



**CDBC Update
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Greetings!

Participants in the **Continuing Competence Program (CCP)** focus groups held throughout BC between April and July, 2006 responded favourably to the professional portfolio component, one of three components of the program. Some saw it as a useful tool for tracking their personal professional development and thought it would be very valuable as a resource when applying for new jobs. The portfolio component will be an optional, yet highly recommended part of the new CCP. The CDBC is developing tools to support registrants in compiling their portfolio.

The CDBC Quality Assurance Committee will review the redrafted Continuing Competence Program at their October 4th meeting. Revisions to the CCP are based on focus group feedback. The goal of the CCP is to have a program that assures registrants' quality of practice, while having a program that is easy for registrants to use, is meaningful to registrants, and flexible to accommodate the variability amongst registrants areas of practice and interests. The CDBC Board will be reviewing the final draft of the CCP during the November 3-4 meeting. Plans are to launch the CCP for the registration year beginning April 1, 2007. Stay tuned for more details!

Thank you to all registrants who responded to our request to update your **birthdate information in the database to assist with long-range human resource planning**. For those who still need to update, please go to the Home Page of the website (the address is below), click on "Profile Update", log in, click on "Profile Management" and "Change Personal Information" and review or add your birthdate. If you have difficulty logging in or if you've forgotten your password, please contact the office. We'll be happy to assist you.

Coming soon... to the November 3rd **education session** prior to the Annual General Meeting... an interactive workshop on the new **draft Standards of Practice**. Please plan on attending Friday, November 3rd from 3:00 to 4:30pm. Your comments and feedback will assist development of the College's Standards of Practice. An email invitation will be sent to you in mid-October.

Following the education session is the CDBC's 2nd **Annual General Meeting**, scheduled from 4:30 to 5:30pm on Friday, November 3. Board members, Committee Chairs and the Registrar will provide information about College activities over the past year and current and future initiatives. Please plan on attending the AGM and networking with colleagues. Also, observers are welcome at the **Board meeting** following the AGM and continuing on Saturday, November 4.

The Board has approved 14 **bylaw amendments** that have been submitted to the provincial government for review and approval. The proposed amendments may be viewed from the Home Page on the website. Several are "housekeeping" amendments and relate to how the College does business, while others relate to Full and Reinstatement Registration requirements. Of note, amendment #11 (section 53 of the bylaws) requires a former CDBC registrant who has been out of practice for more than 3 years to complete upgrading and the national examination in order to be reinstated to the register. Also, amendment #9 (section 51(6) of the bylaws) reduces the "late registration" period from 6 months to 2 months. Please contact the CDBC office if you'd like to receive a "track changes" version of the proposed amendments or if you have any comments.

The CDBC had few responses to our request for **pictures of dietitians at work**. We'd like pictures of RDs practicing in all scope areas – clinical, community, education, administration, research and industry – to add to our website and Newsletters. Please send them by email, noting the name of the dietitian(s) in the picture and permission to use the photo from any photographed clients. Thank you!

Thanks to the 51 **registrants with Reserved Act "B"** who responded to our request for comment on **the meaning of "administering parenteral nutrition,"** which is Reserved Act "D." Your responses have been transposed to a master document that will be reviewed by the Registration Committee at their October 14 meeting. Your comments are insightful. Several registrants also thanked the CDBC for the opportunity to participate in the development of the Guideline. Thank you for your time - your input is truly appreciated.

Questions? CDBC staff welcome your questions and comments. Please call our new **toll-free number** within BC **1 (877) 736-2016** or email us at: info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org.

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