



CDBC Update
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Dear Registrant,

“Protecting the public” was a hot topic during recent Continuing Competence Program focus groups. “What does this mean?” registrants asked. “How does the new Continuing Competence Program help protect the public?”

As self-regulating professionals, dietitians are accountable for providing competent care. As clients of the health care system, we expect to receive competent, professional care. “Public protection is a broad concept,” says Fern Hubbard, Registrar. “It means not only assuring the public that registrants maintain an acceptable level of practice, but also that competence is monitored and there are consequences for those who don’t meet provincial standards.”

If, as a patient, you believe your health care provider isn’t competent, you have the right to file a complaint. It’s the college’s responsibility to investigate your concerns while respecting the rights of the health care professional.

To achieve this balance colleges are legally required to develop and enforce measurable standards of professional ethics and practice. As a relatively new college, CDBC is in the midst of this process. The Code of Ethics received Board approval in January; CDBC Standards of Practice are on track for approval by year-end; and the Continuing Competence Program launches on April 1, 2007.

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More than 140 dietitians have volunteered to take part in 11 **Continuing Competence Program Focus Groups** being held across BC. Registrants say they’re “thrilled” to be consulted and “keenly urgent” to begin. The Quality Assurance Committee plans to finalize the program for Board review and approval in the fall.

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Watch the mail for your introduction to the online **Competency Assessment Model (CAM) national validation survey**. Your input is critical. Feedback from Registered Dietitians across Canada will ensure competencies essential to dietetic practice are current and valid, and will provide the foundation for CDBC’s Standards of Practice.

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Are you a **Certified Diabetes Educator (CDE)**? Your knowledge can help CDBC develop a Practice Guideline on insulin adjustments. We're looking for volunteers to correspond by email with the college's consultant and each other to:

- share practice experiences relating to insulin adjustment
- share workplace policies on adjusting insulin
- discuss key policy points
- review Practice Guideline drafts

Please contact the College at info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org to give permission to forward your email address to the consultant. Thank you!

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You are welcome to attend our next **Board meeting**, scheduled for Friday evening and Saturday, **June 16 and 17**, at College Place, 1765 West 8th Ave. Vancouver, BC, V6J 5C6. Please call CDBC for start times and agenda items.

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Questions?

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

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