



CDBC Monthly Update January 2012

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Board of Directors Election Results

Three positions on the Board of Directors become vacant April 1, 2012 and have been filled by acclamation. Two are for the Vancouver Coastal Electoral Region and one is for the Interior/North Electoral Region. In order to stagger the two Vancouver Coastal positions, the Registrar randomly drew names for one and two-year terms. Election results are:

- ***Maria Dedegikas***, Vancouver Coastal Electoral Region, re-elected for a two-year term, April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2014,
- ***Heather Lovelace***, Vancouver Coastal Electoral Region, elected for a one-year term, April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013, and
- ***Cassandra Hamilton***, Interior/North Electoral Region, re-elected for a two-year term, April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2014.

Congratulations Maria, Heather and Casey!

Certified Practices Committee

The CDBC is looking for RDs and their interdisciplinary colleagues who have knowledge of the didactic and practical training ***competencies required to safely practice the four proposed Certified Practices***: administer parenteral nutrition by instillation, insert feeding tubes, change or remove enterostomy and gastrostomy feeding tubes, and inject drugs (that may include insulin and specific vitamins). The work involves reviewing and finalizing broad-level competencies. Time commitment is minimal and meetings are by teleconference. Please contact info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org before February 15 if you are interested or would like more information.

Congratulations to New Registrants

Congratulations to the **45 new graduates** who completed their internship and **passed the CDRE**, the Canadian Dietetic Registration Examination. The College is very pleased to welcome you to the profession as Full Registrants! We look forward to working with you!

New FAQ Section on the CDBC Website

A new section on Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) has been added on the CDBC website [Home page](#). The FAQs section contains pertinent **Q&A questions collated from the Monthly Updates** as suggested by the Board. The FAQs section is classified into **7 categories** according to the Q&A topics: CDBC Topics, Code of Ethics, Continuing Competence, Legislation & Practice, Registration, Restricted Activities and Vitamins & Minerals. CDBC staff will continue to update the FAQs as new questions come along. We welcome registrants to keep sending us questions and ethical dilemmas!

Patient Relations Program: Where's the Line?

The Patient Relations Program is part of the CDBC Quality Assurance initiatives. A new colour version of the program called "Where's the Line?" has replaced the plain text document originally posted on the website under [Quality Assurance/Patient Relations Program](#). This is an easy to read, informative resource on the topic of boundaries between dietitians and their clients.

Message from the "Association Professionnelle des Nutritionnistes Experts en Dysphagie"

The **"Association Professionnelle des Nutritionnistes Experts en Dysphagie" (APNED)** is the only bilingual non-profit organization that brings dietitians from all areas of practice together. The association allows dietitians to share knowledge, ideas and stay up to date with current evidence-based research in the area of dysphagia in order to provide safe nutritional care to their patients.

Membership is available to dietitians for a low annual fee of \$50 which provides access to the member section of the bilingual website www.apned.info and access to English and French publications, book/article reviews, and other resources. For more information on purchasing tools or membership, please visit our website or email to information@apned.info.

Reminder: 2012 Continuing Competence Program (CCP) Group

This is a reminder to Full Registrants in the 2012 CCP Group who have not yet submitted their Professional Development Plan. If you missed the October 31, 2011 deadline, please complete the CCP requirement by logging into the [online CCP](#). Remember **you must successfully complete your CCP requirement to renew your registration by March 31, 2012** and avoid the \$250 late registration penalty.

Thank you!

Note from Iris McDuffie, MS, RD, LD: "Thank you to all the Outpatient Renal Dietitians in BC who participated in the Nutrition Care Process surveys. Your time and energy on my behalf is greatly appreciated! I have attached the link for the two short surveys for any other Outpatient Renal Dietitians who may be interested in participating. Sincerely, Iris McDuffie"

[NCP Process](#)

NCP Survey II

You Asked About... Withholding Information from a Physician on Request of a Patient

Q: If a patient is referred to me by a doctor and discloses confidential information during an outpatient appointment, but says she/he doesn't want you (the RD) to share the information with the doctor, do I have to keep it confidential? Am I obligated to tell the doctor about anything related to nutrition that might affect the patient's condition?

A: Answer provided by Catharine Herb-Kelly, QC, legal counsel for the CDBC. "This is a difficult situation. I don't think the dietitian can disclose the information to the physician if the dietitian has been specifically instructed not to. The dietitian should try to talk the patient out of her/his position if it is necessary for optimal care in a shared care setting. I don't think the legal position of the dietitian is clear here in that this issue has not been litigated, but I read some material that suggested the dietitian should advise the physician that she/he does not have full information about the patient, but not say anything more due to confidentiality. Also, the Health Authorities often have policies on these situations. This situation, in particular, is not clear, so I think it would be wise for the dietitian to consult with superiors within the Health Authority as well."

Questions? Comments?

Please contact Fern Hubbard, Registrar or Mélanie Journoud, Deputy Registrar, if you have questions about items in this Monthly Update. 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!