



Report to the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME)

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Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors (CAND)

Accomplishments, Challenges

- Maintained membership levels despite ongoing practice and financial issues for NDs due to pandemic
- Launched new peer reviewed, indexed online journal – CAND Journal (CANDJ). www.candjournal.ca. Three issues have been published to date. Readership is international and stands at over 3,000.
- Continued engagement with the Public Health Agency of Canada as a member of its Health and Allied Health Sector Table (CAND was the only CAM representative) providing input on guidance documents and underlining the importance of an integrated approach and the value of utilizing natural health products in the prevention and treatment of COVID – 19. Work resulted in NDs being included in PHAC's guidelines for the Community Health Sector.
- Continued engagement with the Ministry of Finance ensuring NDs had ongoing access to all Federal Financial Aid Benefits.
- Continued engagement with the Natural and Non Pharmaceutical Health Products Directorate on proposed Self-Care Regulations (includes NHPs, OTC drugs and cosmetics), standardized labelling and consistent facts table.
- Engaged with P/T associations and members in addressing the rift in the profession due to differing views on Public Health measures and mandates, including vaccination, which were implemented in some Provinces and not others. Included liaison with regulators to ensure NDs were clear on what was permitted in each jurisdiction i.e. in BC NDs, if certified, were able to assist in the government's COVID – 19 vaccination program whereas in Ontario NDs were not permitted to treat or discuss COVID -19 with patients.
- Continued (necessary) focus on the impact of the pandemic on the profession meant a heavier workload and extended hours to ensure we were able to work on our goals and objectives for the year in other important areas/initiatives.

Regulatory Status – 5 Provinces and 1 Territory

- On March 1, 2022, the North West Territories became the first Territory to regulate naturopathic doctors. The CAND worked with the NTAND (ND association) and the government to secure a very broad scope of practice. Significant as currently there are only two NDs practicing in the NWT!