4), Professional Practice Council (Vernon, September 26), and the Community Nutritionists Council of BC (Vancouver, October 16). Do you have an upcoming event you'd like us to attend? If so, please contact the office. We will be planning sessions around the province and would like to coordinate as much as possible with existing meetings and events.

CCP submission date extended

By now you will have received an email from the College advising you that the October 31 deadline date for Cohort 1 to submit their CCP Professional Development Plan and Progress Tracking form has been extended to Friday, November 9 so that registrants can attend the CCP Workshop on Friday, November 2

Registrar's Message



As well as relaxation and fun, summer vacation allows time for quiet reflection on life - the past, present status and future aspirations. When my thoughts turned to work, I'm truly amazed at the progress spearheaded by the Board in the three and a half years since the College opened January 2004. We've moved from manually registering all initial registrants to online renewal of over 90 percent of our registrants; from one registration application route (Grandparented) to multiple routes including Full registration, Temporary registration, Mutual Recognition Agreement transfers, and graduate degree and international application processes; from a tiny office and one employee to a larger professional space with three employees; and from our legislated Dietitians Regulation and CDBC bylaws to a public protection framework that includes a Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice (Interim), a complaint process and a Continuing Competence Program. The College is a well respected regulatory organization and its backbone is the commitment of volunteer Board and committee members and the dedication of staff.

What does the future hold? The next phase of the Continuing Competence Program's development will be initiated with the October submission of Cohort 1's "Professional Development Plan and Progress Tracking Form." Mélanie Journoud, our new Professional Practice Advisor, will co-ordinate this process. Feedback from the Self-assessment items will also enable the Quality Assurance Committee to recommend a final version of the CDBC Standards of Practice to the Board for approval and inclusion in the College bylaws. The Registration Committee will begin planning for implementation of the new Essential Competencies for initial registration. Improvements to our international registration process will continue to develop, for increased fairness, transparency and efficiency. Legislated mandates for public protection will be met - including standards for dietetic education, professional and ethical practice and a Patient Relations Program - and website expansion will increase registrant and public awareness.

It's exciting and satisfying to see the College's continual growth. We have developed solid

prior to the Annual General Meeting. The extension also applies to Cohort 2 and 3 registrants who are submitting their Plans for feedback and to assist the College with the CCP development process.

Attention: all "Grandparented" registrants

Now that the Full (Grandparented) class of registration is no longer available, all Full (G) registrants are included in the Full registration class. If you'd like a new registration certificate reflecting this change, please mail us your Full (G) certificate and we'd be pleased to print and mail you a new certificate at no charge.

Do you have ideas for updating our website?

Over the next few months, the CDBC website is being expanded and redesigned. The Patient Relations Committee and staff are coordinating the design changes. Are there changes you'd like to see? Please call or email. All suggestions are welcome!

Strategic planning

The 2006 CDBC 3-year "rolling" Strategic Plan will be reviewed at the November 3, 2007 Board meeting. Actions supporting the Plan have successfully guided the College's initiatives over the last year and are used to evaluate Board and staff progress. During the annual review, the 2006 Strategic Objectives that have been met will be dropped, those that have been partially met are "rolled over" to the current year's Plan and new initiatives are added. The 2007 Strategic Plan will be posted to the website after the Board meeting.

Practice Guideline - Enteral/Parenteral Orders

All registrants recently received a personalized email requesting

provincial networks with dietetic educators and registrant groups as well as interdisciplinary regulatory organizations, and have established ourselves nationally with dietetic regulators across Canada and as an active participant in national initiatives that have regulatory significance.

I'm proud of our College's image, presence and work and I'm pleased to be a part of our forward-thinking organization. I'm confident the Board will lead us into an exciting and productive future.

I hope you had a lovely, restful summer!

Fern Hubbard, DDH, BA, MEd
Registrar

Mélanie Journoud

Dear Colleagues, It is with great enthusiasm and honour that I recently accepted the position of Practice Advisor with the College of Dietitians of British Columbia. I graduated from McGill University in 2004 and was thereupon hired to work in the capacity of Professional Practice Clinical Coordinator at the Montreal General Hospital from 2004-2006. During that time, I was also appointed to represent McGill on the Ordre Professionnel des Diététistes du Québec (OPDQ, the regulatory body for dietitians in Quebec) Admissions Committee. Having lived in Montreal for over 25 years, I decided it was time for a change and moved to beautiful British Columbia last summer to experience the West Coast lifestyle and balmy weather. I must admit I have not looked back since. My new role at the College will entail liaising with the Quality Assurance Committee for the successful implementation of the Continuing Competence Program. I will also support the Registration Committee by co-ordinating international registration. I look forward to my collaboration with CDBC staff, board, committee members and registrants. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to Fern Hubbard, Registrar and Marilyn Elliott, Executive Assistant for their warm welcome at CDBC.



Mélanie Journoud, MSc, RD, Practice Advisor

comments on a draft Practice Guideline on Enteral/Parenteral Orders. Have you reviewed the Guideline yet? The Patient Relations Committee would like feedback from a broad practice perspective and would greatly appreciate receiving your comments by September 13. The Practice Guideline will be posted on the website once finalized and approved. Thank you for taking the time to respond!

Bylaw amendments

The Ministry of Health has recently revised its "model" bylaws. Redrafting the bylaw amendments approved by the Board last fall provides an opportunity to revisit the registration sections and create new registration classes that better meet the College's needs. Consultation with the College of Dietitians of Alberta also ensures the proposed bylaws are compatible with new inter-provincial registration requirements to meet the pending BC/Alberta Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA). Once in final draft form, the proposed bylaws will be posted for registrant comment.

Proposed quality assurance legislation

Upcoming amendments to the Health Professions Act (HPA) include two sections relating to quality assurance. These sections will expand the College's existing quality assurance initiatives, including the scope of the Continuing Competence Program, and broaden the mandate of the Quality Assurance Committee. Section 26.1 authorizes a college to assess the professional performance of a registrant when it is identified that a registrant needs practice assistance. Remediation activities may be recommended to improve practice. Section 26.2 ensures the practice enhancement records are kept confidential and

Latest Board and Committee Meeting Highlights

Board

- Reviewing Strategic Plan, correspondence and liaison updates
- Discussing implementation of Essential Competencies for initial registration
- Approving the March 31, 2007 Audited Financial Statements
- Reviewing and approving Board and committee policies
- Planning for the November AGM

Quality Assurance Committee

- Continuing development of CCP processes
- Drafting Practice Guidelines: Insulin Adjustments and Dysphagia assessments
- Discussing renal dietetics

Registration Committee

- Approving upgrading for international applicants and an out-of-practice Canadian applicant
- Gathering information on an applicant appeal
- Selecting a consultant for review of online clinical nutrition courses

Inquiry Committee

- Reviewing policies
- Planning investigators' training presentation

Patient Relations Committee

- Reviewing Patient Relations Program draft
- Drafting Practice Guideline: Enteral/Parenteral Orders and policy on Verbal Enteral/Parenteral Diet Orders

You asked about...

This new Newsletter item features questions from registrants that have broad applicability and interest. Do you have a question? Please call the College or email your question to info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org.

Q: I'd really like an electronic version of the

separate from the complaint process in the event a complaint is received about the registrant's practice. Further information will be provided once these sections of the HPA are enacted.

College calendar - meetings and events

- September 6-8, Council on Legislation, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) conference, Atlanta
- September 19-21, Alliance meeting, Winnipeg
- Monday, September 24, Patient Relations Committee
- Thursday, October 11, Quality Assurance Committee meeting
- Friday, October 12, Inquiry Committee teleconference meeting
- Saturday, October 13, Registration Committee meeting
- Friday, November 2, Annual General Meeting
- Saturday, November 3, Board meeting

Is your contact information up-to-date?

You can easily update your contact information through the database link on the Home Page of our website. It's critical that your Personal and Workplace Profiles are accurate. As well as being a bylaw requirement, your email address is our primary contact. Please check your profile today. Call the office if you have any questions - we're pleased to assist you @ 604-736-2016 or toll free @ 877-736-2016.

Tube feeds and home care aides

When RDs design home tube feeds that are administered by a home care aide, the Patient Relations Committee advises registrants to document the home tube feeding plan, the education provided to the home care aide and observations during home visits. Home care aides are employed by

Continuing Competence Program "Self-assessment" form and the "Professional Development Plan and Progress Tracking" form. Are they available?

A: The Home Page of the website links you to the News Page. There you'll find a pdf version of the complete Professional Development Guide (the document that was mailed to you) as well as an electronic version of the two forms, created in Word. The forms can be downloaded and saved, and you can complete both documents electronically. Unless you are reinstating to the register, you're only required to submit the "Professional Development Plan and Progress Tracking" form. We'd prefer you to email an electronic copy rather than mail a paper copy and these electronic forms make that possible.

The College is purchasing a Continuing Competence Program (CCP) module that will integrate with our database. You will be able to access the module through the Home Page of the website using the same login information you use to renew registration. Development is proceeding and we hope to have the module available by the end of the year. It will enable you to complete your "Professional Development Plan and Progress Tracking" form through the database and add to the form at will, as activities are completed or new opportunities arise. You will be the only one able to access the files; College staff will not have any access until you submit the document to us. More information will be provided as the module is developed.

Q: When do I submit the Declaration of Continuing Competence Program Participation form (Appendix 3)?

A: The CCP Declaration form will be incorporated into the Registration Renewal form that is submitted annually by the March 31 deadline. The Renewal form will be available online as usual, by early March 2008. Please do not submit this form until you receive notification that the online Renewal form is available through the website.

More detailed information will be available in the CDBC September Monthly Update.

organizations that are responsible for the services provided by their employees. RDs are not responsible for care transferred to non-regulated home care aides but are responsible for documenting the dietetic services provided.

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