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Updates from the CAND team

What an exciting month for the profession as the CCNM (Toronto) graduation was held on May 22, 2025, with a graduating class of over 150 students.

Congratulations to all the graduates and a special congratulations to Shawn O'Reilly, the recently retired Executive Director of the CAND, who received an Honorary Doctorate in recognition of her decades-long work on behalf of the profession.

We look forward to attending the Boucher graduation in June.



The *CAND Journal* is going OPEN ACCESS

On June 1st, the *CANDJ* will officially become an open access journal. This means that all articles will be **freely available and shareable online** from the date of publication. Everyone will now be able to see the great work our colleagues are doing to advance our profession—whether it's creating original research, reviewing current best practices, or discussing the role of traditional practices in naturopathic clinical care.

Check out the *CANDJ* section below to read more!

CAND 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY JUNE 14TH, 2025
11:00 AM EDT (8:00 AM PDT)
VIRTUAL - REGISTER FOR ACCESS

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors (CAND) will be held virtually on **Saturday, June 14, 2025, at 11:00 am (EDT)**.

Candidate profiles and the 2024 Annual Report will be available on the ND Portal, no later than June 4th, 2025.

Please click below to register and gain access to the event.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

The CAND is hosting a series of Focus Groups over the next few months to garner crucial feedback from members as we revisit, enhance, and increase our member benefit offerings. Our first session will focus exclusively on **malpractice/liability and clinic insurance**. We hope to recruit 20 NDs total to participate in two separate one-hour discussions (10 NDs/session).

The discussions will be held on **Tuesday, June 10th at 7pm EDT** and **Wednesday, June 18th at 8pm EDT**.

If you are interested in participating in this Focus Group, please email membership@cand.ca to indicate which session you are available to attend. Additionally, please include your province of residence, regulated jurisdiction (if applicable), and any questions or conversation topics you'd like to include in our group discussion. You will subsequently receive a Microsoft Teams meeting link prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

For more information, please visit the ND Portal at cand.ca



**MEMBER
FOCUS GROUP**

Sign up to join our first focus group meeting of 2025 and share your thoughts on:

**MALPRACTICE/LIABILITY
& CLINIC INSURANCE**
TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH, 7PM EDT
- OR -
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18TH, 8PM EDT

Click here to email
membership@cand.ca
to express your interest in participating.



Advocacy in Action

Have your voice heard. A big part of the work of the CAND is to advocate on behalf of the profession at the federal level. Here's what we have been working on:

Assembly of First Nations (AFN):



As we shared in the April e-Link, CAND had worked closely with the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to co-author an op-ed, submitted to the Hill Times, supporting the inclusion of naturopathic medicine into the Non-Insured Health Benefits plan (NIHB). We are thrilled to share the article that was published on May 14th. You can read the article and learn more about our advocacy with AFN with the link below.

Don't forget you need to be logged into the ND portal to access the links shared here.

[Read the full Hill Times article here](#)



A Compendium of Roles in Team-Based Primary Care

We're proud to share that naturopathic doctors are now officially recognized in Canada's primary care framework!

The Canadian Health Workforce Network's newly released Compendium of Roles in Team-Based Primary Care now includes NDs as key contributors to

collaborative, patient-centered care across the country.

This recognition marks a significant milestone for the profession—highlighting the vital role NDs play in Canada's evolving healthcare system.

Thank you to our members and our retired Executive Director, Shawn O'Reilly, who contributed and highlighted the value that our profession brings to Canadians.

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[Read the full Compendium here](#)

WE WANT TO SHARE YOUR STORY

Has the primary care crisis impacted your practice and your patients? We want to hear from NDs who are feeling the impact of Canada's current healthcare crisis. Click here to connect with us.

We want to share the impact NDs are experiencing due to the healthcare crisis. NDs aren't preparing to fill the gaps in healthcare—they **are** filling the gaps.

If you have a perspective on how you, your practice, or your patients are being affected, we want to help bring your experience to the public. It's time to work together—with other healthcare professionals and the government—to recognize how naturopathic doctors are supporting many Canadians and the valuable role you play in the healthcare system.

If you would like to share your story and be a part of this collection on ND Perspectives, please reach out to communications@cand.ca.



CAND Journal (CANDJ)



The official journal of the
**Canadian Association of
Naturopathic Doctors**

The CANDJ is going OPEN ACCESS!

WHY OPEN ACCESS?

ALIGNS WITH THE CAND'S VALUES:

- COLLABORATION
- LEADERSHIP
- INTEGRITY
- INCLUSIVITY

TO PROMOTE NATUROPATHIC RESEARCH AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE PROFESSION

REMOVES BARRIERS AND WORKS TOWARDS HEALTH EQUITY FOR ALL

Why are we doing this now?

At CANDJ, we wanted to support the [CAND's 2025-2028 Strategic Plan](#) to foster a more collaborative profession nationally. We agreed that transitioning to open access would be a powerful way to show that we are serious about transparency and open scientific enquiry. We also wanted to remove barriers that many NDs around the world still face in accessing evidence-informed and clinically relevant articles. We felt the time was right to show what we can do as a CAND-supported, not-for-profit, peer-reviewed, and indexed journal.

This open access project was a coordinated effort from our editorial, publishing, and Association teams. We are very thankful for the many people who contributed, including our CEO, Gemma Beierback, who saw the

potential of an open access CANDJ back in January/February, and our publications lead at SG Publishing, Laura Hope, who did an enormous amount of behind-the-scenes work to ensure all the necessary details were in place to transition our article licensing to Creative Commons.

Now it's time for us to show our work.

Read the latest edition (Vol. 32 No. 1) at candjournal.ca

Don't forget to review our [archived issues](#) as well as the [Editor Selections](#).



Follow the CANDJ on [LinkedIn](#) to stay informed and up to date with Journal news, issue notifications, the latest naturopathic research, and more!



Naturopathic Legacy Project

THE NATUROPATHIC
LEGACY PROJECT

Acts regulating naturopathic medicine in the provinces and territories of Canada date from the early 1900s to non-existent. Today, 6 provinces and 1 territory are regulated under provincial legislation.

Government ideology and political pressure are often key factors in regulatory decisions. Alberta and BC are interesting examples of this.

NDs in Alberta had been regulated since 1950 under the Drugless Practitioners Act, becoming the Naturopathy Act in 1952. In 1986, in response to an unfortunate child death under the care of an ND, that Act was repealed and the profession undertook self-regulation through the newly incorporated Alberta Association of Naturopathic Practitioners. Despite government reports from 1990 recommending the inclusion of Naturopathy under the then Health Disciplines Act, it was not included until the Health Professions Act 2000. Full regulation began in 2012 when the Regulations were approved and implemented.

From 1936 to 2000, BC NDs had been regulated under the Naturopaths Act, becoming the Health Professions Act, regulated by the College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC. In June 2024, the BC government forced the amalgamation of naturopathic medicine, chiropractic, massage therapy, TCM, and acupuncture under a shared Act and regulatory college, the College of Complementary Health Professionals of British Columbia (CCHPBC).

In the April 2025 e-Link, the article by The Naturopathic Legacy Project included an error in the article referencing the Flexner Report. The correct year of the Flexner Report is 1910, not 2010. The Naturopathic Legacy Project team apologizes for the mistake and any confusion it may have caused.

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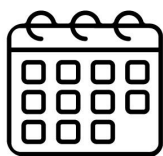
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Events and Resources



For more events and details, please visit:

[Events - Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors](#)

Upcoming Events and Education

June

- **June 7th, Online:** Vita Aid Professional Education: Clinical Success Summit 2025
- **June 10th, Online:** CAND Focus Group (First Session: Malpractice/Liability and Clinic Insurance)
- **June 18th, Online:** CAND Focus Group (Second Session: Malpractice/Liability and Clinic Insurance)
- **June 14th, Online:** CAND Annual Meeting



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Employment and Classifieds

Events

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