

# The ePod Newsletter

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## NOVEMBER 2019

Greetings *Tēnā tātou katoa*  
and welcome to the Board's latest Newsletter

### BOARD MEETINGS

The last Board meeting for the year will be held on 14 & 15 November.

2020 meetings will be held on:

- 13 & 14 February
- 14 & 15 May
- 6 & 7 August and
- 12 & 13 November.

### BOARD MEMBERS

The Board is still waiting on advice from the Ministry of Health for the names of two practitioner appointments/reappointments that expired in May 2018, plus two practitioner and two lay appointments that expired in June 2019.

### CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

#### 2020 ONLINE CPD AUDIT

The current Framework introduced at the start of 2018 available [here](#), introduced the 2 year CPD cycle which runs from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019.

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **At the end of the year your CPD will be locked, therefore it is important you have logged and uploaded all your CPD activities completed for this cycle by 31 December 2019.** The Board has been sending practitioners monthly reminders of this since June this year.
- **Practitioners who have not logged sufficient CPD hours (40 hours plus Basic Life Support evidence) will automatically be in the 2020 Audit.**
- **No practitioners will be advised that they are in the 2020 Audit until January/ February 2020.**

- **CPD hours gained in 2017 are also allowed to be claimed** (as an introductory exception for this first 2 year cycle.)

- **If you have not held an APC for a full 2 years your CPD is calculated on a pro rata basis**

- **The 4 CPD categories are:**

**Compulsory: 8 hours minimum of:**

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| ○ Infection control          | 3 hours        |
| ○ Wound management           | 2              |
| ○ Cultural safety            | 3              |
| • professional communication | 16             |
| • professional learning      | 16             |
| • basic life support.        | Renew 2 yearly |

- **CPD Providers: A Guidance List of Providers is available for your assistance.**

- **End of year flexible CPD claiming allowed between cycles:** *An exception has been made to allow any CPD gained from 15 November 2019, to be claimed in the 2020/2021 cycle (as long as the total hours are only claimed for once. For example, for a 16 hour conference, 8 hours may be claimed in the current cycle and 8 in the next cycle.*

### PRESCRIBING UPDATE

As one of the Board's stakeholders you would have recently received the Board's consultation on Podiatrist Prescribing on 16 September, and a reminder on 15 October if you had not responded. *If you have not already done so, the Board would welcome your response now even if it is a little over the due date.*

A significant majority of practitioners in favour of podiatrist prescribing is required for the Ministry of Health to look favourably at the Board's application for Podiatrist Prescribing.

#### [Podiatrist Prescribing Consultation](#)

The Board Chair and Project Manager have met with a number of significant medical and pharmaceutical stakeholders over the past month to ensure that there is a full understanding of the benefits of podiatrist prescribing to patients.

The Board would like to thank all practitioners who responded to the Board's consultation earlier in the year on proposed medicines for inclusion in its application to the Ministry of Health, and also to those who responded to the Board's consultation in September on podiatrist prescribing.

**REMINDER:** The Board reminds all practitioners that Medsafe and Medicines Control permits podiatrists to use up to 2 percent lignocaine **only**.

The prescribing and use of Marcaine, Ropivacaine or Bupivacaine is **not** permitted by podiatrists or podiatric surgeons in New Zealand.

## STANDARDS: Complaints Process Policy

Private practice podiatrists are reminded that they are required to have a formal complaints process in place, in accordance with the [HDC Code of Health & Disabilities Consumers Rights Regulations](#): Right 10, the consumer's Right to Complain.

The Board's [Principles and Standards for the Practice of Podiatry in NZ \(PSPPNZ\)](#) also has this requirement of Patient Centred Care in Principle 1 Standard 6 (Page 7).

## TESTIMONIALS

The Board wishes to remind practitioners that no testimonials should be used as part of any promotion or advertising. This also includes on your website.

## IN OTHER NEWS:

### MINISTRY OF HEALTH

[Measles Information](#)

### HEALTH QUALITY & SAFETY COMMISSION NZ

[Patient Safety Week](#)

### ACC

[Standards for Clinical Evidence for ACC and for practitioners in general](#)

[Treatment Safety Update](#)

## EDUCATIONAL EVENTS:

- **PODIATRY NZ**  
[contact@podiatry.org.nz](mailto:contact@podiatry.org.nz)  
<https://www.podiatry.org.nz/Members/Events/Calendar.aspx>
- **PODIATRIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS CPD NETWORK**  
[contactpodmednet@gmail.com](mailto:contactpodmednet@gmail.com)  
<https://www.podmednet.ac.nz/viewEvents.php>

**2 day Seminar 15 &16 November 2019**

Further details are available [here](#)

[Facilitator's details](#)

## SUPERVISOR OR COMMITTEE WORK

The Board is always pleased to hear from any experienced practitioners who are interested in having their name added to the list of those available to assist as a [supervisor](#) (generally for return to practice podiatrists) or to serve on a Competence Review Committee (CRC) or Professional Conduct Committee (PCC).

## CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE

The Board office will be closed for the summer break from noon Friday 20 December 2019 until 9am Monday 13 January 2020

## BOARD CONTACT

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Bridget is our new administration assistant who provides some part time office support through the Board's long standing SLA with the Occupational Therapy Board.

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