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Updates from the CAND team

July has been a big month at the CAND especially regarding insurance.

New Group Health Benefits:

We launched the new group health benefits program designed specifically with NDs in mind and with incredible rates. We have two lunch-and-learn sessions planned for **October 2nd** – grab your lunch and spend half-an-hour learning more about the health and dental benefit options, along with critical illness and disability insurance, to protect you.

Check out the ND portal for the event details closer to October 2nd.

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Malpractice Insurance Update:

After significant member feedback and consultation, we made the move to a new insurance broker for our malpractice, clinic, and commercial insurance program. You may have seen the announcement last week. We are excited to have partnered with IMPGA, and we expect you will enjoy the move as well. Don't worry, your current insurance coverage is still in place and hasn't changed. There are lots of improvements and enhancements on the way, including a new cyber program. IPMGA has a dedicated team waiting to serve CAND members.



[You can learn more about IPMGA.](#)

Updates will be shared with members via email and on the ND Portal.

MEMBER FEEDBACK WANTED

Please complete our 3-minute survey to share your thoughts on **charitable support of naturopathic medicine**.
Click the image below to access the survey.

**Share your thoughts
on how a charitable
foundation can best
support naturopathic
medicine in Canada.**

**Click here to complete a short survey:
Charitable Support of Naturopathic
Medicine in Canada**

Survey closes August 28th



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:

Natural and Non-Prescription Health Products (NNPHP)

At the end of June, the CAND was invited to a consultation on compounding. We shared a survey with CAND members and used the insights to inform the NNPHP Directorate. We met with the staff team at NNPHP again in July, and the questions you submitted have been answered.

[Click here to view the survey results and the NNPHP Directorate's answers to your questions.](#)

In the meantime, we continue to discuss the cost-recovery plans and plain language labelling initiatives with the NNPHP Directorate team, both of which have been pushed further out into the future. The labelling initiative is still undergoing consultation, and the cost-recovery initiative, which had significant consultation, has no immediate implementation date. We anticipate having more guidance in the fall.

If you are interested in better understanding the changes that came into force with Bill C-69, please take a moment to review [this guide](#).

Moving the Dial on Advocacy

The key to effective advocacy is being focused, consistent, and knowing what tools to use and when. Numerous areas of potential advocacy come to the attention of the CAND. It is critical to determine whether an issue has broad appeal and a positive outcome for CAND members, and equally, whether it is an issue that is likely to get any traction with the current government. Changing focus frequently is ineffective.

The CAND continues to work on our key areas of advocacy focus, including naturopathic medicine within the NIHB (Non-Insured Health Benefits) program and enhancing the coverage available to veterans. Additionally, we are developing messaging at the federal level to drive the importance of preventative care and primary care equity, and the role NDs play. The underpinning of all of this work remains driving towards regulation across Canada. The CAND is working with our provincial association partners to support emerging regulation. This is the key to elevating and protecting the profession and creating more opportunities for access to naturopathic medicine.

We are looking for members excited about our advocacy initiatives and eager to talk to federal politicians.

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



CAND Journal (CANDJ)



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Naturopathic Oncology for Advanced Cancers: Survival Outcomes from the Canadian/US Integrative Oncology Study



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Featured Article:

Researchers followed 400 patients with late-stage cancer to see if naturopathic care improved survival. Compared to registry data, there was no survival difference. However, frequent ND visits and IV vitamin C showed some possible links. These results are exploratory and cannot conclude that these factors directly impacted survival.

Read the full article at candjournal.ca

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Naturopathic Legacy Project

THE NATUROPATHIC LEGACY PROJECT

Drs. Boucher and Farnsworth - Part 1

British Columbia NDs Joseph Boucher and Gerald Farnsworth were leaders in naturopathic practice and education in the US and Canada. While both were dual DC NDs, they devoted their professional lives to practicing naturopathic medicine.

In 1956, they were amongst a group of NDs who established the National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland, Oregon, following the closure of the naturopathic program at Western States Chiropractic College in 1955. With a 'do or die' philosophy, Drs. Boucher and Farnsworth, as well as several other stalwart BC NDs, drove to Portland regularly to teach, administer, govern, and provide financial support for the newly formed college, while continuing clinical practice in BC.

Dr. Boucher served in various executive positions with the Board of Directors of the Association of Naturopathic Physicians of British Columbia for 32 years. The Canadian Naturopathic Education and Research Society were formed in his honour by devoted colleagues and family after his death in 1987, later becoming the Canadian Naturopathic Foundation, a charitable foundation of the CAND.

In May 2001, the Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine was created to honour his commitment and contributions to naturopathic medicine. In 2021, amalgamation with CCNM established the Boucher and Toronto Campuses.

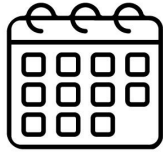
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Upcoming Events and Education

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
- **October 2nd, Online:** CAND Member Health Benefits - Lunch and Learn Session
- **October 3rd, Online:** CytoCon 2025
- **Oct 25th, Etobicoke, ON:** OAND Centennial Gala

For more events and details, please visit:

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

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