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Updates from the CAND team

Thank you all for joining us at our Annual Meeting on June 14, 2025. We had over 250 members join us for the meeting where we elected some new board members. We are pleased to introduce the new members of the CAND Board of Directors (in alphabetical order):

- Dr. Carissa Doherty ND (Ontario)
- Dr. Jessica Hobson ND (British Columbia)
- Dr. Shahin Moslehi ND (Northwest Territories)
- Dr. Jodie Peacock ND (Ontario)

We also announced an exciting new member benefit; a group health insurance plan tailored for CAND members. For more information, please visit the [Member Advantages page on the ND Portal](#).


Congratulations to Dr. Lisa Urban, ND, who was the lucky winner of the Annual Meeting door prize: a new iPad!

Finally, a big thank you to everyone for their hospitality and warm welcome at the SAND: Healing Skies conference at the end of May. We met so many amazing members from across the country. The volunteer team at the Saskatchewan Association of Naturopathic Doctors puts on a stellar conference! WOW!



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:



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TIMES HAVE CHANGED & BENEFITS SHOULD TOO.

The CAND recommends enhancing billing codes to ensure greater clarity and transparency in their descriptions.

AREAS TO INCLUDE IN BILLING CODES:

- initial naturopathic visit
- naturopathic consult (for any subsequent visits)
- in-office naturopathic procedure
- acupuncture
- laboratory testing (if covered)

Naturopathic Doctors are highly educated and complete extensive post-graduate training and clinical hours. NDs are recognized as part of the Canadian Health Workforce Network's Team Primary Care.

**NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS:
A MOVE TO ACCURATE
LANGUAGE & COVERAGE**

A simple coverage change from "Naturopath" to "Naturopathic Doctor" provides clarity, and can be validated by the clinician's provincial registration number, their CAND membership or both (a model already used by Veterans Affairs Canada). The time has come to close the loophole and ensure that only qualified Naturopathic Doctors can bill under the extended benefit intended for naturopathic medicine. CAND is ready to help.

Insurance: Working towards changes

In June we attended the CHLIA Claims and Anti-Fraud Conference in Calgary, and shared insights into the expertise and education of NDs. Our messaging focused on asking benefit providers to change coverage language in paramedical benefits to list "Naturopathic Doctors" and not simply use the term "Naturopath". We also asked for

enhancements to coverage billing options to better align with practice. To read the full brochure, visit the [Insurance Coverage for Canadians page found on the Advocacy section of the ND Portal](#).

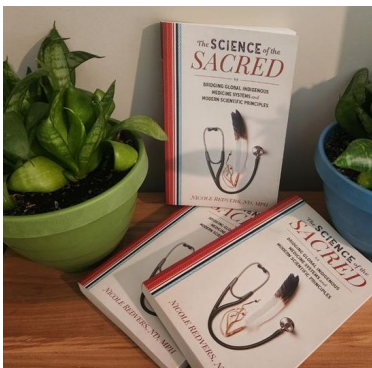


Assembly of First Nations (AFN):

We were excited to welcome Jenny Gardipy, Senior Policy Analyst with AFN, to the Healing Skies Conference. Jenny loved increasing her understanding of the profession and meeting so many welcoming NDs.



Government Relations



New Ministers are now in place, and they are getting settled into their new roles and portfolios.

We have sent welcome letters, and a copy of Nicole Revers ND's book *Science of the Sacred* to:

Hon. Marjorie Michel, PC, MP, Minister of Health
Hon. Mandy Gull-Masty, PC, MP, Minister,
Indigenous Services Canada
Hon. Jill McKnight, PC, MP, Minister of Veterans Affairs

In the coming months the CAND will be launching a Government Relations Committee made up of CAND members from across Canada. If you are interested in getting involved email info@cand.ca.

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**

Insights, Ideas, & Opinions: Share Your Voice with the **CANDJ** Commentary

The Commentary section of CANDJ is a place for Canadian naturopathic doctors to share opinions, ideas, and debates with the profession. These articles can also be narrative reflections on practice or interviews with colleagues written with a clinical focus. These submissions are short/'read during lunch hour' pieces—no more than 1000 words, and they don't go through peer review, so may be submitted any time, and published soon after submission. Early career NDs and/or residents are encouraged to submit, and you can post these pieces on your own website or social media after publication with our new open access platform.

If you are interested in submitting,
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Naturopathic Legacy Project

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Canadian Leaders in Naturopathic Medicine

With the dedication and vision of numerous champions, Naturopathic Medicine has become a leading primary health care profession in Canada. This has not happened without struggle.

As naturopathic medicine evolved from its many roots in European, North American, Eastern and Indigenous traditions, the medical profession through the 20th century increasingly focused on 'eradication' of disease through antimicrobial, surgical and technological approaches for assessment and treatment. Healing through prevention, dietary and functional approaches was relegated to a secondary role.

However, science is now confirming the influence of gut health, nutritional and antioxidant status and the negative effects of pollution, stress, dietary and lifestyle factors as significant determinants of health and disease. There is a greater acknowledgement of the synergy between a healthy body and a healthy mind, and naturopathic assessments and care strategies have become more relevant and valued within the public collective consciousness.

It is important to honour our pioneers and advocates for the significant roles and impacts that their contributions and decisions have made for the future of naturopathic medicine. We will begin with Joseph Boucher and Gerald Farnsworth, Canadian ND's whose legacies, beginning in the 1950s, have shaped the naturopathic profession in both the US and Canada.

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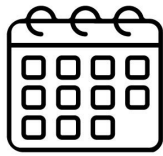


Events and Resources

Upcoming Events and Education

September

- **Sept 12th to Dec 5th, Online:** Building Community to Advance Planetary Health



- **Sept 24th, Online:** Building Community to Advance Planetary Health

October

- **October, Online (self-paced):** Outdoor Learning: 4 Seasons of Indigenous Learning Course
- **Oct 25th, Etobicoke, ON:** OAND Centennial Gala

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[Health Product InfoWatch](#)

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