



## Monthly Update August 2010

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### **Aug 4 Launch of the New Online Continuing Competence Program**

On August 4 you received email notice about the launch of the College's new [Online Continuing Competence Program](#). Thanks to excellent feedback from the pilot group of registrants and CDBC Board and Committee members, the program has been refined and enhanced and **is now available to you**. When you log on to the program, you'll find that the new program is user friendly and simplifies the current process by allowing you to save your CCP information all in one place, confidentially, and on a secure off-site server. It also features a User Guide and "FAQ" sections to answer questions about program features and processes. The CDBC is very excited about the new online CCP solution and has already received many positive comments!

Please note the program will be demonstrated during an **Education Session at the October 15 Annual General Meeting**.

### **Reminder: Upcoming Professional Development Plan Submission Deadline**

This is a **reminder for Full registrants in the 2011 Group only**. Please remember your Professional Development Plan is due for submission on **October 31, 2010**. This

year your Professional Development Plan will be a "paper-less" submission via the new online [Continuing Competence Program](#). If you are uncertain about your CCP reporting group, please access the registration information section of your online [Personal Profile](#). Please contact the office if you have trouble accessing your profile or if you have questions about the new online Continuing Competence Program.

### ***Coming in September - National Validation Survey for new Practice Competencies***

This September, all Registered Dietitians in Canada will receive an **emailed survey** for review and validation of the new (draft) national Practice Competencies. They have been developed over the last year by the Working Group of the Partnership for Dietetic Education and Practice (PDEP), made up of representatives from the Alliance of Dietetic Regulatory Bodies, dietetic educators and Dietitians of Canada. This is an exciting step for Canadian Dietitians as the purpose of the new Practice Competencies is to **define entry-to-practice competence** and **integrate them with requirements for initial registration, dietetic education programs and accreditation standards**. Please plan on participating - your input is needed and valued.

### ***Website Update***

We're pleased to announce that work is proceeding smoothly on our website update. The improvements include a **reorganization of content** into three main areas - **Registrants, Applicants and the Public** - for easier location of documents and information. Menus, FAQs, links to related areas and websites, and a search function are designed to increase ease of use and more efficient access to specific information. You'll be notified of the updated website's launch in early Fall - the address remains the same. An overview will also be **demonstrated at the October 15 AGM Education Session**.

### ***Mark your Calendars: October 15 Annual General Meeting and Education Sessions***

CDBC's Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010 year is being held at Langara College on **Friday, October 15**. Networking begins at **2:30pm**. Invitations will be emailed to registrants early in the fall. The AGM covers last year's activities and the Education Sessions present current, new initiatives. Mark your calendars for an interesting afternoon with your colleagues!

### ***New CDBC Location***

Have you updated your contact information for the College? On June 29 the office moved to **Suite 409, 1367 West Broadway, Vancouver, V6H 4A7** (between Hemlock and Birch). Our phone and fax numbers remain the same.

### ***Upcoming Board Meeting***

The CDBC Board of Directors is meeting on **Friday October 15 and Saturday, October 16, 2010**. More information will be provided in September. Guests are always welcome.

### ***You Asked About... Children and Consent to Care***

Have you ever wondered: "When is a child considered 'capable' of consenting to care? Do I need to tell the child's parents/guardian about our therapeutic relationship? Do I need parental consent before providing dietetic care?" If you are unsure of the answers to any of these questions, please refer to [Where's the Line?](#), the College's Patient Relations Program. Page 6 reviews important steps to setting the stage for a therapeutic relationship, including consent to care guidelines:

- Obtaining informed consent to treatment:
  - Adults: [Health Care Consent and Facilities Admissions Act](#)
  - Children: [BC Infants Act](#)
- Adhering to privacy regulations
  - [Personal Information Protection Act \(PIPA\)](#) and,
  - [Freedom of Information Protection of Privacy Act \(FOIPPA\)](#)

The BC Branch of the Canadian Bar Association also publishes the following information regarding children and consent to medical care: [http://www.cba.org/bc/public\\_media/health/422.aspx](http://www.cba.org/bc/public_media/health/422.aspx) (relevant to physicians and other health care providers).

### ***Questions? Comments?***

Please contact Fern Hubbard, Registrar or Mélanie Journoud, Deputy Registrar, if you have questions or comments about items in this Monthly Update or if you'd like to arrange a meeting with your local RD group. Call the CDBC office at 604.736.2016 or toll-free in BC 1.877.736.2016, or email us at: [info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org](mailto:info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org). We look forward to hearing from you!