

**CDBC Update  
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***Public Domain Activities***

Did you know that some activities, such as pricking the finger for a blood sample, are in the public domain? Being "in the public domain" means that the activity is not restricted to any specific health professionals. Anyone can prick another person's finger and draw blood, assuming they have permission. Another example is taking blood pressure. Anyone can take another's blood pressure and, in fact, many people take their own blood pressure in their pharmacy. You may perform both of these activities. However, as a health professional, you must have a dietetic-based reason, such as pricking a finger to obtain a blood glucose reading. When taking a client's blood pressure, you must have a dietetic related reason as well as understanding the implications of the reading obtained and refer your client when appropriate.

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***Upcoming Board Meeting***

The CDBC Board of Directors next meets on Friday, May 15, 2009. Observers are welcome! Please contact the office for detailed information.

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***Registration Renewal***

As of April 1, 2009, 1017 registrants renewed their registration with the CDBC. All but 3 registrants completed renewal online and approximately 95% took advantage of the online payment program. It was our third year using the Softworks database program and the program and processes ran extremely smoothly. Most telephone calls were from registrants who needed help with their passwords.

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### **Profile Updates**

Please remember to update your Personal and Workplace Profiles whenever you change your home address or workplace, and particularly if you change your email address. Keeping your contact information current is not only required in the College bylaws but it is necessary for you to receive regulatory information from us. Thank you for being diligent!

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### **You Asked about**

Q: What happens if a RD does not fulfill the Continuing Competence Program (CCP) requirement yet renews her/his registration?

A: If the RD renews registration by March 31 without making sure CCP requirements are met, she/he is falsely declaring participation in the CCP. By checking the Declaration of Participation to the CCP box on the registration renewal form, the RD is declaring that: "I will maintain my competence with dietetic practice by completing my Self Assessment relative to the Standards of Practice and my Professional Development Plan as approved by the Quality Assurance Committee and Board." Making a false legal declaration is a serious offence. As a result, the CDBC Registrar is required to document the offence and file an "own motion" complaint to the Inquiry Committee. The registrant would be contacted as part of the investigation and the false declaration remains on the registrant's file for six years (CDBC bylaw 62).

Q: Which professions are regulated under the Health Professions Act (HPA)?

A: As of June 1, 2009, the HPA will regulate the following 21 health professions:

- BC Association of Podiatrists
  - College of Chiropractors of BC (March 1, 2009)
  - College of Dental Hygienists of BC
  - College of Dental Technicians of BC
  - College of Dental Surgeons of BC (April 3, 2009)
  - College of Denturists of BC
  - College of Dietitians of BC
  - College of Midwives of BC
  - College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC
  - College of Massage Therapists of BC
  - College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC
  - College of Occupational Therapists of BC
  - College of Opticians of BC
  - College of Optometrists of BC (March 1, 2009)
  - College of Pharmacists of BC (April 1, 2009)
  - College of Physical Therapists of BC
  - College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (June 1, 2009)
  - College of Psychologists of BC
  - College of Registered Nurses of BC
  - College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of BC
  - College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of BC
- [http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/leg/health\\_profes\\_sions.html](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/leg/health_profes_sions.html)

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In addition, the College of Speech and Hearing Professionals of BC will become legislated under the HPA in 2010 which consolidates the professions of audiology, speech-language pathology and hearing instrument dispensing.

**Questions or comments?**

Do you have questions or comments about items in this Update? Would you like CDBC staff to provide an update on **Inter-professional Agreements to Reduce RD Practice Barriers** or to provide a **Continuing Competence Program (CCP) session**? Please contact the CDBC office at (604) 736-2016, through our BC toll-free number at 1 (877) 736-2016 or by email at: [info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org](mailto:info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org). We'd be pleased to meet with your local RD group!

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