

# The ePod Newsletter

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## MAY 2019

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

### BOARD MEETINGS

The Board met on 14 and 15 February and further meetings for 2019 will be held on:

- 20 & 21 June
- 23 & 24 August
- 15 and 16 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.

There are a further four appointments or reappointments due in June this year as well, including two lay positions.

#### **Barry Smith**

The Board would like to pay tribute to one of its lay members Dr Barry Smith who passed away recently. He was a greatly valued long serving member who generously shared his knowledge, skills, experience and humour with the Board. His expertise in Tikanga Maori and the field of ethics was invaluable and his big personality will be greatly missed around the Boardroom table.

#### **Matt Carroll**

The Board would like to congratulate Deputy Chair Dr Matt Carroll on his promotion to Associate Professor at AUT.

### ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE RENEWALS

The online renewal process ran well again this year with just a very small handful of automatic APCs not generated at the time of payment. APCs were produced and sent from the office and we apologise for any inconvenience caused by those delays.

### CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

The current Framework was introduced last year and if you have not already had a look please read it on this link [here](#).

**All CPD is now required to be logged online in your practitioner portal and CPD records will be closed off at the end of 31 December 2019. Audits will commence in early 2020.**

**Practitioners who have not completed their CPD requirements for the 2018/2019 cycle will be automatically included in the 2020 audit.**

All practitioners in the 2020 audit will not be advised until after the CPD records have been locked at the end of the year, therefore it is essential that CPD is logged during 2019 in order to be able to claim CPD hours.

### CPD Reminders

The 4 CPD categories are:

- Compulsory: 8 hours minimum of:
  - Infection control 3 hours
  - Wound management 2 hours
  - Cultural safety 3 hours.
- professional communication
- professional learning
- basic life support.

### Professional Communication

A few suggestions for CPD in this activity:

- An audit of an area of your practice, as listed in category five of page 8 of the new framework
- Depending on your area, organisation of a network meeting. If there are a few practitioners in a rural area then why not form a network via Skype or Face Time.
- Present a clinical case to one of your remote colleagues via skype or FaceTime or by phone.
- Present an area of practice to your local allied health or medical practitioners, this will enhance network formation.
- There are now many online CPD events, these can cross over from professional learning into this category.

**CPD Providers:** A [Guidance List](#) of Providers is available for your assistance.

## PRINCIPLES & STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF PODIATRY IN NEW ZEALAND (PSPPNZ)

This important new document on the Principles and Standards for the Practice of Podiatry in NZ has now been adopted by the Board and is available [here](#).

The Board would again like to thank all stakeholders who provided feedback on both the first and second consultations for this document.

## PRESCRIBING UPDATE

The Board is progressing with an application to the Ministry of Health for Designated Prescribing Rights, and has appointed a project manager to move this forward.

A full stakeholder list is being compiled, further contact with the Ministry being made, an education package is being developed and a proposed list of medicines is being finalised.

The Board would like to thank all those who provided responses on the [draft list of medicines consulted on recently](#).

Practitioners will be updated with any further progress on this important project.

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

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

The Board has made a recent [application to the Medicines Classifications Committee for the reclassification of both Bupivacaine Hydrochloride \(Marcaine Plain and Marcaine with Adrenaline\) and Ropivacaine Hydrochloride \(Naporin\)](#) and is awaiting the MCC decision.

## ACC

- **Cost of Treatment Regulations**

ACC has advised of [new rates for treatment providers effective since December 2018](#)

- **Multiple same day Allied Health treatment**

ACC has developed a [new position statement](#). They advise it clarifies their position and provides guidance for allied health professionals who work under the Accident Compensation (Liability to Pay or Contribute to Cost of Treatment) Regulations 2003.

## MINISTRY OF HEALTH

[Measles Information](#)

## HPCA AMENDMENT ACT 2019

The HPCA Act was amended in April. [Here is a Summary of changes made.](#)

## WAITANGI TRIBUNAL

[Wai 25275](#) – This enquiry will hear all claims concerning grievance relating to health services and outcome of national significance.

## SUPERVISORS 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).

## EDUCATIONAL EVENTS: contact

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