

Beckett, Daryl K HLTH:EX

From: H. Oetter [hoetter@cpsbc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, September 6, 2012 3:51 PM
To: Beckett, Daryl K HLTH:EX
Subject: Re: Meeting with Mr. Beckett

Thanks Daryl.
No need to meet!
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Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 6, 2012, at 11:52 AM, "Beckett, Daryl K HLTH:EX" <Daryl.Beckett@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Also, he's
got a meeting with me not the Minister – so your letter doesn't apply on that count either.

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From: H. Oetter [<mailto:hoetter@cpsbc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, September 6, 2012 11:44 AM
To: Beckett, Daryl K HLTH:EX
Subject: Re: Meeting with Mr. Beckett

I had sent a letter (which I forgot!) which said that if he got a meeting with the minister and the regs were to be changed that we would go with him. I stated that I did not think this was the case this time, and thus respectfully declined. Am I correct that the regs will not be changed?
H

Heidi Oetter, MD
Registrar, CPSBC

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On Sep 6, 2012, at 9:48 AM, "Beckett, Daryl K HLTH:EX" <Daryl.Beckett@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Your email from yesterday seems unequivocal to me – why does he think there is still a chance you will attend?

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From: James Church [mailto:jchurch@coahq.ca]
Sent: Thursday, September 6, 2012 7:07 AM
To: Beckett, Daryl K HLTH:EX
Cc: Ted Findlay; Dave Fiddler; Heidi Oetter
Subject: Meeting with Mr. Beckett
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Beckett,

Thank you for your letter of July 17th (928708) extending an invitation to meet with staff of the Legislation and Professional Regulation Branch of the Ministry of Health.

Myself and possibly other COA executive (Dr. Findlay from Alberta, or Dr. Fiddler from Ontario) would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you directly to discuss osteopathic title protection in British Columbia. While Dr. Oetter from the College has expressed that College is stretched and resources are currently scarce for such a meeting, the College might also be willing to attend if there were indication that the title protection regulation were to be revisited.

A meeting on September 24th at 1:00pm would work best for COA executive if this works with your schedule. Alternate possible dates would be 1:00pm on Sep 17th, October 18th, 22nd, 24th, 25th, or 29th.

Sincerely,

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Beckett, Daryl K HLTH:EX

From: H. Oetter [hoetter@cpsbc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2012 6:46 PM
To: James Church
Cc: Beckett, Daryl K HLTH:EX; Julie Bergen
Subject: RE: COA meeting with Mr. Beckett

Dear Dr. Church,

Thank you for the offer to meet with the COA when you meet with Mr. Beckett. AS you are aware, we have conveyed the importance of title protection to the ministry on your behalf previously. I don't believe that we have anything further to add to this at this point and wish you well with your meeting. I have taken the liberty of copying Mr. Beckett on this email so he is aware that the College will not be attending.

Regards,

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From: James Church [mailto:] S22
Sent: Monday, September 03, 2012 7:40 AM
To: CPSBC - Communications; H. Oetter
Cc: Dave Fiddler; Ted Findlay
Subject: COA meeting with Mr. Beckett

To: Dr. Heidi Oetter, Registrar - CPSBC

Re: Meeting with Mr. Daryl Beckett

Dear Dr. Oetter,

In response to previous correspondence to Minister de Jong requesting a meeting to discuss title protection issues in BC for the osteopathic medical profession, Mr. Daryl Beckett has responded by extending an invitation to meet with Ministry officials to discuss this issue (see attached letter). I have asked that other COA executive be involved in this matter as the outcome of this meeting may have nationwide ramifications. Drs. Ted Findlay from Calgary and Dr. David Fiddler from Ontario may be able to participate depending on the dates of this meeting.

I am wondering if you, College legal counsel, or other College representative, might be willing and able to attend such a meeting in Victoria at the Ministry of Health. This matter is of the utmost importance to

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the Canadian Osteopathic Association, and the College's support and participation in such a meeting would be most desirable.

While it is not apparent from his letter that Mr. Beckett has extended an invitation to anyone else, I feel that College representation would be essential at such a meeting and will request College and COA executive involvement at the time of establishing a date for the meeting, and will also clarify if the meeting will include Mr. Beckett himself. Mr. Beckett's office has suggested picking a date after September 15th. The date that would work best for COA representatives would be Sep. 24th. Alternates would be September 17th, or October 18th, 22nd, 24th, 25th, and 29th. Would Sep 24th or one of the alternate dates work for College representatives?

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Dear Dr. Church:

The Honourable Michael de Jong, QC, Minister of Health, has asked me to thank you and respond to your letter of April 30, 2012, requesting a meeting with the Minister to discuss osteopathic title protection in British Columbia. I apologize for the delay in responding.

Unfortunately, the Minister's calendar does not permit a meeting to be scheduled with you at this time. However, staff of the Legislation and Professional Regulation Branch, Ministry of Health, would appreciate the opportunity to receive an update on the British Columbia Osteopathic Association's and Canadian Osteopathic Association's perspectives on osteopathic title protection.

Please e-mail Daryl.Beckett@gov.bc.ca with suggested dates for a meeting to occur after September 15, 2012.

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Jennifer Webb

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Daryl K. Beckett, JD
Director, Professional Regulation

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Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX

From: Docs Processing HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, July 9, 2012 12:28 PM
To: Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX
Cc: Docs Processing HLTH:EX
Subject: MO Request for Staff to Meet re: BC Osteopathic Association - Cliff #928708 x ref 923649/DMA Log #23

Categories: Urgent

MO has confirmed, Minister de Jong will not be meeting; Can we please have staff follow up by either phone call or an in person meeting on the ministers behalf.

Thanks,

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From: Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2012 4:29 PM
To: Docs Processing HLTH:EX; Drummond, Kellee HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: MO Request for Staff to Meet re: BC Osteopathic Association - Cliff #928708 x ref 923649/DMA Log #23

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Please Advise

From: Docs Processing HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2012 3:19 PM
To: Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX
Cc: Docs Processing HLTH:EX
Subject: MO Request for Staff to Meet re: BC Osteopathic Association - Cliff #928708 x ref 923649/DMA Log #23

Hi Aleksandra,

Please see the email below from the MO regarding the Meeting Advice re: BC Osteopathic Association. Would you like me to re-open the log or can a reply be sent via email? Thank you.

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From: Jukes, Shaina HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, July 6, 2012 3:11 PM
To: Docs Processing HLTH:EX
Cc: Casanova, Tamara HLTH:EX; Boomer, Joanne HLTH:EX; Marsh, Jania HLTH:EX; Foran, Grace E HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: MO Request for Staff to Meet re: BC Osteopathic Association - Cliff #928708 x ref 923649/DMA Log #23

Thank you for recommended meeting advice, can we please confirm staff will also be making contact with Dr. Church regarding his request to meet with Minister de Jong or otherwise meeting with Dr. Church.

Thank you,
Shaina

Shaina Jukes

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Subject: MO Request for Staff to Meet re: BC Osteopathic Association - Cliff #928708 x ref 923649/DMA Log #23

Hi Shaina,

Please see the attached meeting advice and Fact Sheet re: BC Osteopathic Association. This information has been approved by Daryl Beckett, Director and Elaine McKnight, CAO.

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Please let me know if you require anything further.

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From: Jukes, Shaina HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 1:24 PM
To: Health, HLTH HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: 923649 Meeting Request

Good afternoon,

Can we please forward the meeting request from James Church of the BC Osteopathic Association to staff to follow up and or meet with on behalf of Minister de Jong.

Thank you,
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Shaina Jukes

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From: Haak, Bethany HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 1:40 PM
To: Jukes, Shaina HLTH:EX; Toda, Sarah HLTH:EX
Subject: 923649 Meeting Request


Hi there,

The following meeting request from James Church of the BC Osteopathic Association has been logged under Cliff 923649: "Follow-up to letter from the Canadian Osteopathic Association dated January 30, 2012 - now requesting meeting with the Minister with regards to content of that letter (attached) Xref 920129".

Thanks,

Bethany Haak

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To: Beckett, Daryl K HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: MO Request for Staff to Meet re: BC Osteopathic Association - Cliff #928708 x ref 923649/DMA Log #23

Hi Daryl,

Please advise, will we be responding with an email? Thanks

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Shaina Jukes

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OSTEOPATHIC TITLE PROTECTION ISSUES

FACT SHEET

BACKGROUND

- Osteopathy or osteopathic medicine is a system of medicine based on the theory that disturbances in the musculoskeletal system affect other bodily parts, causing many disorders that can be corrected by various manipulative techniques in conjunction with conventional medical, surgical, pharmacologic and other therapeutic procedures.
- The terms “osteopathy” and “osteopath” are both used to describe either of two distinct streams of practice, taught principally in the UK and US, respectively:
 - The UK form is manual practice only, somewhat akin to chiropractic or massage therapy. In the UK, osteopaths work alongside medical doctors and are a separately regulated profession. While they are not qualified to prescribe drugs or perform surgery or other physically invasive procedures, they may use certain medical devices common in physical therapy, such as therapeutic ultrasound, and may have some competencies in conventional diagnostic procedures, such as the use of X-ray results.
 - In the US and most Canadian jurisdictions, osteopathy education is at the medical doctor level and “osteopath” is used interchangeable with “osteopathic physician”. US-trained osteopaths are recognized as eligible for Medical Council of Canada qualifying exams.
- In BC, “osteopathic physicians” are regulated by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (CPSBC). Only persons who have graduated from a school approved by the American Osteopathic Association are eligible for CPSBC registration. The BC Osteopathic Association claims to represent seven osteopathic physicians registered with the CPSBC.
- Most UK-trained and registered osteopathic practitioners in BC are members of the voluntary Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy (the Society). The Society currently has about 30 members.

KEY FACTS

- The Medical Practitioners Regulation reserves the titles “osteopath” and “osteopathic physician” for the exclusive use of members of CPSBC. The reasons for this are:
 - A review by the Ministry of Health (MOH) indicated the title “osteopath” has been expressly and exclusively associated with CPSBC membership under BC legislation for more than a century (since 1909).
 - Under the BC-Alberta Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement, the two governments agreed to cooperate to minimize differences in regulations adopted to achieve a legitimate objective. Under Alberta legislation, the title “osteopath” is a protected title for members of Alberta’s equivalent of CPSBC.
 - Reserving the title “osteopath” for exclusive use of members of CPSBC is not intended to prohibit or restrict public access to osteopathic services provided by non-members of CPSBC. Instead, it is intended to meet the same objective as existing regulations that reserve the title “naturopath” for members of the College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC: protecting the public from the confusion that would arise if both regulated and

unregulated practitioners, each of whom may provide similar services, were allowed to use the same title.

- The Society, the founders of which have been seeking recognition in BC for manual practice osteopaths since about 2004, has stated that its members have no expectation of being registered with CPSBC or engaging in conduct that would confuse the public as to whether they are medical practitioners or associated in any way with the CPSBC. The Society's website states that members, who initially referred to themselves as "osteopaths" in BC, now refer to themselves as "osteopathic practitioners" since the Medical Practitioners Regulation has been enacted.
- Periodically since about 2004, members of the Society and the public have engaged in a letter writing campaign to government regarding osteopathy and the use of osteopathy-related titles. In response, correspondents have been told that government is aware that some British Columbians may wish to have access to the services of practitioners educated in the non-medical stream. They are also told that reserving the title "osteopath" for exclusive use of CPSBC members is not intended to restrict public access to osteopathic services provided by non-members of the CPSBC after the Medical Practitioners Regulation is enacted, and that government does not believe it will have that effect.
- Since at least 2003, one of the osteopathic physician members of CPSBC has continued to advocate that MOH enact regulations to eliminate all possibility of non-CPSBC members using any title or practice description that includes the term "osteopathic" or "osteopathy". MOH staff have met with him at least twice. He is supported by the Canadian Osteopathic Association. Both associations write to MOH and CPSBC frequently about this issue.
- Although CPSBC originally did not object to the title "osteopathic practitioner" being used by the Society's members, CPSBC's position appears to have evolved somewhat over time. In 2009, CPSBC became involved in opposing a trade-mark application by a private training institution for an osteopathy-related title, and requested the BC government participate in seeking an injunction to prevent Industry Canada from granting the trade-mark. Ministry of Justice declined the request. CPSBC also submitted to MOH in 2010 that the title "osteopathic practitioner" should not be used non-members of CPSBC. MOH does not agree with this position. At this time, MOH has not identified any policy objection to non-members of the CPSBC using this title.

REGIONAL FACTS

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CONTACT

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APPROVALS

Approved by: Christine Massey, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister PID

Date: March 18, 2012

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April 30, 2012

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REQUEST FOR MEETING: REGARDING OSTEOPATHIC PRACTICE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dear Minister de Jong,

In follow-up to correspondence sent to your office dated January 30, 2012 (copy attached), the Canadian Osteopathic Association requests a meeting with you, or your designate, to discuss important matters regarding osteopathic title protection in the province of BC.

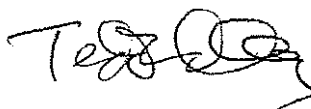
Dr. Oetter, Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons has expressed that the College would also like to be involved in such discussions.

We would like to ask at this time for your office to contact the COA and CPSBC to arrange a meeting with representatives of these organizations so we may discuss the serious issues and ramifications that are arising regarding unregistered practitioners treating the public and using our protected osteopathic titles to do so.

Sincerely,



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Phone: 250-595-7772



Ted Findlay, DO, CCFP
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cc: Dr. Heidi Oetter, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

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January 30, 2012

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RE: OSTEOPATHIC PRACTICE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dear Minister de Jong,

The Canadian (COA) and British Columbia (BCOA) Osteopathic Associations would like extend our congratulations to you on your appointment as Health Minister for the province of British Columbia. We share your goal of providing safe and effective health care to the citizens of BC.

The Canadian Osteopathic Association represents the interests of American trained osteopathic physicians (DO, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) professionally registered with one of the provincial Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons across Canada. Our British Columbia affiliate represents seven such physicians, including specialists in the fields of family medicine, psychiatry, and anaesthesiology.

Our associations remain concerned about the ongoing proliferation in British Columbia of a number of practitioners who are providing services to the public using terms that we believe to be reserved by the Health Professions Act and other regulations for our membership in your province (*Medical Practitioners Regulation 2(2); Interpretation Act 28(4); Health Professions Act 12.1(1)*). Included in this number are members of the "Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy (SPMPO)", which represents a disparate group by way of formal training and qualifications. None of them hold academic degrees in osteopathy that are recognized for registration with any provincial or State professional regulatory body in the Canada or the United States.

Osteopathic medical education required for professional registration in Canada and the United States, requires 4 years full time comprehensive medical and surgical training inclusive of training in osteopathic musculoskeletal diagnosis and manual therapy techniques. This instruction is only available from colleges of osteopathic medicine accredited by the American Osteopathic Association. Graduates of these osteopathic medical schools must then complete a further 2 to 5 years of residency training, and complete family medicine or specialty certification examinations as well as medical licensure examinations such as the Medical Council of Canada examinations in order to be licensed in Canada.

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The COA and BCOA feel that there is a risk to the public if groups with widely disparate educational standards are using the same or very similar professional titles. Should the Ministry in British Columbia believe that these currently unlicensed practitioners have a role in providing health care services to the public, we feel quite strongly that they should certainly not be using titles that are already reserved in BC, other Canadian jurisdictions, and throughout the USA for properly qualified and licensed osteopathic graduates. The recent inclusion of the DO degree within the "National Standards" for portable interprovincial medical registration has increased the number of Canadian students attending the various American colleges of osteopathic medicine, to well over 100, including many from British Columbia within the past few years.

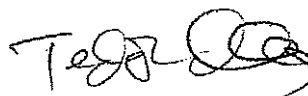
We would greatly appreciate your assurance that any response by the Ministry to attempts by these non-physician practitioners to establish a new profession in British Columbia, will respect the letter and intent of the existing title protection that has been developed in consultation with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia and the Canadian Osteopathic Association, and without creating confusion with established osteopathic titles. For example, other jurisdictions such as Alberta already recognize the title "*osteopathic practitioner*" as one of many reserved exclusively for licensed osteopathic physicians.

The COA and BCOA have suggestions as to how the matter of protected title use in British Columbia could evolve, including suitable titles (e.g. "*Manual Practitioner*") for use by those not registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of B.C. We ask for the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this further and present these options, and also feel that representation from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia at such a meeting would be important. Dr. Church of the British Columbia Osteopathic Association will be in contact with your office in the near future to finalize the arrangements for such a meeting.

Sincerely,



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Canadian Osteopathic Association

cc: Dr. Heidi Oetter, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

Appended:

- 1) Comparison Chart (Canadian SPMPO member training vs. COA member US osteopathic education)
- 2) Title protection (Alberta)
- 3) Title protection (BC)
- 4) Title protection (Ontario)
- 5) Title protection (Nova Scotia)
- 6) Interpretation Act (BC)
- 7) Osteopathic Regulation (New Brunswick)
- 8) Osteopathic Regulation (Quebec)

Comparison of Training and Licensure

Canadian Trained SPMPO Members vs. American Trained COA Osteopathic Physicians

	Canadian Trained SPMPO Manual Practitioners	American Trained COA Osteopathic Physicians
Classroom Instruction	Seven - 4 day weekend session per year for 5 years	2.0 years of fulltime classroom instruction in all basic sciences and clinical sciences.
Clinical Instruction	Total of 18 days of clinical instruction over 5 years (3.6 days per year)	2.0 years of fulltime undergraduate clinical training in all medical and surgical specialties.
Total Length of Training	Total of 165 days of instruction over 5 years (33 days per year)	4 years of fulltime Medical, Surgical, and Osteopathic Musculoskeletal training.
Cost	\$12,000 Tuition 4 months training	Mean Tuition for 4 years: \$162,000 4 years full time training Average debt at graduation \$250,000
Medical Training	None	Complete
Surgical Training	None	Complete
Residency Training	None	Mandatory 3 to 5 year full time residency program required for certification and licensure
Scope of Practice	Manual Therapy	Unlimited medical or surgical practice depending on specialty certification, inclusive of osteopathic manual therapy technique
Licensure	Not qualified for licensure in any jurisdiction in Canada, the USA, or Internationally	Qualified for full medical and surgical licensure throughout Canada and the USA, and as of June 2011, 55 nations worldwide

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ALBERTA – Osteopathic Title Protection

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT

Chapter H-7

Part 7

Title Protection

Protected words, abbreviations

128(1) No person or group of persons shall represent or imply that the person is a regulated member or that the group of persons consists of regulated members unless the person is a regulated member or the group of persons consists of regulated members.

(5) No person other than

(a) a regulated member shall use a title, abbreviation or initials set out in section 2 of a schedule to this Act alone or in combination with other words in a manner that states or implies that the person is a regulated member of the college to which section 2 of the schedule refers, or

Schedule 21 – Profession of Physicians, Surgeons, and Osteopaths

Use of titles

2 A regulated member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta may, as authorized by the regulations, use any of the following titles, abbreviations and initials:

- (a) physician;
- (c) general practitioner;
- (d) family physician;
- (e) **osteopath**;
- (f) **osteopathic practitioner**;
- (cccc) **Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine**
- (dddd) **D.O.**
- (eeee) **Doctor of Osteopathy**
- (ffff) family medical practitioner
- (gggg) medical practitioner
- (hhhh) **osteopathic medical practitioner**

BRITISH COLUMBIA – Osteopathic Title Protection

Health Professions Act

Medical Practitioners Regulation

Definitions

1 In this regulation:

"Act" means the *Health Professions Act*;

"college" means the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia continued under section 15.1 of the Act;

"dispense" has the same meaning as in the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act*, excluding **"sale"** as defined in the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act*;

"medicine" means the health profession in which a person provides or performs the services of

- (a) assessment and management of the physical or mental condition of an individual or group of individuals at any stage of the biological life cycle, including the prenatal and postmortem periods,
- (b) prevention and treatment of physical and mental diseases, disorders and conditions, and
- (c) promotion of good health;

"osteopathic physician" means a registrant who is authorized under the bylaws made under the Act to practise medicine as an osteopathic physician.

Designation

2 Medicine is designated for the purposes of the Act.

Reserved titles

3 (1) The following titles are reserved for exclusive use by registrants:

- (a) medical practitioner;
- (b) physician;
- (c) surgeon;
- (d) doctor.

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ONTARIO – Osteopathic Title Protection

MEDICINE ACT, 1991

CHAPTER 30

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Representations of qualification, etc.

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11. Every person who contravenes subsection 9 (1) or (3) is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$25,000 for a first offence and not more than \$50,000 for a second or subsequent offence. 2007, c. 10, Sched. B, s. 12 (1).

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Common names

- 31 In an enactment, the name commonly applied to a country, place, body, corporation, society, officer, functionary, person, party or thing means the country, place, body, corporation, society, officer, functionary, person, party or thing to which the name is commonly applied, although the name is not the formal or extended designation of it.

NEW BRUNSWICK

Medical Act

PART II

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK INTERPRETATION

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(2) has passed the examinations established or approved by the Bureau of the College.

O.C. 142-2000, s. 7.

Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX

From: Docs Processing HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2012 11:18 AM
To: Currie, Patty L HLTH:EX
Cc: Docs Processing HLTH:EX; Moulton, Holly HLTH:EX
Subject: MO Request for Staff to Meet re: BC Osteopathic Association (Cliff #923649)
Attachments: FW: Meeting with Minister deJong

Hi Patty,

Please see the email below and attached information regarding the MO request for staff to meet with James Church of the BC Osteopathic Association obo the Minister. I will import this email and update Cliff to show that it has been assigned as a handle direct to PID (no folder will be prepared). Please let me know if you require anything further.

Kellee Drummond
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Telephone 250 952-2636
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From: Health, HLTH HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 12:32 PM
To: Docs Processing HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: 923649 Meeting Request

From: Jukes, Shaina HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 1:24 PM
To: Health, HLTH HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: 923649 Meeting Request

Good afternoon,

Can we please forward the meeting request from James Church of the BC Osteopathic Association to staff to follow up and or meet with on behalf of Minister de Jong.

Thank you,
 S.

Shaina Jukes

Administrative Coordinator to the Honourable Michael de Jong, QC
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From: Haak, Bethany HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2012 1:40 PM
To: Jukes, Shaina HLTH:EX; Toda, Sarah HLTH:EX
Subject: 923649 Meeting Request

Hi there,

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Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX

From: Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX [HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 7:54 PM
To: Health, HLTH HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Meeting with Minister deJong
Attachments: COA to BC Health Minister, Jan. 30th, 2012.doc

From: James Church[S22]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 7:54:03 PM
To: Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX
Cc: Dr. Ted Findlay; XT:HLTH Oetter, Heidi
Subject: Meeting with Minister deJong
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To: The Honourable Michael de Jong
Minister of Health for BC

Dear Ministry Official,

Re: Osteopathic Medical Profession in BC

A letter address to Minister de Jong was sent to your office from the Canadian Osteopathic Association dated January 30, 2012. Dr. Heidi Oetter, Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC has responded to a copy of this communication. She has expressed similar concerns to those outlined in our letter to the Minister, and would like the College to be included in any further meetings and discussions regarding this topic.

We would like to follow-up our letter at this time by requesting a meeting with the Minister with regard to the matters mentioned in this letter (a copy is attached for your reference). We would be most appreciative if you could assist the Canadian Osteopathic Association and College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC in meeting with Minister de Jong and Ministry officials to discuss this important matter further.

Sincerely,

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From: Docs Processing HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 3:38 PM
To: Jukes, Shaina HLTH:EX
Cc: Docs Processing HLTH:EX
Subject: MO Request for Meeting Advice - Canadian Osteopathic Association - Cliff 921226 x ref 920129/DMA Log #70
Attachments: 921226 - MO Meeting Advice Form.docx; 921226 - Osteopathic title Protection Issues.docx

Hi Shaina,

Please see the attached information regarding the Minister's request for meeting advice re: Canadian Osteopathic Association. The program area has provided the following advice:

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Please let me know if you require anything further.

Kellee Drummond
Docs Processing
P: 250-952-2636

From: Jukes, Shaina HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 5:04 PM
To: Docs Processing HLTH:EX
Cc: Toda, Sarah HLTH:EX
Subject: Request for Meeting Advice - Cliff 920129 Canadian Osteopathic Association

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Can we please request meeting advice for the minister on a request from the Canadian Osteopathic Association, Cliff # 920129.

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S.

Shaina Jukes

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OSTEOPATHIC TITLE PROTECTION ISSUES

FACT SHEET

BACKGROUND

- Osteopathy or osteopathic medicine is a system of medicine based on the theory that disturbances in the musculoskeletal system affect other bodily parts, causing many disorders that can be corrected by various manipulative techniques in conjunction with conventional medical, surgical, pharmacologic and other therapeutic procedures.
- The terms “osteopathy” and “osteopath” are both used to describe either of two distinct streams of practice, taught principally in the UK and US, respectively:
 - The UK form is manual practice only, somewhat akin to chiropractic or massage therapy. In the UK, osteopaths work alongside medical doctors and are a separately regulated profession. While they are not qualified to prescribe drugs or perform surgery or other physically invasive procedures, they may use certain medical devices common in physical therapy, such as therapeutic ultrasound, and may have some competencies in conventional diagnostic procedures, such as the use of X-ray results.
 - In the US and most Canadian jurisdictions, osteopathy education is at the medical doctor level and “osteopath” is used interchangeably with “osteopathic physician”. US-trained osteopaths are recognized as eligible for Medical Council of Canada qualifying exams.
- In BC, “osteopathic physicians” are regulated by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (CPSBC). Only persons who have graduated from a school approved by the American Osteopathic Association are eligible for CPSBC registration. The BC Osteopathic Association claims to represent seven osteopathic physicians registered with the CPSBC.
- Most UK-trained and registered osteopathic practitioners in BC are members of the voluntary Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy (the Society). The Society currently has about 30 members.

KEY FACTS

- The Medical Practitioners Regulation reserves the titles “osteopath” and “osteopathic physician” for the exclusive use of members of CPSBC. The reasons for this are:
 - A review by the Ministry of Health (MOH) indicated the title “osteopath” has been expressly and exclusively associated with CPSBC membership under BC legislation for more than a century (since 1909).
 - Under the BC-Alberta Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement, the two governments agreed to cooperate to minimize differences in regulations adopted to achieve a legitimate objective. Under Alberta legislation, the title “osteopath” is a protected title for members of Alberta’s equivalent of CPSBC.
 - Reserving the title “osteopath” for exclusive use of members of CPSBC is not intended to prohibit or restrict public access to osteopathic services provided by non-members of CPSBC. Instead, it is intended to meet the same objective as existing regulations that reserve the title “naturopath” for members of the College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC: protecting the public from the confusion that would arise if both regulated and

unregulated practitioners, each of whom may provide similar services, were allowed to use the same title.

- The Society, the founders of which have been seeking recognition in BC for manual practice osteopaths since about 2004, has stated that its members have no expectation of being registered with CPSBC or engaging in conduct that would confuse the public as to whether they are medical practitioners or associated in any way with the CPSBC. The Society's website states that members, who initially referred to themselves as "osteopaths" in BC, now refer to themselves as "osteopathic practitioners" since the Medical Practitioners Regulation has been enacted.
- Periodically since about 2004, members of the Society and the public have engaged in a letter writing campaign to government regarding osteopathy and the use of osteopathy-related titles. In response, correspondents have been told that government is aware that some British Columbians may wish to have access to the services of practitioners educated in the non-medical stream. They are also told that reserving the title "osteopath" for exclusive use of CPSBC members is not intended to restrict public access to osteopathic services provided by non-members of the CPSBC after the Medical Practitioners Regulation is enacted, and that government does not believe it will have that effect.
- Since at least 2003, one of the osteopathic physician members of CPSBC has continued to advocate that MOH enact regulations to eliminate all possibility of non-CPSBC members using any title or practice description that includes the term "osteopathic" or "osteopathy". MOH staff have met with him at least twice. He is supported by the Canadian Osteopathic Association. Both associations write to MOH and CPSBC frequently about this issue.
- Although CPSBC originally did not object to the title "osteopathic practitioner" being used by the Society's members, CPSBC's position appears to have evolved somewhat over time. In 2009, CPSBC became involved in opposing a trade-mark application by a private training institution for an osteopathy-related title, and requested the BC government participate in seeking an injunction to prevent Industry Canada from granting the trade-mark. Ministry of Justice declined the request. CPSBC also submitted to MOH in 2010 that the title "osteopathic practitioner" should not be used non-members of CPSBC. MOH does not agree with this position. At this time, MOH has not identified any policy objection to non-members of the CPSBC using this title.

REGIONAL FACTS

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CONTACT

For more information call: Daryl Beckett, Director, Professional Regulation, 952-2303

APPROVALS

Approved by: Christine Massey, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister PID

Date: March 19, 2012

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Cc: Docs Processing HLTH:EX
Subject: MO Request for Meeting Advice - Canadian Osteopathic Association - due Tuesday, March 6th (Cliff 921226 x ref 920129/DMA Log #70)
Attachments: Canadian Osteopathic Assn.pdf

Hi Patty:

Please assign to LPR to provide meeting advice for the Minister regarding the attached letter.

We would appreciate receiving the approved info by Tuesday, March 6th.

The assignment folder will be ready for pickup shortly.

Thanks,

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Program Coordinator, Documents Processing Unit
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January 30, 2012

The Honourable Michael de Jong
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RE: OSTEOPATHIC PRACTICE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dear Minister de Jong,

The Canadian (COA) and British Columbia (BCOA) Osteopathic Associations would like extend our congratulations to you on your appointment as Health Minister for the province of British Columbia. We share your goal of providing safe and effective health care to the citizens of BC.

The Canadian Osteopathic Association represents the interests of American trained osteopathic physicians (DO, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) professionally registered with one of the provincial Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons across Canada. Our British Columbia affiliate represents seven such physicians, including specialists in the fields of family medicine, psychiatry, and anaesthesiology.

Our associations remain concerned about the ongoing proliferation in British Columbia of a number of practitioners who are providing services to the public using terms that we believe to be reserved by the Health Professions Act and other regulations for our membership in your province (*Medical Practitioners Regulation 2(2); Interpretation Act 28(4); Health Professions Act 12.1(1)*). Included in this number are members of the "Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy (SPMPO)", which represents a disparate group by way of formal training and qualifications. None of them hold academic degrees in osteopathy that are recognized for registration with any provincial or State professional regulatory body in the Canada or the United States.

Osteopathic medical education required for professional registration in Canada and the United States, requires 4 years full time comprehensive medical and surgical training inclusive of training in osteopathic musculoskeletal diagnosis and manual therapy techniques. This instruction is only available from colleges of osteopathic medicine accredited by the American Osteopathic Association. Graduates of these osteopathic medical schools must then complete a further 2 to 5 years of residency training, and complete family medicine or specialty certification examinations as well as medical licensure examinations such as the Medical Council of Canada examinations in order to be licensed in Canada.

The COA and BCOA feel that there is a risk to the public if groups with widely disparate educational standards are using the same or very similar professional titles. Should the Ministry in British Columbia believe that these currently unlicensed practitioners have a role in providing health care services to the public, we feel quite strongly that they should certainly not be using titles that are already reserved in BC, other Canadian jurisdictions, and throughout the USA for properly qualified and licensed osteopathic graduates. The recent inclusion of the DO degree within the "National Standards" for portable interprovincial medical registration has increased the number of Canadian students attending the various American colleges of osteopathic medicine, to well over 100, including many from British Columbia within the past few years.

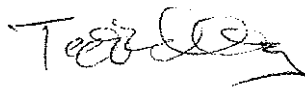
We would greatly appreciate your assurance that any response by the Ministry to attempts by these non-physician practitioners to establish a new profession in British Columbia, will respect the letter and intent of the existing title protection that has been developed in consultation with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia and the Canadian Osteopathic Association, and without creating confusion with established osteopathic titles. For example, other jurisdictions such as Alberta already recognize the title "*osteopathic practitioner*" as one of many reserved exclusively for licensed osteopathic physicians.

The COA and BCOA have suggestions as to how the matter of protected title use in British Columbia could evolve, including suitable titles (e.g. "*Manual Practitioner*") for use by those not registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of B.C. We ask for the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this further and present these options, and also feel that representation from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia at such a meeting would be important. Dr. Church of the British Columbia Osteopathic Association will be in contact with your office in the near future to finalize the arrangements for such a meeting.

Sincerely,



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President
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Phone: 250-595-7772



Ted Findlay, DO, CCFP
President
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cc: Dr. Heidi Oetter, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

Appended:

- 1) Comparison Chart (Canadian SPMPO member training vs. COA member US osteopathic education)
- 2) Title protection (Alberta)
- 3) Title protection (BC)
- 4) Title protection (Ontario)
- 5) Title protection (Nova Scotia)
- 6) Interpretation Act (BC)
- 7) Osteopathic Regulation (New Brunswick)
- 8) Osteopathic Regulation (Quebec)

Comparison of Training and Licensure

Canadian Trained SPMPO Members vs. American Trained COA Osteopathic Physicians

	Canadian Trained SPMPO Manual Practitioners	American Trained COA Osteopathic Physicians
Classroom Instruction	Seven - 4 day weekend session per year for 5 years	2.0 years of fulltime classroom instruction in all basic sciences and clinical sciences.
Clinical Instruction	Total of 18 days of clinical instruction over 5 years (3.6 days per year)	2.0 years of fulltime undergraduate clinical training in all medical and surgical specialties.
Total Length of Training	Total of 165 days of instruction over 5 years (33 days per year)	4 years of fulltime Medical, Surgical, and Osteopathic Musculoskeletal training.
Cost	\$12,000 Tuition 4 months training	Mean Tuition for 4 years: \$162,000 4 years full time training Average debt at graduation \$250,000
Medical Training	None	Complete
Surgical Training	None	Complete
Residency Training	None	Mandatory 3 to 5 year full time residency program required for certification and licensure
Scope of Practice	Manual Therapy	Unlimited medical or surgical practice depending on specialty certification, inclusive of osteopathic manual therapy technique
Licensure	Not qualified for licensure in any jurisdiction in Canada, the USA, or Internationally	Qualified for full medical and surgical licensure throughout Canada and the USA, and as of June 2011, 55 nations worldwide

ALBERTA – Osteopathic Title Protection

HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACT

Chapter H-7

Part 7

Title Protection

Protected words, abbreviations

128(1) No person or group of persons shall represent or imply that the person is a regulated member or that the group of persons consists of regulated members unless the person is a regulated member or the group of persons consists of regulated members.

(5) No person other than

(a) a regulated member shall use a title, abbreviation or initials set out in section 2 of a schedule to this Act alone or in combination with other words in a manner that states or implies that the person is a regulated member of the college to which section 2 of the schedule refers, or

Schedule 21 – Profession of Physicians, Surgeons, and Osteopaths

Use of titles

2 A regulated member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta may, as authorized by the regulations, use any of the following titles, abbreviations and initials:

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- (c) general practitioner;
- (d) family physician;
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- (f) **osteopathic practitioner**;
- (cccc) **Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine**
- (dddd) **D.O.**
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- (hhhh) **osteopathic medical practitioner**

BRITISH COLUMBIA – Osteopathic Title Protection

Health Professions Act

Medical Practitioners Regulation

Definitions

1 In this regulation:

“Act” means the *Health Professions Act*;

“college” means the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia continued under section 15.1 of the Act;

“dispense” has the same meaning as in the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act*, excluding “sale” as defined in the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act*;

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- (a) assessment and management of the physical or mental condition of an individual or group of individuals at any stage of the biological life cycle, including the prenatal and postmortem periods,
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“osteopathic physician” means a registrant who is authorized under the bylaws made under the Act to practise medicine as an osteopathic physician.

Designation

2 Medicine is designated for the purposes of the Act.

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7. The diploma of doctor of osteopathy awarded by a school of osteopathic medicine situated in the United States is equivalent to a diploma giving access to the permit and specialist's certificates, provided that the school is accredited by the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association when the diploma is awarded and that the diploma holder

(1) has also been the holder, for at least three consecutive years, of a restrictive permit issued and renewed by the Bureau of the College on the basis of his hiring as full, associate or assistant professor in a faculty of medicine of a university that issues the diploma giving access to the permit and specialist's certificates and has been working in a clinical discipline in Québec during that period; or

(2) has passed the examinations established or approved by the Bureau of the College.

O.C. 142-2000, s. 7.