

MacDonald, Aaron HLTH:EX

From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 4:21 PM
To: MacDonald, Aaron HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: List of projects
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From: Li, Karen HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2015 1:22 PM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: List of projects

Here you go...

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Category	Priority	PRO Resource	Topic	Work-to-date	Next Step	Due Date
Priority Projects	HIGH	Melissa/Brian/Karen/Jessica/Allys	Key Improvement Area (KIA) - Backlog reconciliation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence Bylaws Regulations 	Bylaws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Established a list of all outstanding bylaws - Draft process doc completed - Stakeholder consultation started Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft process doc completed Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First draft process doc completed 	Bylaws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collect feedbacks on process doc - Meet with HPRBC (Jan 14, 2015) - Review and process bylaws in the backlog Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review process doc and backlog list (Dec 2014) - Develop reconciliation plan (Dec 2014) Regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review first draft process doc (March 2015) - Develop reconciliation plan (March 2015) 	Bylaws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 March 31, 2015 Phase 2 May 31, 2015 Phase 3 August 31, 2015 Corr: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2015 Regulation plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 2015

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Priority Projects	HIGH	Melissa/Aaron	Enable Phase 2 Community Paramedicine under revised EMA regulations		- Confirm scope of Phase 2 Community Paramedicine	Mar-15
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Priority Projects	HIGH	Melissa	e-Prescribing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sat on e-Prescribing general deployment oversight committee for Mark - ED meeting - decision, vision development, stakeholder relation plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - participate in ED meetings to monitor progress - Advise and provide support to HSIMIT on stakeholder engagement 	31-Mar-15
Priority Projects	HIGH	Melissa	Critically review, prioritize and prepare legislative changes necessary to support the Ministry's priorities - HPA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine next steps - Formal submission to leg council (Jan 2015) 	31-Mar-15

Priority Projects	HIGH	Laurianne	KIA - Physician quality assurance (PQA) - provincial practitioner credentialing and privileging project (C&P) - provincial privileging dictionaries - physician practice enhancement	- From development/design to implementation - Existing contract ending, new contractor coming - Prepared presentation materials for Ted - Credentialing – Ted granted an extension last year, new extension to March 31 2015.	If reg change/policy initiatives needed, then: - Establish project list/project plan - Confirm/implement plan - Project management - on-going work, update plan accordingly - Confirm transition of secretariat function (Dec 2014)	Aug-15
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Priority Projects	HIGH	Laurianne/Brian	Nursing Regulation	- Update regulations to come under HPA - Drafts ready for leg counsel - Feedbacks from lawyer received - comments back to lawyer, waiting response	- Determine whether existing reg change is acceptable (Dec 2014) - Brief CNOs/Registrars (Nov 2014) - Brief Minister (Nov 2014) - Move to 90-day posting (Nov 2014) - Stakeholder relations - Issues management re: posting - Prepare regulations for Minister review/sign-off ministerial order	Mar-15
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Priority Projects	HIGH	Brian/Jessica	KIA - Scope of Practice (SOP) updates (9) Plan and prioritize regulatory changes necessary to bring remaining colleges into HPA model (subset of reg backlog)	13 of 22 complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Identify PRO resource- Develop a 'scope of practice map' that allows a single view into how the various scopes of practice overlap, and where the restricted activities live.- A tool that allows us to compare scopes of practice here with those in other jurisdictions – primarily Canadian.- A plain language description of the shared scope of practice/restricted activities model- Finalize the plan- Consult with colleges- Implement the plan	31-Mar-15
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Priority Projects	HIGH	Brian	Critically review, prioritize and prepare legislative changes necessary to support the Ministry's priorities - PODSA		- Determine next steps - Formal submission to leg council (Feb 2015)	31-Mar-15
Priority Projects	HIGH	Brian/Mark	Deligation of naloxone injection	Legislation scan and review of bylaws and regulations done	Determine existence of independent HA authority	01-Dec-14
Priority Projects	MED	Laurianne	New/unregulated activities/treatments • Hyperbaric (related to sec 52.1)	- Subset of unauthorized practice. 6-8 hyperbaric operating without oversight. Risk is high. - Recent FOI request for advisory pannel report	- Clarify responsibilities and include in the HPA. Provision was removed to have colleges search and seizure, roll back the statute to have this reinstated. - MNM to request fact sheet from Aaron - Develop briefing materials	Mar-15

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Priority Projects	MED	Melissa/Laurianne	College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals – use of support personnel		- Define issue, history and relevant considerations - Discuss with College, other stakeholders as appropriate	31-Mar-15
Priority Projects	LOW	Melissa	Two issues: 1) lab access; CPSBC policy re: unethical practice 2) PharmaNet access; will want to know where they are in the priority.	- Settled down in 2009/10 – government gave them the SOP they were looking for. - MM and MNM met with Association Oct/14	MM to read thank you letter, advise Mark of next steps if any.	Dec-14

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Planning	HIGH	Brian	Staffing	Director, Melissa Manager, Karen Senior Analyst, Jessica and Aaron Director – Brian Manager – Interview	- Complete hiring for Manager - Identify opportunities for contracted subject matter experts	ASAP
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Planning	HIGH	Melissa/Karen	Process improvement	Developed process improvement plan and action items	1. Project management Program - bi-weekly group meetings and PRO RAPP updates 2. LAN transformation 3. Research and define processes 4. Process documentations for each service-line	1. Nov 2014 2. Dec 2014 3. March 2015 4. March 2015
Planning	HIGH		Team capacity, capability and development	- Identify leading practices and connect with similar organizations - Identify learning and development opportunities - Build subject matter expertise	- Identify leading practices and connect with similar organizations - Identify learning and development opportunities - Build subject matter expertise	31-Mar-15
Planning	HIGH		Stakeholder engagement and correspondence • Engage with HPRBC, CNOs, HSPQA, HSWD		- Develop a stakeholder engagement plan - Implement the plan	31-Mar-15

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Planning	MED	Melissa/Aaron	Health Profession Designation Regulation - any potentially new college	Criteria have not been revised since 1994. Need to be reviewed before approve any new professions going forward.	- MNM to work w Aaron - Aaron to assess legislation, and recommend to MNM whether we need to go to AG for final opinion	
Planning	LOW		AIT and WTA related issues			
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Planning	LOW		Health Professions Review Board - Annual Report	HPRB - Consistency and how they categorize complaints.		
Clinical Practice Advisory	MED	Laurianne	Nurse Practitioner	One day workshop Nov 14 2014 to develop action plan	Provide clarity re: NP scope and liability	TBD
Bylaw	HIGH	Brian/Jessica	• Update to allow distribution of notices via electronic means • Delete sections with reference to parts of HPA that no longer exist. • Format changes.	- Draft bylaws submitted to Daryl on July 28, 2014 - November 5 college submitted bylaws to Ministry	Review draft and provide feedback to College.	Dec-14
Bylaw	HIGH	Brian/Jessica	Amendments to assessment class of registrants	• Resolution and schedule submitted to Ministry on September 25th, 2014. • AIT form submitted to Ministry on October 14th, 2014. • Notice posted on Colleges website on October 9, 2014.	• Collecting feedback as applicable (3 month notice period) • Work with JTST mobility coordinator to provide AIT notice by Dec 5, 2015	Jan-15

Bylaw	HIGH	Brian/Jessica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some “housekeeping” items Registration bylaws 	Resolution and schedule of amendments submitted to MoH on June 26th, 2014.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting MoH review Bylaw amendments need to be reviewed to determine if an AIT notice is required. 	Nov-14
Bylaw	HIGH	Brian/Jessica	Complete repeal and replace	Draft bylaws submitted to Ministry for review on July 31, 2012.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College awaiting Ministry response/direction. Further consultation with College required No significant amendments have been made since 2000. College has been seeking changes since 2012, however it has not been a Ministry priority. Draft bvlaws received in 2012. 	Dec-14

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Bylaw	MED	Brian/Jessica	General “housekeeping” amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No draft submitted No folder found 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College currently focused on finalizing amendments to regulations – pending changes to nursing regs. Following completion of nursing regs., work to be finalized for dietician regs. Bylaws will follow regulatory amendments. 	
Bylaw	LOW	Brian/Jessica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendments to registration provisions Updates to address 2011 HPRB decision Various Housekeeping amendments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft submitted to Ministry in January 2014. Ministry provided feedback on draft on July 10th, 2014. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry provided comments on draft in July, 2014. Update from College required.Current bylaws were new in 2009. College has been seeking changes since 2012. 	
Bylaw	LOW	Brian/Jessica	Voting eligibility		To review amendment and compile feedback	
Bylaw		Brian/Jessica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of electronic voting Adjusting terms of board members to maintain staggered expirations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft amendments for repealing section 31(3) and adding section 66.1 submitted to Ministry on August 26, 2014. Draft amendments regarding elections and terms of office to be submitted at a later date. Second draft submitted to Daryl on August 26th. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College awaiting response from the Ministry. Folder contains email noting that a second draft was submitted, however a draft is not in the folder. Contact Kathy Corbett for revised bylaw draft. 	
Bylaw		Brian/Jessica	Changes to Section 4.03(5) to give the College authority to gather and consider relevant character and fitness evidence in the process of reinstatement applications.	Resolution and schedule submitted to Ministry on October 29th, 2014. Notice posted on College website on October 29th, 2014.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact College to ask them to send proposed amendments, and to give notice that includes reference to proposed amendments. Review amendments to ensure consistency with government policy, and for technical errors. Collect feedback submitted through ProgReg Inbox. 	

Bylaw		Brian/Jessica	<p>Changes to Form 6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness to practice questions revised • Removal of Section D (Registered Nurse Information) • Consent to share contact information with BC Nurse Practitioner Association added <p>Changes to Form 8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notarization of name change document 	Submitted to Ministry for deposit on October 10, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct final review of bylaws submitted. • Create Ministerial Order Package. 	
Bylaw		Brian/Jessica	Complete repeal and replace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft amendments submitted on July 11, 2014. • Ministry provided feedback on draft bylaws in July, 2014. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College has not submitted an update draft. • Status update from College required. • No significant amendments have been made since 2000. • College has been seeking changes since 2007. 	
Bylaw		Brian/Jessica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments focus on revision to the QA program. • Revisions to requirements for continuing professional development. • Minor changes to prescription information standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * No folder found • Drafting work complete. • HPA and PODSA notices given on June 26, 2014. 	Amendments submitted to MoH for filing on September 22, 2014.	
Bylaw		Brian/Jessica	Changes to drug Schdule Regulation			
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Bylaw		Brian/Jessica	Amendments to from 1-6	Resolution, schedule, and amended bylaws submitted to the Ministry on October 31, 2014.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm that 90 day notice period was completed. • Review amended bylaws for to identify any policy implications or technical issues. 	
Bylaw		Brian/Jessica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed amendments to marketing and promotional activity. • Correct numbering errors • Addition of Schedule D – List of service a dental therapist may provide. 	<p>Resolution and schedule submitted to Ministry on October 29, 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College received considerable feedback on proposed amendments and is consulting with registrants to decide how to proceed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting further communication from College 	

Regulation	HIGH	Laurianne/Brian	Nurses amendments to regulations - Prepare and post regulatory changes necessary to align nursing colleges under the HPA model	- Mark met with CNO, September 18, 2014 - Leg counsel provided comments via zeem October 08, 2014 - feedback to AG legal on Nov 12, 2014	1. Address Leg Counsel Issues 2. confidential meetings with CNO and Colleges 3. Ministers briefing 4. Post for 3 month period - Nov 2014 5. Should prepare for pushback from physicians on prescribing. • Finalize draft regulations; • Prepare Minister's briefing package; • Post the regulations for 3-month public consultation; • Prepare 3 Ministerial Orders.	Mar-15
Regulation	HIGH	Laurianne / Melissa	Need PharmaNet access for NPs working in private facilities (others currently have access thru delegated means)	- Lynn Stevenson wants this to go ahead for Spring 2015 - Discussions on mandatory monitoring - Meeting Oct 17 to discuss reg change/monitoring	- next meeting Nov 21 - Feb 2015 amendment to RN regulation for NP to prescribe controlled substances	Jun-15
Regulation	HIGH	Melissa/Jessica	Massage Therapists - Prepare and post regulatory changes necessary to bring massage therapy college under the HPA model	Notice period completed Decision note for Ted is done. Order package is done.	1. locate decision note and order package 2. confirm whether we are going ahead • Consolidate feedback; • Prepare Ministerial Order; • Deposit with the registrar of regulations.	Mar-15
Regulation	HIGH	Melissa	Dentistry	Dentistry specific issue – treating spouse; see legal issues section below	Melissa working with Mary Faulkner - brief Mark	Nov-14

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Regulation	MED	Melissa	Dietetics outstanding bylaws and regs	-Will leverage nursing regs as model, -52.1 issues, title protection. - MM and MNM met with registrar Nov 6	-SOP updates needed -Melissa to review coor, prepare response - due Nov 2014	
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Regulation	LOW	Laurianne	Members of CPSBC meet U.S. standards. Osteopathy has 2 streams: 1) American, 2) European. All jockeying for some kind of recognition.	Meeting in-person October 10, 2014	None at this time	
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Regulation		Melissa	Amendment to Pharmacist Regulations re Intranasal Administration	Pending consultations with Pharmacists and Physicians		Fall 2015
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RFL	High	Brian	Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act (PODSA) - College requests on PRO list for over a year - College needs better tools for dealing with bad owners - More information about them, - More authority to not issue a license or remove license once they have it - Cancel billing arrangements	Issue needs more work	1. Consultation with PSD (Mitch), if agree, consult with college (will need a disclosure agreement) 2. Jennifer did a first draft of RFL 3. Coordinate with Corrie/Ann as to who is taking this on 4. DB was to do summary	Spring 2015
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RFL	LOW	Melissa	Administrative Tribunals Act (ATA) - Tribunal Transformation Initiative (January 2014) - --Bring tribunals of like nature together, decrease costs and increase services to clients who use these tribunals. Health boards affected: 1. HPRB 2. Assisted Living Appeals Board 3. Hospital Appeals Board 4. Mental Health Review Board	-Multiple revisions reviewed by MOH -MOH's primary issue is consistency re: dispute resolution processes. - PRO confirms issues/ change management will be handled by MOJ - email October 02, 2014. - ATA changes, consequential amendments.	None at this time.	Legislation anticipated 2015 (On-track)
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RFL	LOW	<p>Melissa/Mark</p> <p>PRO to keep Richard apprised</p>	<p>Private Career Training Institutions Agency of BC (PCTIA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AvEd is the lead -Issues include interface of PCTIA and regulators with mandate under HPA to assess education programs, and coordination/collaboration with PCTIA staff. -Blurred boundaries b/w Association and College 	<p>Kevin holds the file.</p> <p>Mark and Melissa met with Debbie for briefing.</p>	<p>Ministries/College/Assn. need to clarify oversight responsibility, as modelled after the HPA – ie. College accountability for oversight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -most colleges agree, but not all -Mark to discuss with Cynthia -possible discussion topic for Nov Reg mtg. -Melissa to confirm with Debbie the actions items 	Spring 2015
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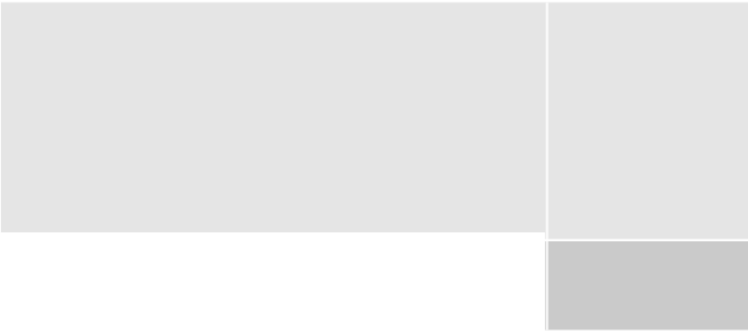
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From: McLachlan, Debbie HLTH:EX
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To: Azaransky, Debbie L AVED:EX; XT:Lafontaine, Luce GCPE:IN
Cc: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX; Mullane, Aleta HLTH:EX; Wai, Bonnie O AVED:EX; Wilson, Kevin M AVED:EX
Subject: RE: Osteopathic response for Minister
Importance: High

Aleta – can you please work with Debbie on what is needed from our branch please

From: Azaransky, Debbie L AVED:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 12:37 PM
To: McLachlan, Debbie HLTH:EX; 'Luce Lafontaine'
Cc: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX; Mullane, Aleta HLTH:EX; Wai, Bonnie O AVED:EX; Wilson, Kevin M AVED:EX
Subject: RE: Osteopathic response for Minister

Hi Debbie, bullets for our response on behalf of the Minister is due this Friday. I am not sure Luce when you are connecting with Mark on this, but we are needing something by tomorrow. Does that work for everyone in terms of timelines?

Thanks,

Debbie

From: McLachlan, Debbie HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 9:54 AM
To: Azaransky, Debbie L AVED:EX
Cc: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX; Mullane, Aleta HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Osteopathic response for Minister

I spoke briefly with Luce and she is going to connect with Mark Mackinnon who is with regulation and oversight – however we would be happy to assist as needed

From: Azaransky, Debbie L AVED:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 8:57 AM
To: McLachlan, Debbie HLTH:EX
Subject: Osteopathic response for Minister
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Hi Debbie,

I am following up on the Osteopathy discussion we had a few weeks ago. Luce Lafontaine from PCTIA is wanting to speak to you about a response to the letter they received. An update: the same letter has now been sent to our Minister for response. I was hoping the bullets and assistance you provide Luce can also be used for our response to the Minister. Did you wish to speak to both Luce and I on this, or start with Luce. Thanks for your help Debbie!

Debbie

Debbie Azaransky

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From: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 11:07 AM
To: Hart, Bob HLTH:EX
Cc: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; South, Nancy HLTH:EX; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Hi Bob – please see the FOI request below that was sent through to Mark's area.

We are trying to have this request narrowed by the applicant through the IAO but may need to prepare a formal fee estimate. Would your program area have responsive records to this also? I would think this should be reviewed by Stephanie Power's PA and in HSPQA...Let me know what you think.

Thanks, Heather.

From: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 10:51 AM
To: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Any and all correspondence, reports, documents, meeting notes and email related to Osteopathy, Osteopathic Physicians, Osteopathic Practitioners, or the use of osteopathic titles, and the regulation of osteopathy. Date range is May 1, 2013 to January 14, 2015. X-REF: HTH-2013-00201

From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 10:10 AM
To: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Cc: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Thanks Jodi,

Melissa, would you please connect with Heather to give some thought to the effort (across the Ministry, not just PRO) that might be necessary for the currently worded request?

Thanks,

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From: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Sent: February-03-15 9:37 AM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Cc: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014
Importance: High

Good morning Mark!!

Please see below for an update on FOI Request 00014

Thank you kindly,

Jodi Pedro
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From: Haak, Bethany MTIC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 9:33 AM
To: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

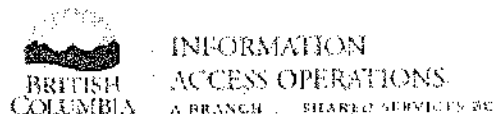
Thanks Jodi,

I'm still waiting for the applicant to get back to me regarding an attempt to narrow. If I don't hear anything by tomorrow I would appreciate a formal fee estimate. That way I can issue the fee estimate to the applicant, place the file on hold and continue to try and negotiate with the applicant while holding the clock.

I'll touch base with you tomorrow to let you know if there has been any movement in regards to narrowing with the applicant.

Bethany Haak

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Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 9:30 AM
To: Haak, Bethany MTIC:EX
Subject: FW: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Good morning Bethany,

Just wondering if you could give me a little update on this one. as in are you waiting for anything further from me or should I be asking the Branch for anything further???

Thank you kindly.

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From: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2015 11:58 AM
To: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Are you able to follow up with Bethany on this? We had a t/c with her and she was going back to the applicant to look into narrowing. Thx, H.

From: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2015 10:29 AM
To: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Hi Heather,
Did anything go forward on this one?

Thank you kindly,

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From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
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To: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX; Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Cc: Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX; Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Hi Jodi,

Sorry to have missed you yesterday.

Heather/Melissa – is this the one that we spoke with Bethany on? And that she is going to try to get it narrowed a bit?

Thanks,

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From: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Sent: January-28-15 1:41 PM
To: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Cc: Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX; Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

Just a friendly reminder the above noted FOI request is due back to me so I can send it back to IAO. If you have received an extension please advise so I can update my tracking sheet.

If you are unable to return it back to me by end of day today please return it to Heather Murray by end of day tomorrow, January 29, 2015.

Thank you kindly,

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From: HLTH FOI Operations HLTH:EX
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To: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX; Murray, Heather HLTH:EX; Grieve, Darlene E HLTH:EX
Subject: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Good afternoon,

Please find the Call for Records form for this FOI request made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA) in **CLIFF LOG 1027084**. Bethany Haak is the IAO analyst for this request.

Please provide Bethany (via FOI.Health.Education@gov.bc.ca) with the responsive records – with a cc to the Health FOI Inbox (HLTH.FOIOperations@gov.bc.ca).

The due date for Call for Records is **February 3**.

You should be aware that FOIPPA obligates us to assist the applicant and to respond without delay, openly, accurately, and completely. In the event that the ministry must defend the adequacy of its search to the Information and Privacy Commissioner at Inquiry, those involved in searching for records may be required to sign affidavits to prove that they have conducted an adequate search for relevant records.

Please do not hesitate to contact your analyst to discuss:

- whether the records may be routinely releasable;
- whether the information is being prepared for public release or is already publicly available;
- whether staff would be available to discuss the request with the applicant, if the applicant is agreeable;
- ways in which an applicant may want to narrow/focus their request to reduce potential fees; and/or
- any other questions or concerns relating to this request.

Thank you,

Miranda

Miranda Andrews, Analyst
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From: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2015 12:09 PM
To: Jodouin, Laurianne HLTH:EX
Cc: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Meet the Team < Bodylogic Clinic - Osteopathic, Rehabilitation and Sport Injury Clinic Victoria BC

That's perfect, thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Jodouin, Laurianne HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2015 12:08 PM
To: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Cc: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Meet the Team < Bodylogic Clinic - Osteopathic, Rehabilitation and Sport Injury Clinic Victoria BC

I have no information on the Bodylogic Clinic.

Information I have relating to osteopathy is from the meeting I attended with Mark on October 15, 2014 with Mr. Anthony Matthews and one other osteopathic practitioner, as well as a lobbyist. In all - approx. 3 pages for this.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2015 11:54 AM
To: Jodouin, Laurianne HLTH:EX
Cc: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Meet the Team < Bodylogic Clinic - Osteopathic, Rehabilitation and Sport Injury Clinic Victoria BC
Importance: High

Laurianne,

Can you please do a search of your files and outlook per the below criteria and let me know how many pages in all (approximately).

"Any and all correspondence, reports, documents, meeting notes and email related to Osteopathy, Osteopathic Physicians, Osteopathic Practitioners, or the use of osteopathic titles, and the regulation of osteopathy. Date range is May 1, 2013 to January 14, 2015. X-REF: HTH-2013-00201"

Thanks,
Melissa.

-----Original Message-----

From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2014 6:03 PM
To: Jodouin, Laurianne HLTH:EX
Cc: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Meet the Team < Bodylogic Clinic - Osteopathic, Rehabilitation and Sport Injury Clinic Victoria BC

Lucky you - I'll forward the invite.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jodouin, Laurianne HLTH:EX
Sent: October-07-14 6:03 PM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: Re: Meet the Team < Bodylogic Clinic - Osteopathic, Rehabilitation and Sport Injury Clinic Victoria BC

That would be me.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

Original Message

From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 7, 2014 5:46 PM
To: Jodouin, Laurianne HLTH:EX; Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Cc: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: Meet the Team < Bodylogic Clinic - Osteopathic, Rehabilitation and Sport Injury Clinic Victoria BC

This is a link to the practice of a gentleman who asked for a meeting, and whom I am scheduled to meet with on the 15th at 1:30.

<http://www.bodylogic-clinic.ca/meet-the-team/>

Which of you has had the pleasure of working on osteopath stuff? And would therefore be delighted to join me?

Thanks,

M

MacDonald, Aaron HLTH:EX

From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 4:18 PM
To: MacDonald, Aaron HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Osteopathic response for Minister

From: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2015 12:42 PM
To: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Cc: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Osteopathic response for Minister

Yes perfect – thx Melissa!

From: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2015 11:57 AM
To: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Cc: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Osteopathic response for Minister

Hi Heather,

I have located the PCTIA reference (Kevin and Debbie), below re: osteopathy and the recent FOI.

Many thanks,
Melissa.

From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 10:16 AM
To: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Osteopathic response for Minister

FYI

From: McLachlan, Debbie HLTH:EX
Sent: January-29-15 9:54 AM
To: Azaransky, Debbie L AVED:EX
Cc: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX; Mullane, Aleta HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Osteopathic response for Minister

I spoke briefly with Luce and she is going to connect with Mark Mackinnon who is with regulation and oversight – however we would be happy to assist as needed

From: Azaransky, Debbie L AVED:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 8:57 AM
To: McLachlan, Debbie HLTH:EX
Subject: Osteopathic response for Minister
Importance: High

Hi Debbie,

I am following up on the Osteopathy discussion we had a few weeks ago. Luce Lafontaine from PCTIA is wanting to speak to you about a response to the letter they received. An update: the same letter has now been sent to our Minister for response. I was hoping the bullets and assistance you provide Luce can also be used for our response to the Minister. Did you wish to speak to both Luce and I on this, or start with Luce. Thanks for your help Debbie!

Debbie

Debbie Azaransky

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MacDonald, Aaron HLTH:EX

From: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 10:54 AM
To: Hart, Bob HLTH:EX; Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; McNeill, Carol Anne HLTH:EX; Johnson, Val L HLTH:EX; Drewniak, Sharlene HLTH:EX
Cc: Foster, Carol HLTH:EX; South, Nancy HLTH:EX; Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Hi Bob – following Carol's check into cliff – is there additional information you would like captured or should we keep with the 'approx. 180 pages'?

From: Hart, Bob HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, February 6, 2015 5:21 PM
To: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX; Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; McNeill, Carol Anne HLTH:EX; Johnson, Val L HLTH:EX; Drewniak, Sharlene HLTH:EX
Cc: Foster, Carol HLTH:EX; South, Nancy HLTH:EX; Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

I've managed to come up with about 180 pages.....without limiting the search criteria to anything other than "osteopath".

Carol was checking CLIFF and may have a bit more on Tuesday.

Bob Hart
Director, MSP Payment Schedule
Health Sector Workforce Division
Ministry of Health 250-952-1290

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From: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, February 6, 2015 12:07 PM
To: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; Hart, Bob HLTH:EX; McNeill, Carol Anne HLTH:EX; Johnson, Val L HLTH:EX; Drewniak, Sharlene HLTH:EX
Cc: Foster, Carol HLTH:EX; South, Nancy HLTH:EX; Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Thanks Melissa!

From: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Sent: Friday, February 6, 2015 12:02 PM
To: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX; Hart, Bob HLTH:EX; McNeill, Carol Anne HLTH:EX; Johnson, Val L HLTH:EX; Drewniak, Sharlene HLTH:EX
Cc: Foster, Carol HLTH:EX; South, Nancy HLTH:EX; Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Hi Heather, here is an estimated breakdown of PRO's records only:

Email without attachments - 20 pages

Email with attachments - 60 pages

Other documents (CLIFF, Ian, etc) - 50 pages

Hardcopy - 1 inch binder - 200 pages

Preparation - Estimated - 30 Hours (e.g. 2 people, 2 days)

Thanks, will await further instruction on whether to produce the records.

MNM.

From: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2015 2:59 PM
To: Hart, Bob HLTH:EX; McNeill, Carol Anne HLTH:EX; Johnson, Val L HLTH:EX; Drewniak, Sharlene HLTH:EX
Cc: Foster, Carol HLTH:EX; South, Nancy HLTH:EX; Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX; Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Thanks Bob. If you are aware of material in your branch, please loop back to Mark and Melissa for the fee estimate if req'd.

From: Hart, Bob HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 2:24 PM
To: McNeill, Carol Anne HLTH:EX; Johnson, Val L HLTH:EX; Drewniak, Sharlene HLTH:EX
Cc: Foster, Carol HLTH:EX; South, Nancy HLTH:EX; Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Carol Anne; Val;would you have any information that might satisfy the request below? Sharlene, can you see if there is anything in the material Jeremy was working on that might also meet the conditions of the request below? Please scroll to the initial email for more details.

Note that this is an FOI request and does have timelines And I know that today is the deadline for material.....but we just got it.

Thanks kindly.

Bob Hart
Director, MSP Payment Schedule
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Ministry of Health 250-952-1290

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From: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 11:07 AM
To: Hart, Bob HLTH:EX
Cc: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; South, Nancy HLTH:EX; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Hi Bob - please see the FOI request below that was sent through to Mark's area.

We are trying to have this request narrowed by the applicant through the IAO but may need to prepare a formal fee estimate. Would your program area have responsive records to this also? I would think this should be reviewed by Stephanie Power's PA and in HSPQA....Let me know what you think.

Thanks, Heather.

From: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 10:51 AM
To: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

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From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 10:10 AM
To: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Cc: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Thanks Jodi,

Melissa, would you please connect with Heather to give some thought to the effort (across the Ministry, not just PRO) that might be necessary for the currently worded request?

Thanks,

M

From: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Sent: February-03-15 9:37 AM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Cc: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014
Importance: High

Good morning Mark!!

Please see below for an update on FOI Request 00014

Thank you kindly.

Jodi Pedro
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From: Haak, Bethany MTIC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 9:33 AM
To: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Thanks Jodi,

I'm still waiting for the applicant to get back to me regarding an attempt to narrow. If I don't hear anything by tomorrow I would appreciate a formal fee estimate. That way I can issue the fee estimate to the applicant, place the file on hold and continue to try and negotiate with the applicant while holding the clock.

I'll touch base with you tomorrow to let you know if there has been any movement in regards to narrowing with the applicant.

Bethany Haak

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From: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 3, 2015 9:30 AM
To: Haak, Bethany MTIC:EX
Subject: FW: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Good morning Bethany,

Just wondering if you could give me a little update on this one, as in are you waiting for anything further from me or should I be asking the Branch for anything further???

Thank you kindly,

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From: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2015 11:58 AM
To: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Are you able to follow up with Bethany on this? We had a t/c with her and she was going back to the applicant to look into narrowing. Thx, H.

From: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2015 10:29 AM
To: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Hi Heather,
Did anything go forward on this one?

Thank you kindly,

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From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 2015 3:00 PM
To: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX; Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Cc: Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX; Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Hi Jodi,

Sorry to have missed you yesterday.

Heather/Melissa – is this the one that we spoke with Bethany on? And that she is going to try to get it narrowed a bit?

Thanks,

M

From: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Sent: January-28-15 1:41 PM
To: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Cc: Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX; Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

Just a friendly reminder the above noted FOI request is due back to me so I can send it back to IAO. If you have received an extension please advise so I can update my tracking sheet.

If you are unable to return it back to me by end of day today please return it to Heather Murray by end of day tomorrow, January 29, 2015.

Thank you kindly,

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From: HLTH FOI Operations HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 12:24 PM
To: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX; Murray, Heather HLTH:EX; Grieve, Darlene E HLTH:EX
Subject: **FOI REQUEST: CLIFF 1027084 HTH-2015-00014

Good afternoon,

Please find the Call for Records form for this FOI request made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA) in **CLIFF LOG 1027084**. Bethany Haak is the IAO analyst for this request.

Please provide Bethany (via FOI.Health.Education@gov.bc.ca) with the responsive records – with a cc to the Health FOI Inbox (HLTH.FOIOperations@gov.bc.ca).

The due date for Call for Records is **February 3**.

You should be aware that FOIPPA obligates us to assist the applicant and to respond without delay, openly, accurately, and completely. In the event that the ministry must defend the adequacy of its search to the Information and Privacy Commissioner at Inquiry, those involved in searching for records may be required to sign affidavits to prove that they have conducted an adequate search for relevant records.

Please do not hesitate to contact your analyst to discuss:

- whether the records may be routinely releasable;
- whether the information is being prepared for public release or is already publicly available;
- whether staff would be available to discuss the request with the applicant, if the applicant is agreeable;
- ways in which an applicant may want to narrow/focus their request to reduce potential fees; and/or
- any other questions or concerns relating to this request.

Thank you,
Miranda

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MacDonald, Aaron HLTH:EX

From: James Church s.22
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2015 8:57 PM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Cc: Heidi Oetter; Joel Pash; Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Osteopathic Regulation
Attachments: COA meeting with Dr. MacKinnon, Feb 18, 2015.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Dr. MacKinnon,

Thank you for making arrangements to meet with me this coming Wednesday February 18th at 11:00am. For your review, and in preparation for our meeting, I have attached a summary of the information that I would like to discuss on Wednesday. I look forward to meeting you then.

Kindest regards,

Jim

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-----Original Message-----

From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX [<mailto:Mark.MacKinnon@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: December 15, 2014 8:07 AM
To: 'James Church'
Cc: Heidi Oetter; Joel Pash; Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Osteopathic Regulation

Good morning, James,

I would be pleased to have the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your concerns. By copy, I am asking Aleksandra to connect with your office to schedule some time in February, as you suggest.

Regards,

Mark

Mark MacKinnon
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-----Original Message-----

From: James Church [\[mailto:s.22\]](#)

Sent: December-14-14 7:05 PM

To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX

Cc: Heidi Oetter; Joel Pash

Subject: Osteopathic Regulation

TO: DR MARK MACKINNON - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PROFESSIONAL REGULATION (MOH)

Dear Dr. MacKinnon,

By way of introduction, I am an osteopathic physician registered for practice in BC by the College of Physicians and Surgeons and have been representing the osteopathic medical profession in this province for 25 years now.

As you know, osteopathic graduates must be registered by the CPSBC for regulated practice. Legislation providing title protection has always prohibited those without College registration from using osteopathic designations. Unfortunately, there are now a number of unregulated practitioners in BC who are in apparent violation of provincial regulations and who have, over past few years, been advised by the College to cease using osteopathic titles, but continue to do so because of questionable correspondence from the Ministry of Health to these practitioners. Dr. Oetter at the College of Physicians and Surgeons feels that her hands are currently tied from taking further action regarding this issue until there is clarification from your office regarding this matter.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this issue in detail as it is a growing concern for the legitimate osteopathic medical profession. We have significant concerns regarding public safety and the confusion that is being generated by these unregulated practitioners who use our professional designations.

I am wondering if I might have an hour of your time, perhaps mid February, to discuss this matter with you in person.

Sincerely,

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Meeting Date: February 18, 2015, 11:00am
Place: Ministry of Health – Victoria BC
Meeting with: Dr. Mark MacKinnon
Executive Director, Professional Regulation – Ministry of Health
COA Representative: Dr. James Church

Osteopathic Medicine (Osteopathy) in Canada and British Columbia

Clarification Requested:

The Canadian Osteopathic Association and College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC are seeking clarification from the Ministry of Health regarding protected osteopathic titles. While legislation seems clear that the titles 'Osteopath' and 'Osteopathic Physician' and their variations and abbreviations are protected, unregulated practitioners using osteopathic titles have claimed that the Ministry has given them approval to use the title of 'osteopathic practitioner'. However, because this correspondence appears to predate current legislation, and because such a claim would seem to be in conflict with the legislation now in effect, we wish to seek a definitive decision from the Ministry regarding this matter. Until such time, the College feels that its ability to deal with violations of title protection legislation is impeded.

Discussion: Regulation of Osteopathic practice in BC and Canada

- History of osteopathic medicine in the USA and Canada
- History of osteopathic medicine in BC (since 1906 – membership with the College of Physicians)
- Doctor of Osteopathy degree
- Legal precedent – Stark vs. Attorney General of BC – Judge J. Verchere, February 15, 1973, page 4, Section 11: "Osteopathy is, by definition, a school of medicine".
- Uniform recognition of US osteopathic degree with FMRAC, CFPC, RCPS-C, MCC, CaRMS
- Support of the majority of Colleges of Physicians across Canada regarding title protection and use of osteopathic titles.
- Over 85,000 osteopathic physicians in North America
- 300+ Canadians studying at Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine and in residencies in the USA
- Education requirements: Bachelor or Masters degree, 4 years osteopathic medical school, 3 to 5 years residency training
- Returning US osteopathic medical graduates will serve to fill the deficit of physicians in Canada, but may be discouraged from returning due to the conflict created by unregulated practitioners using our professional titles and identity
- Duty to preserve professional titles for those who have availed themselves of comprehensive and expensive osteopathic education
- Need for foreign graduates to meet N. American standards

- The 'Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy' (SPMPO) - mix of practitioners of various training. Some not eligible for licensure anywhere in the world that we are aware of.
- Public complaints from patients, physicians, and lawyers regarding injuries sustained from unregulated practitioners using osteopathic titles across Canada
- Unregulated practitioners using physician titles will be increasingly confusing and misleading for Canadians. Considerable confusion has already been created amongst the public, insurance carriers, and other medical professionals
- For members of the SPMPO and others to use our already established and legislative protected professional titles is not fair to the well established and regulated N. American osteopathic profession.

Proposed goals regarding osteopathic practice in BC:

- 1) There is an important need to protect the public through legislation, and for the government to either regulate or discipline practitioners (i.e. SPMPO), who treat the public without current government approval or regulation.
- 2) If practitioners are to use osteopathic titles, they must comply with standards that have been established throughout Canada and the United States for US osteopathic graduates represented by the COA and AOA.
- 3) It is essential that international osteopathic graduates strive to meet the same high standards of education and training as taught in N. America (American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine – AACOM).
- 4) If the Ministry should decide that there is a place for non-physician manual therapists such as represented by the SPMPO, then the COA would ask that non-osteopathic titles be chosen for these practitioners such that there is no confusion. The title that they are currently using, and they say has been approved by the Ministry, 'osteopathic practitioner', is misleading and confusing. The COA would like to suggest a titles such as 'Manual Therapist' or 'Osteotherapist' which are not misleading and are more descriptive of this form of practice.
- 5) Alternatively, perhaps incorporation of these practitioners within the chiropractic, physiotherapy, or massage therapy professions and regulations would be more in keeping with their scope of practice. They fall well short of meeting N. American osteopathic education standards required for osteopathic registration.
- 6) Augment title protection for the osteopathic medical profession as originally proposed by the Health Professions Council, College of Physicians, and COA in the November 21, 2006 draft Medical Practitioners Regulation which included protection for the titles 'osteopathic' and 'osteopathy'. (As in other provinces, protect titles: osteopathic physician, osteopath, osteopathic practitioner, osteopathy, and similar derivations or abbreviations)

ADDENDUM: DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

History in North America and Canada:

- Osteopathic Medicine was first founded by Dr. Andrew Still (MD surgeon) in the USA in 1892. Always a full school of medicine and surgery, inclusive of the manual treatment principles.
- First osteopathic physician to Canada arrived in New Brunswick in 1896.
- The Canadian Osteopathic Association was incorporated in 1926 and has been representing qualified and legitimately regulated osteopathic medical graduates since.
- Over 85,000 osteopathic physicians in North American.
- Approximately 300 Canadians currently in US Osteopathic Medical Schools and Residency training at an individual cost of about \$300,000 USD for their medical education.
- Approximately 11 to 13 years education with Bachelor or Master degrees, then 4 years medical school, followed by 3 to 5 years of residency training. Competitive application to osteopathic medical school requiring high GPA and MCAT scores.
- FMRC has confirmed that the osteopathic medical degree conferred by a US Medical School accredited by the American Osteopathic Association is accepted nationwide for medical registration in Canada.
- The Canadian Residency Matching Service accepts the Osteopathic degree for qualification to engage in residency training from AOA accredited osteopathic medical schools.
- The Medical Council of Canada will only accept osteopathic graduates from AOA accredited colleges to sit the MCC examinations.
- The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons and the College of Family Physicians of Canada will only allow osteopathic graduates of AOA accredited medical schools.
- Title protection is already present in many Canadian jurisdictions. See the attached documentation for AB, ON, PQ, NB, NS
- The Act regarding interprovincial trade and labour mobility precludes any evolution of other groups using osteopathic titles:

History in British Columbia

- First osteopathic physician registered in British Columbia in 1906.
- The British Columbia Osteopathic Association has been present since the early 1900s and was formally incorporated in 1990.
- Osteopaths have always been regulated by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC and are eligible for membership in the British Columbia Medical Association (Doctors of BC)
- Osteopathic Physicians are fully reimbursed by the BC Medical Services Plan for all services provided.
- Prior to the new Health Professions Act, osteopaths were governed under the BC Medical Practitioners Act.

Previous BC Legislation:

The previous BC Medical Practitioners Act provided title protection stating that:

Registration of osteopaths

40 (1) A person is entitled to be entered in the register on payment of the fees set by the council if the person

- (a) is a graduate of a school or college of osteopathy that is approved by the American Osteopathic Association, and

Persons not registered must not represent themselves as registered

94 A person not registered under this Act must not take, use, advertise or hold himself or herself out under a name, title, addition or description implying or calculated to lead people to infer that the person is registered under this Act, or that the person is qualified to practise medicine or surgery or is a person who has a licence in medicine or surgery.

Current BC Legislation:

Under the new Health Professions Act, Osteopathic graduates continue to be regulated by the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Under the new Health Professions Act of BC and other BC provincial legislation we know that:

- 1) Section 2(2) of the MPR states, "The titles 'osteopath' and 'osteopathic physician' are reserved for exclusive use by osteopathic physicians" registered with the CPSBC.
- 2) Section 12.1(1) of the HPA states, "If a regulation under section 12(2)(b) prescribes a title to be used exclusively by registrants of a college, a person other than a registrant of the college must not use the title, an abbreviation of the title or an equivalent of the title..."
- 3) Section 28(4) of the Interpretation Act states, "If a word or expression is defined in an enactment, other forms of speech or grammatical forms of the same word or expression have corresponding meanings".
- 4) Under the proposed Health Professions Restricted Activities regulation, "to make a diagnosis identifying, as the cause of signs or symptoms of an individual, a disease, disorder or condition" is a restricted activity to those who are members of a regulated health profession.
- 5) Section 50.2(1) of the HPA states: "A person must not perform a restricted activity in the course of providing a service described in, or doing work described by, the definition of 'health profession' in section 1, unless the person is a registrant of a college whose registrants are authorized by a regulation under section 12 to perform the restricted activity in the course of providing services."
- 6) On Feb 15, 1973, in the Supreme Court of BC, in paragraph 11 of his judgement, Mr. Justice Verchere determined that "Osteopathy is, by definition, the practice of medicine".

College of Physicians and Surgeons:

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC has always advised non-physician practitioners who use osteopathic titles to cease and desist. Just as a few examples of a large volume of correspondence from the College regarding this matter are attached.

SPMPO Errant Registration:

- Please note that through discussion with staff at the BC Registry Services office, the COA was advised that the SPMPO was registered by the then, Mrs. Liz Mueller, against advice from the College of Physicians and Ministry of Health.
- Furthermore, please note that members of the SPMPO who are from Britain and lobbying the government for recognition in BC fall well below any standard for registration to practice as osteopaths in Canada and the USA, and according to our sources, it is our understanding that those British graduates such as Anthony Matthews and many of those who are members of the SPMPO are not eligible for registration to practice in Britain either. See the enclosed news item from the Telegraph Aug 20, 2000 regarding Mr. Matthews and other of his British Colleagues.
- To place things in perspective, at best, these practitioners represented by the SPMPO have training comparable to that of a physiotherapist or chiropractor. They have no formal medical or surgical training. In Britain, these practitioners function at an equivalent level as chiropractors in North America. It would be inappropriate for them to come to Canada or the USA and expect to use osteopathic titles that are already well established in North America legislation for physicians and surgeons.

Osteopathic International Alliance

- There is an international organization called the Osteopathic International Alliance which is represented by physician and non-physician organizations and the SPMPO is trying to use their membership in this organization to seek recognition in Canada. The OIA is merely a forum for international discussion, and previous American Osteopathic Association executive have made it clear to COA executive that they are not about to accept non-physician practitioners using their professional titles in the USA. The Canadian Osteopathic Association takes the same stance. See the COA Policy Statement of 2008 which received unanimous approval by COA Membership.
- The British schools continue to increase confusion as they now are starting to change the names of their manual therapy programs to "colleges of osteopathic medicine".

Unregulated Programs in Canada

Those Canadian businesses that are selling certificates in osteopathy are not recognized by any Canadian legislation or legal regulatory authority, and while they claim 5 years of training, actually provide only about 4 months of training spread over 5 years with virtually no clinical exposure. Many of the SPMPO members are graduates of such programs, or of British programs, and are not eligible for osteopathic registration to practice anywhere in the world that the COA is aware of.

Current Issue in British Columbia:

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC feels that its hands are currently tied from taking further action against non-physician practitioners without further clarification from the Ministry. Despite what appears to be very clear title protection legislation, these practitioners claim that they have permission from the Ministry of Health to use osteopathic titles. While they appear to be in clear violation of provincial regulations, a letter from Craig Knight, Assistant Deputy Minister of Health dated Feb 18, 2008, may be the issue. Please note that Mr. Knight's correspondence predates the new HPA and title protection legislation and would appear to be irrelevant and not in keeping with current legislation. In fact his unfortunate correspondence seems to have been in conflict with the legislation in effect at that time as well. Additionally, correspondence with my office subsequently dated May 22, 2008 indicated that there would be no change in the Medical Practitioners Regulation (MPR) 3(2), despite the contrary message to the SPMPO. Thus, despite Mr. Knight's reassurance, he apparently had already given the SPMPO a different story and the Ministry did indeed proceed to change the MPR 3(2).

Summary:

- 1) The COA has been representing legitimate osteopathic graduates for almost 90 years in Canada, and the osteopathic profession is already regulated across the country.
- 2) The profession has been present and regulated in BC since the early 1900s.
- 3) Legislation and legal precedent already exist in BC and Canada protecting osteopathic titles and the legitimate osteopathic profession.
- 4) It is our opinion, that due to poor communication, it would appear that Ms. Liz Mueller's and Mr. Craig Knight's correspondence was inappropriate, and it seems clear that the SPMPO should not have achieved registration as a Society, nor have been given the impression they could use osteopathic titles.
- 5) In keeping with the Canadian Agreement on Internal Trade in Interprovincial Labour Mobility, it is our understanding that it will be necessary for any non-physician practitioners to use alternative non-osteopathic titles.

Current Requests: The COA would be most appreciative of the following steps:

- 1) That the Ministry of Health take further measures to protect the osteopathic profession in BC by clarifying title protection legislation with those who are attempting to acquire recognition using our osteopathic designations
- 2) That the Ministry of Health communicate and clarify with the College of Physicians and Surgeons that only osteopathic medical graduates registered with the College are eligible for osteopathic practice and to use osteopathic titles in BC.
- 3) As non-physician practitioners represented by the SPMPO and other such groups continue to seek recognition for their limited (chiropractic) form of practice, that the Ministry of Health ensure that these practitioners not use any osteopathic titles.
- 4) That the Ministry of Health explain that Mr. Craig Knight's correspondence of Dec 7, 2007, was not reflective of the current provincial legislation of the time and subsequent legislation has been enacted which supersedes Mr. Knight's correspondence and non-physician use of osteopathic titles.
- 5) That the Ministry of Health remind the SPMPO and any other such similar practitioners that it is the intent of current legislation that individuals should not be treating members of the public without being registered by a recognized health regulatory, giving authority to do so.

The SPMPO can be contacted through:

Ms. Gail Abernethy
President – SPMPO
8274 West Coast Road
Sooke, BC V9Z 1E1

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

James Church, DO CCFP FCFP
Past President – Canadian Osteopathic Association

Cc: Dr. Heidi Oetter, Registrar – College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC
The Honourable Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Advanced Education
Dr. Joel Pash, President – Canadian Osteopathic Association
Dr. Robert Juhasz, President – American Osteopathic Association

MacDonald, Aaron HLTH:EX

From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 4:17 PM
To: MacDonald, Aaron HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Osteopathic Regulation
Attachments: COA meeting with Dr. MacKinnon, Feb 18, 2015.pdf; RE: Osteopathic Regulation
Importance: High

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Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 8:29 AM
To: Jodouin, Laurianne HLTH:EX; Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; Westgate, Brian A HLTH:EX
Cc: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Osteopathic Regulation
Importance: High

Hi folks,

Some material for review before tomorrow's meeting.

Thanks,

M

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From: James Church [mailto:jchurch@ccfp.org]
Sent: February-16-15 8:57 PM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Cc: Heidi Oetter; Joel Pash; Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Osteopathic Regulation
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Kindest regards,

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From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX [mailto:Mark.MacKinnon@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: December 15, 2014 8:07 AM
To: 'James Church'
Cc: Heidi Oetter; Joel Pash; Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Osteopathic Regulation

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Regards,

Mark

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TO: DR MARK MACKINNON - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PROFESSIONAL REGULATION (MOH)

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Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 8:28 AM
To: 'James Church'
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Hi Jim - thanks very much for the advance material. And, just to nip any misunderstanding in the bud, I'm not a Dr. of any stripe.

We're looking forward to meeting with you tomorrow.

Regards,

Mark

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Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 4:17 PM
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Subject: FW: Correspondence from 2008
Attachments: Church 714977 response.doc

From: Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 1:54 PM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Cc: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX; Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Correspondence from 2008

Hi Mark,

Please see the attached. Also, there is more of this kind of corr under HPRO/MPRA/OSTEO. I'm not too sure what you are looking for specifically but it should be in there. Thanks so much

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Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 1:50 PM
To: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX; Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX
Cc: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Subject: Correspondence from 2008

Hi folks,

We're trying to track down a February 18, 2008 letter from former ADM Craig Knight. The topic would have been something related to osteopathic practice.

Is there a way to track this down? It would be helpful to have this for a meeting tomorrow.

Thanks,

M

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August 6, 2008

Dr. James Church DO CCFP FCP
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Fort and Foul Bay Medical Center
302 – 1990 Fort St
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Dear Dr. Church:

The Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Health, has asked me to thank you and respond to your letter of February 11, 2008, regarding the Collège d'Études Ostéopathiques and the protection of osteopathy-related titles under the proposed Medical Practitioners Regulation. I apologize for the delay in responding.

We are familiar with the Collège d'Études Ostéopathiques. At this time we are not anticipating that there will be any significant changes to section 3 (2) of the proposed Medical Practitioners Regulation prior to it being enacted.

Sincerely,

Craig Knight
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Health
Mr. Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister of Health
Dr. Morris VanAndel, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons
Dr. Ted Findlay, President, Canadian Osteopathic Association

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Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 2:24 PM
To: Jodouin, Laurianne HLTH:EX; Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; Westgate, Brian A HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: MEETING SUMMARY - Matthews - Osteopathy (2)
Importance: Low

FYI

From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Sent: October-20-14 5:01 PM
To: Patterson, Ted HLTH:EX
Cc: Jodouin, Laurianne HLTH:EX; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: MEETING SUMMARY - Matthews - Osteopathy (2)
Importance: Low

FYI only in case something comes your way.

I also received a note from Heidi today that she has referred Dr. Church – an active Osteopathic Physician – to me in relation to this issue.

M

MEETING SUMMARY – OSTEOPATHIC PRACTITIONERS

October 15, 2014

ATTENDEES

- Anthony (Tony) Matthews – osteopathic practitioner (expected guest)
- Mike Geoghagen – lobbyist (unexpected guest)
- Howard – osteopathic practitioner (unexpected guest)
- Unknown – note-taker (unexpected guest)
- Laurianne Jodouin
- Mark MacKinnon

TIME

- Scheduled for 30 minutes, starting at 1:30.
- Meeting lasted until approximately 2:45.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

- Guests had not provided advance indication of what they wished to discuss.
- It took three requests and approximately 10 minutes to obtain their intended purpose of the meeting.
- Stated concerns of guests:
 - The North American approach to osteopathy is out of step/behind the rest of the world.
 - Non-MD osteopathic practitioners who meet the UK standard for osteopathic practice should have equal standing or status to Osteopathic Physicians governed by the CPSBC.
 - Non-MD osteopathic practitioners who do not meet this standard should be prohibited from practicing based on public safety concerns.
 - CPSBC has no capacity to regulate the osteopathy component of their registrants' practice.
- Guests' suggested remedies:
 - Eventually a college, although they acknowledge that it is not currently feasible with their level of membership.
 - In the interim:
 - Revise legislation to allow non-MD osteopathic practitioners who meet the UK standard to use the title "Osteopath"; and
 - Establish some form of "Advisory Committee" that could advise on osteopathy and develop dependable standards on entry/practice standards, and have "teeth" to enforce them.
- Ministry Messages:
 - Unclear how what they have proposed is different than a college.
 - Something like the UK Health Professions Council is a much bigger conversation – not an interim solution.

- Approaches in other jurisdictions like the UK and Australia are informative, but only one factor to be considered.
- The current approach in BC is to consider a new college only if there is a significant gap identified – otherwise, government is not looking to increase the number of colleges.
- They raised interesting points in respect of the overall approach to professional regulation and oversight that we intend to give some thought to over the coming year:
 - The notion of an over-arching body/council to oversee all colleges; and
 - How to address public safety most effectively in relation to health occupations which are not subject to college oversight, and which do not warrant self-regulation.
- Observations:
 - Guests were unable to provide a concrete example of how this interim example might work.
 - Guests did not state (and were not asked) whether they represent any organization, or were there as interested individuals.
 - At the conclusion of the meeting, Tony asked staff – as a “personal favour” – to look into why government has not responded to a letter from a UK Member of Parliament. Staff encouraged Tony to make his request in writing so that he could include/specifically reference the correspondence that he is interested in. Tony stated that, although the letter was neither from or to Tony, that he was particularly interested, as he actually wrote the letter.
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MacDonald, Aaron HLTH:EX

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Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 4:46 PM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Cc: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: NARROWED: HTH-2015-00014
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Thanks,

Bethany Haak

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GENERAL REQUEST ☒
PERSONAL REQUEST ☐

Personal Request authorization received date:

APPLICANT TYPE	DATE RECEIVED	FOI ANALYST	FEE ESTIMATE DUE	RECORDS DUE
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Interest Group	January 15, 2015	Bethany Haak	January 27, 2015	February 3, 2015
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REQUEST DETAILS:

Any and all records relating to meetings held with Ministry of Health representatives regarding Osteopathy, Osteopathic Practitioners, or the use of osteopathic titles, and the regulation of osteopathy. Specifically, but not limited to, the meetings held with Daryl Beckett and/or Mark MacKinnon on February 14, July (?), and October 15, 2014. The date range is January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014.

Section 1: Initial Records Assessment

Do you hold any responsive records?	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
Are you aware of other records that may be responsive to this request within your Ministry?	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
Are you aware of other records that may be responsive to this request held by another public body?	YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
If yes, specify:	

NO RECORDS RESPONSE APPROVAL:

Please forward to Ministry FOI Contact (if applicable) for Delegated Head's final public body approval if no records have been located.

Final Public Body Approval (Full name, Title)	Signature:	Date:

Section 2: Fee Estimate — General Request only (if this is a Personal Request skip to Section 3)

Please ensure that all reasonable efforts are made to generate as accurate an estimate as possible

Search
Locating/Retrieving

Tasks may include:

- Searching for hard & electronic files
- Reviewing box content lists
- Retrieving records from off site
- Retrieving email records (Outlook)

Estimated Hours

Actual Hours

Producing records

Tasks may include:

- Identifying relevant sources of data/information
- Manual time spent creating and producing records

Estimated Hours

Actual Hours

Volume

Electronic files (in pages):

*Other refers to PDF, Word, Excel, photos and any other electronic file responsive to the request

Email without attachments:

Estimated Pages

Actual Pages

Email with attachments:

Estimated Pages

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*Other documents

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Hardcopy files (in pages):

- Average file folder = 1" and holds approximately 200 pages (single sided)
- 1 Standard Records Centre Services Box:
 - If in legal sized folders - 1,800 pages
 - If in letter sized folders - 2,200 pages

Estimated Pages

Actual Pages

Preparation

Tasks may include:

- Photocopying/scanning records into electronic format (PDF)
- Ensuring completeness of responsive records
- Copying other types of media; if so please specify:

Estimated Hours

Actual Hours

Suggestions for possible narrowing:

Section 3: Search Summary and Program Area Recommendations

Please describe the search for records including what records were searched, (eg. files, email, databases, TRIM files, off site records, etc.), duration of search time, and who concluded the search for records.

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Could release of any/all of the responsive records potentially cause harm?

YES ☐

NO ☐

***Harm** – Disclosure of the records would significantly harm the ministry's position, or a third party's interests on a given topic. The harm assessment allows FOI staff to better understand the context of the records and make informed severing recommendations based on potential harms. (Issues associated with possible disclosure through the FOI process that are unrelated to the harm assessment should be communicated to your ministry executive and/or Government Communications and Public Engagement office.)

If yes which information, if released, may cause harm?

- Please reference the applicable records and information of concern, the harms, and associated page numbers below.
- If any of these records have been prepared for, or used to inform, a decision of Cabinet or any of its committees, section 12 (Cabinet confidences) may apply. Please identify the applicable records and advise: (1) what is the status of the issue? and (2) has the decision been made public or implemented?

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(GENERAL REQUEST ONLY)

Unless specific exemption criteria apply, records provided to the applicant in response to this request will be published on the Government's Open Information Website. If you have any concerns about the publication of the responsive records please indicate here or discuss with your FOI Analyst.

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Section 4: Contact Information

Who completed this form? (Full Name, Title):

Phone Number:

Date:

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Harms assessment completed by (Full Name, Title)

Program Area:

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Harms assessment approved by (Full Name, Title)

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OK – we can work with this. We should check in Daryl's files for the period up until his departure, and Laurianne and mine for the period from May until now.

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Sent: February 17, 2015 8:28 AM
To: 'James Church'
Subject: RE: Osteopathic Regulation

Hi Jim - thanks very much for the advance material. And, just to nip any misunderstanding in the bud, I'm not a Dr. of any stripe.

We're looking forward to meeting with you tomorrow.

Regards,

Mark

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Sent: February-16-15 8:57 PM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Cc: Heidi Oetter; Joel Pash; Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Osteopathic Regulation
Importance: High

Dear Mr. MacKinnon,

Thank you for making arrangements to meet with me this coming Wednesday February 18th at 11:00am. For your review, and in preparation for our meeting, I have attached a summary of the information that I would like to discuss on Wednesday. I look forward to meeting you then.

Kindest regards,

Jim

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From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX [mailto:Mark.MacKinnon@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: December 15, 2014 8:07 AM

To: 'James Church'

Cc: Heidi Oetter; Joel Pash; Nojszewski, Aleksandra HLTH:EX; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX

Subject: RE: Osteopathic Regulation

Good morning, James,

I would be pleased to have the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your concerns. By copy, I am asking Aleksandra to connect with your office to schedule some time in February, as you suggest.

Regards,

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Sent: December-14-14 7:05 PM

To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX

Cc: Heidi Oetter; Joel Pash

Subject: Osteopathic Regulation

TO: MR MARK MACKINNON - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PROFESSIONAL REGULATION (MOH)

Dear Mr. MacKinnon,

By way of introduction, I am an osteopathic physician registered for practice in BC by the College of Physicians and Surgeons and have been representing the osteopathic medical profession in this province for 25 years now.

As you know, osteopathic graduates must be registered by the CPSBC for regulated practice. Legislation providing title protection has always prohibited those without College registration from using osteopathic designations. Unfortunately, there are now a number of unregulated practitioners in BC who are in apparent violation of provincial regulations and who have, over past few years, been advised by the College to cease using osteopathic titles, but continue to do so because of questionable correspondence from the Ministry of Health to these practitioners. Dr.

Oetter at the College of Physicians and Surgeons feels that her hands are currently tied from taking further action regarding this issue until there is clarification from your office regarding this matter.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this issue in detail as it is a growing concern for the legitimate osteopathic medical profession. We have significant concerns regarding public safety and the confusion that is being generated by these unregulated practitioners who use our professional designations.

I am wondering if I might have an hour of your time, perhaps mid February, to discuss this matter with you in person.

Sincerely,

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Thanks,

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Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 7:30 AM
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Thanks for your time yesterday.

Mark

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MEETING SUMMARY – CANADIAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

February 18, 2015

ATTENDEES

- Dr. James Church
- Laurianne Jodouin
- Melissa Murdock
- Brian Westgate
- Mark MacKinnon

TIME

- 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

DISCUSSION SUMMARY

- Dr. Church provided a 52 page document containing background materials, and walked attendees through the key points, in his view.
- Dr. Church expressed significant concern respecting the use of titles including the root word "osteopath" by practitioners not registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC.
- Dr. Church asserted that the language of BC legislation and regulation prohibits this, but that some confusion was introduced by statements made in February 18, 2008 correspondence from Craig Knight to Gail Abernathy.
- Dr. Church expressed patient safety concerns, patient/consumer confusion concerns, professional reputation concerns, and market share concerns.
- Dr. Church's suggested remedies:
 - Clarify the Ministry's position respecting statements made in February 18, 2008 correspondence from Craig Knight to Gail Abernathy. Dr. Church wishes the Ministry to state that the use of any title including the root word "osteopath" by practitioners not registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC is not permitted.
 - If the Ministry of Health determines that these other practitioners should be permitted to carry out their current activities, they should be properly regulated under an appropriate college, such as Chiropractic, Physiotherapy or Massage.
 - These other practitioners should use other titles, perhaps even including "osteotherapist".
- Ministry Messages:
 - The Ministry of Health will be undertaking a full policy review of its approach to professional regulation and oversight.
 - Dr. Church's expressed concerns and suggestions will be considered in the context of this review.
 - The Ministry does not intend to make any changes – as suggested by Dr. Church – before (if at all) the review is completed.
 - The Ministry would welcome the contributions of the COA to the policy review.

- The Ministry will not take a position respecting the legal interpretation of the current legislative and regulatory provisions respecting title protection, and will not confirm or retract the statements made in the February 18, 2008 correspondence from Craig Knight to Gail Abernathy.

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Subject: regulation of osteopathy in Quebec

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Gail Abernethy

President

Canadian Federation of Osteopaths

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From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 11:40 AM
To: 'GAIL ABERNETHY'
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Hi Gail,

Thanks very much for the update.

Mark

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From: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2015 4:22 PM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Cc: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX; Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
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Hi Mark,

I've produced the records – 51 pages total, per the revised criteria. I thought you might like to give it a skim (in all your spare time) for any sensitivities? It's mostly back and forth between the Ministry, Dr. Church, the Manual Osteopathy folks, Nick Grant, some complaints about DB, etc etc. The timeline regarding interactions with the Ministry (all levels) is also included, as it was an attachment in preparation for one of the meetings within the FOI-scope.

Happy to chat, or package up for transfer to IAO... thanks, Mark.

Melissa.

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To: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX; Howard, Leah K HLTH:EX

Cc: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: NARROWED: HTH-2015-00014

That should be fine. I was able to take an extension on this file. Thanks Heather.

Bethany

From: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 1:41 PM
To: Haak, Bethany MTIC:EX; Howard, Leah K HLTH:EX
Cc: Pedro, Jodi HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: NARROWED: HTH-2015-00014
Importance: High

Hi Bethany/Leah,

Melissa advised that this should be able to complete by the end of this week. Will this work ok? Thanks so much, Heather.

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Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 12:31 PM
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Quick check in. I just spoke with Bethany and she is hoping to receive records in soon for this. Are you able to advise re: volume? We may be able to receive an extension on this if needed.

Also good to know if consultation for these records will be required as we can also receive an extension. Thanks for your help! Heather.

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Cc: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; Jodouin, Laurianne HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Follow-up to Feb 28th COA Meeting

I thought so. Thanks for confirming.

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Interesting. I received the same note separately.

M

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Cc: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; Jodouin, Laurianne HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Follow-up to Feb 28th COA Meeting

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Thanks Brian

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I have brought up the packages and put them on Aleksandra's desk for you.

Brian Westgate

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Osteopathic Medicine (Osteopathy) in Canada and British Columbia

Dear Mr. Westgate,

I greatly appreciated you and your colleagues taking time to meet with me on February 18, 2015 to discuss COA concerns regarding the proliferation of unregulated practitioners in BC using our professional designations. I hope that I was able to adequately convey our position regarding this matter and the importance of selection of non-osteopathic titles for practitioners represented by the SPMPO.

The Canadian Osteopathic profession has a long history in Canada, and with hundreds of properly trained and qualified osteopathic physicians returning to Canada over the next few years, it will be imperative that measures are taken to protect their professional identity, as well as public safety.

As Melissa Murdock pointed out during our meeting, COA executive have agreed that the term "Manual Osteotherapist" would be a reasonable compromise for this currently unregulated group. Please understand that these foreign "osteopaths" are the equivalent to "chiropractors" in North America.

As mentioned at our meeting, the solution to this problem is a very simple one. Whatever form of regulation the MOH should decide is appropriate for this group, the selection of a title that does not include a derivation of the term 'osteopath' will settle this matter from our perspective.

In the attached binder and copied in the accompanying flash drive are federal and provincial documents we feel will be a helpful resource for you. Also included (on the flash drive only) is a copy of the '2015 Osteopathic Medical College Information Book' published by the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. We hope you will find this publication of particular interest regarding the legitimate osteopathic profession.

It was a pleasure to meet you and on behalf of the COA, I want to thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



James Church, DO CCFP FCFP

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COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

November 6, 2008

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Dear Mr. Beckett:

RE: OSTEOPATHY

The College of Physicians & Surgeons of BC ("the College") writes in follow up to the recent posting of the Medical Practitioners Regulation ("the Regulation") on the government's website. As you are aware, the College is responsible for the registration and licensure of Osteopathic Physicians and concerns have previously been expressed to the Ministry regarding the need, in the public interest, to set out reserved titles for this branch of allopathic medicine.

The College has been contacted by one of its members, Dr. J. Church, an osteopathic physician, who is concerned that the Regulation, as currently written, is inadequate with respect to reserved titles for the practice of Osteopathy (osteopathic medicine). In addition to protecting the titles "osteopath" and "osteopathic physician", the College supports the protection of the term used to describe the practice of "osteopathic medicine" (i.e., osteopathy) so that the public can be assured that a practitioner of osteopathy is an individual who is a graduate of an accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine. The current situation in Canada is that a number of educational institutions are trademarking themselves as "Colleges of Osteopathy". These institutions are not accredited and graduates do not receive instruction in the broad disciplines that define osteopathic medicine. To avoid confusion regarding the credentials, knowledge and skills of an osteopathic physician, protection of the terms "osteopathic" and "osteopathy" would be preferable.

On behalf of the College we thank you for your attention to this important matter, and trust that you will look upon our request favourably. If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H.M. Oetter", is written over a horizontal line.

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Anniversary Date (MM-DD) 11-09	Date of Last Annual Meeting 2014-10-16
Annual Filing Period (MM-DD) 11-09 to 01-08	Type of Corporation Non-Soliciting

Status of Annual Filings

1. 2015 - Not due
2. 2014 - Filed
3. 2013 - Filed

Corporate History

Corporate Name History

1926-01-21 to Present	CANADIAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION
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SUMMARY OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DEVELOPMENT IN CANADA- (NOV 2013)

With the arrival of the first American trained osteopathic medical graduate to Canada in 1898, Osteopathy was introduced into Canada at St. Johns, New Brunswick by Dr. H. L. Spangler. Osteopathic medicine has been present in Canada for 115 years. Most of these American trained graduates moved into Ontario who established the Ontario Osteopathic Association in 1901. The Western Canadian Osteopathic Association was founded in 1923, and the Canadian Osteopathic Association was chartered in 1926. By 1925, there were an estimated 200 American trained osteopathic physicians in Canada.

Eventually, osteopathic physicians in Ontario were regulated under the Drugless Practitioners Act until the arrival of brothers Doug and Dave Fiddler who had completed their Internal Medicine Residency training at the Cleveland Clinic and additional training in Alberta. They were subsequently registered for full medical practice in Ontario in 1990 and 1991. Following this in approximately 2002, and by invitation of the AOA, representatives from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and College of Family Physicians of Canada visited the AOA headquarters in Chicago which resulted in general approval of American accredited osteopathic medical training by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and the College of Family Physicians of Canada for full medical licensure in Ontario and Canadian family medicine residency training.

In Alberta, there were osteopathic physicians as early as 1912, with Dr. Marshall Church registering with the College of Physicians on September 12, 1912. He graduated from the Still College of Osteopathy in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1906 and subsequently established practice in Calgary. He established the first Canadian Osteopathic Hospital in Calgary and enjoyed full practice rights. The University Coordinating Council examinations were required of any foreign medical graduates in Alberta, but this requirement was eventually waived once the Medical Council of Canada accepted the US osteopathic medical degree as a qualification to sit the Medical Council examinations.

Quebec has acknowledged the American osteopathic medical degree for full registration to practice medicine since Dr. David Patriquin's efforts in that province in 1969. Prior to this, Dr. Allan Eggleston, 1953 AOA President, practiced in Montreal at the Zeller Osteopathic Centre, and with the assistance of secretary Joyce Currie, they assisted considerably in the development of the Canadian profession during the mid-century.

Beginning as early as the 1920s, over the past 80+ years in British Columbia, with the efforts of individuals like Dr. J.T. Atkinson, Dr. G.B. Atkinson, Dr. Vernon Taylor, Dr. Robert Stark, and Dr. James Church, much headway was made with the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ministry of Health, and the BC Medical Association. The BC Basic Science examination for osteopathic applicants had remained an unreasonable hurdle to osteopathic registration for 30 years. With removal of this barrier in 1990 and acceptance of US graduates with COMLEX, USMLE, or MCC examinations, and in 1996 with the introduction of the new Health Professions Act, US osteopathic graduates with ACGME post-graduate training now enjoy full practice rights in BC, and the number of osteopathic physicians registering in BC is rapidly increasing.

Nationally, osteopathic physicians were eventually able to access the Medical Council of Canada licensure examinations as of 1980. The Canadian Residency Matching Service accepted its first US osteopathic physician, Dr. Ted Findlay, into residency training in 1986.

In 2011, the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada, which incorporates the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of each province and territory, recognized the Canadian MD, American MD and American DO degrees as equivalent for the purposes of meeting the "National Standard" for physician registration across Canada. (The provinces of Saskatchewan and PEI will require legislative changes to accommodate this FMRAC agreement)

Of particular note are the following Canadian Osteopathic Physicians who served as AOA/AAO executive:

Dr. Allan Eggleston (AOA President – 1953 and AAO President – 1958)

Dr. David Patriquin (AAO President – 1967)

Dr. Arden Findlay (AAO President – 1970)

Over the most recent 25+ years, with the assistance of the AOA and COA, Dr. Doug Lauder, Dr. David Fiddler and Dr. Ted Findlay (16 years as COA President) have spent their entire careers committing to the furthering of osteopathic medicine in Canada through countless correspondence and meetings.

As a result of the efforts of these individuals and many others over the past 114 years, US osteopathic graduates now enjoy full medical practice in Canada with the ability to achieve certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada for Specialists, and the College of Family Physicians of Canada.

Currently, 14 of 17 post-graduate training programs in Canada accept US osteopathic medical graduates to their residency programs.

As mentioned previously, the Medical Council of Canada accepts American osteopathic medical graduates to sit their examinations. After completing the Evaluating Examination, osteopathic physicians may sit Parts I and II of the Qualifying Examinations. These examinations are also among the required elements of the National Standard for physician registration across Canada.

Of worthy mention, most recently, the Canadian Osteopathic Medical Student Association (COMSA) has been created by Canadian students for dissemination of the most up to date information to assist osteopathic medical school applicants and students navigate the US osteopathic medical system. The COA has been most impressed by the work these young Canadian students have accomplished. COMSA is developing the leaders of the future Canadian Osteopathic Medical profession.

<http://www.studentdo.ca> It is estimated that by 2014, there will be approximately 200 Canadians in US osteopathic medical schools, and US post-graduate training programs.

At present, the COA is aware of 20+ osteopathic physicians registered across Canada, including physicians certified in the specialties of family medicine, anesthesiology, psychiatry, pediatrics, physical medicine, and those engaged in sport and osteopathic musculoskeletal medicine.

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January 9, 2004

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Dear Dr. Church:

Dr. Cal Gutkin has asked me to respond to your recent letter concerning the eligibility of osteopathic physicians to sit the Certification Examination in Family Medicine. The College's Board of Directors has recently passed an amendment to our eligibility requirements that will permit graduates of schools of osteopathic medicine in the United States accredited by the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association to qualify for our examination. Previously this was restricted to medical schools accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education or the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools.

With this amendment osteopathic physicians will now be considered under either our residency or practice eligible routes as would any other physician working in Canada. The eligibility regulations can be found on our web page at www.cfpc.ca. In answer to your specific question about residency training, only those osteopathic physicians who have completed training in residency programs accredited by the College of Family Physicians of Canada or the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education will be considered for residency eligibility for our examination.

I trust this clarifies our new guidelines but if I can be of further service in this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Rainsberry, Ph.D.
Director of Education

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cc: Dr. Cal Gutkin
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Dean's Office, Postgraduate Education

January 12, 2007

Dear Dr. Church,

Re: Internship and Residency Eligibility of American Osteopathic Medical Graduates

Please accept our apologies for not responding to your letters earlier. We have had an opportunity to discuss your request at the Faculty Residency Executive Committee. We have also discussed the matter with Dr. Elliot Phillips with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, and tried to get an understanding of the national picture with respect to the eligibility and acceptability of Doctors of Osteopathy for Postgraduate Medical Education in Canada.

It should be noted that there is variability across the country, for example in Ontario DOs accredited by the American Osteopathic Association are only eligible for Family Medicine residency training. In British Columbia, we have made a decision to accept Canadian students who obtain a Doctor of Osteopathy from a LCME approved and American Osteopathic Association accredited school. They will be eligible to apply for residency training at UBC through CaRMS. This is with the additional condition that they must be eligible to receive an educational license from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia.

I hope you will be pleased with this decision.

Respectfully,

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cc: Dr. Ted Findlay, President, Canadian Osteopathic Association

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Dear Dr. Burack,

Re: US Based Osteopathic Medical Students and Visiting Electives at the University of British Columbia

Thank you for your letter of April 5, 2012. The UBC Faculty of Medicine Council of Undergraduate Associate Deans discussed your request at their April 24, 2012 meeting.

Members of the council are in agreement that osteopathic students studying at institutions accredited by the American Osteopathic Association should be eligible to complete electives at the University of British Columbia, space permitting.

Priority for access to electives by medical students from outside UBC is currently under review by the undergraduate program. Going forward our approach will be to give access to osteopathic medical school students. Medical Students studying at Canadian institutions have top priority followed by medical students studying at international schools and students from US accredited osteopathic medical schools.

I hope this answers your questions and meets the expectations of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC.

Sincerely,

Bruce Fleming, MD, FRCPC
Chair, Council of Undergraduate Associate Deans

cc: Kelly Jacobs, Visiting Student Electives Program Manager

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BRITISH COLUMBIA – Osteopathic Title Protection

Health Professions Act

2008

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.

(2) The titles "osteopath" and "osteopathic physician" are reserved for exclusive use by osteopathic physicians.

(3) This section does not prevent a person from using

- (a) the title "physician", "surgeon" or "doctor" in a manner authorized by another enactment that regulates a health profession, or
- (b) an academic or educational designation that the person is entitled to use.

Bylaws under the BC Health Professions Act - Osteopathic Registration

Osteopathic 2-13

- 1) Osteopathic practice registration may be granted to a registrant who practises in the field of musculoskeletal medicine, dealing primarily in the musculoskeletal system and associated conditions inclusive of the use of manual therapy, but who must not practise obstetrics or surgery.
- 2) A registrant whose name was entered on the medical register for the practice of osteopathic medicine immediately before June 1, 2009 will be registered in the osteopathic class, subject to the specific limits and conditions that applied to his or her registration under the former enactment.
- 3) For the purposes of section 20(2) of the Act, to be granted osteopathic registration, an applicant must
 - (a) be a graduate of a school or college of osteopathic medicine accredited by the American Osteopathic Association, acceptable to the registration committee,
 - (b) have successfully completed
 - (i) postgraduate training and certification in a program accredited by the American Osteopathic Association, acceptable to the registration committee, and
 - (ii) the three-part Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examinations administered by the United States National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, and
 - (c) be legally entitled to live and work in Canada.
- 4) An affected applicant may be granted osteopathic registration if, in addition to the requirements in section 2-13(3), the affected applicant
 - (a) has successfully completed a modified postgraduate training program as set out in section 2-13(3)(b)(i) recognized by the registration committee where the educational objectives of the program have been met, as determined and confirmed by Program Director, and
 - (b) has provided an undertaking to comply with the guidelines and recommendations of the blood borne communicable diseases committee, and agreed to comply with any restrictions on his or her practice as required by that committee.

BC Interpretation Act

Use of forms and words

28 (1) If a form is prescribed under an enactment, deviations from it not affecting the substance or calculated to mislead, do not invalidate the form used.

(2) Gender specific terms include both genders and include corporations.

(3) In an enactment words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular.

(4) If a word or expression is defined in an enactment, other parts of speech and grammatical forms of the same word or expression have corresponding meanings.

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.

BC Health Professions Act

Prohibition and limitation — use of reserved titles

12.1 (1) If a regulation under section 12 (2) (b) prescribes a title to be used exclusively by registrants of a college, a person other than a registrant of the college must not use the title, an abbreviation of the title or an equivalent of the title or abbreviation in another language

(a) to describe the person's work,

(b) in association with or as part of another title describing the person's work, or

(c) in association with a description of the person's work.

(2) If a regulation under section 12 (2) (b.1) prescribes a limit or condition respecting the use of a title, the title must not be used except in accordance with the regulation.

(3) A person other than a registrant of a college must not use a name, title, description or abbreviation of a name or title, or an equivalent of a name or title in another language, in any manner that expresses or implies that he or she is a registrant or associated with the college.

Exceptions

12.2 (1) Despite section 12.1 (1) and (2), but subject to section 12.1 (3), a person's use of a title prescribed under section 12 (2) (b), an abbreviation of the title or an equivalent of the title or abbreviation in another language is not a contravention of section 12.1 (1) if the person

(a) is authorized by a body in another province or a foreign jurisdiction that regulates a health profession in that other province or foreign jurisdiction to use the title, the abbreviation of the title or the equivalent of the title or abbreviation in another language to indicate membership in that body,

(b) indicates, in using the title, the abbreviation of the title or the equivalent of the title or abbreviation in another language

(i) whether the person is authorized to practise the health profession in the other province or foreign jurisdiction, and

(ii) the name of the other province or foreign jurisdiction, and

(c) uses the title only for the purpose of indicating whether the person is authorized to practise the health profession in the other province or foreign jurisdiction.

(2) Despite section 12.1 (1) and (2), but subject to section 12.1 (3), a person's use of a title prescribed under section 12 (2) (b), an abbreviation of the title or an equivalent of the title or abbreviation in another language is not a contravention of section 12.1 (1) if the person uses the title, the abbreviation of the title or the equivalent of the title or abbreviation in another language while

(a) fulfilling the conditions or requirements for registration as a member of the college whose registrants are granted exclusive use of the title by a regulation under section 12 (2) (b), and

(b) under the supervision of a registrant of a college specified for the purposes of this subsection by the board for the college referred to in paragraph (a).

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**

Practice

3(1) In their practice of medicine, physicians, surgeons and **osteopaths** do one or more of the following:

- (a) assess the physical, mental and psychosocial condition of individuals to establish a diagnosis,
- (b) assist individuals to make informed choices about medical and surgical treatments,
- (c) treat physical, mental and psychosocial conditions,
- (d) promote wellness, injury avoidance, disease prevention and cure through research and education,
- (e) engage in research, education and administration with respect to health, and
- (f) provide restricted activities authorized by the regulations.



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March 2, 2012

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Dear Dr. Church:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 16, 2012 with respect to the use of osteopathic titles by unlicensed manual practitioners.

You correctly point out titles that are protected under the *Health Professions Act* and specifically within the schedule for the medical profession in Alberta.

Titles are protected for a reason and, as the profession that regulates osteopathic medical practitioners in Alberta, we are willing to work with you to ensure those titles are used properly.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Doctors Church and Findlay:

Osteopathic Title Protection

I am replying to your letter of March 17, 2012.

I will write the individuals whose names and addresses you have provided to alert them of the requirements of the *Health Professions Act* with respect to protection of title.

With respect to osteopathy, the titles protected by the College of Physicians & Surgeons include osteopath, osteopathic practitioner, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, DO, Doctor of Osteopathy, and osteopathic medical practitioner.

Yours sincerely,

Trevor W. Theman, MD, FRCSC
Registrar

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Dear Dr. Church and Dr. Findlay:

Thank you for your letter of June 18, 2012, regarding osteopathic practice in Alberta.
I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

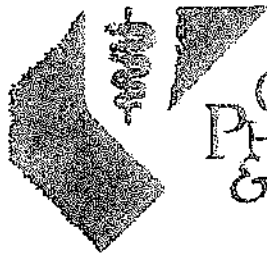
I agree that it is important that members of the public know whether a health practitioner is regulated; this is why titles such as "Doctor of Osteopathy," "osteopath" and "osteopathic practitioner" are protected under the *Health Professions Act* (HPA). It is also an offence under the HPA to hold oneself out to be member of a regulated profession. The HPA is not intended to prevent the practice of other non-regulated health professions or the provision of alternative therapies, provided these do not involve the performance of unauthorized restricted activities.

In Alberta, restricted activities may only be performed by practitioners authorized to do so in regulation. The full list of restricted activities is set out in Schedule 7.1 of Alberta's *Government Organization Act*, available at www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/g10.pdf. Practitioners of osteopathic manual therapy are not regulated in Alberta and are not authorized to perform any restricted activities. While we would be concerned if these practitioners were performing activities such as spinal manipulation, we have had no reports to this effect. I have, however, asked Ministry staff to contact the Alberta Association of Osteopathic Manual Therapists to discuss this issue. We will also monitor the situation with these practitioners.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Fred Horne
Minister of Health



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March 1, 2012

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Dear Minister Oswald,

RE: Osteopathic Practice in Manitoba

Dr. Church has forwarded to this College his correspondence to you dated January 30th, 2012. In a recent collaborative meeting with the Manitoba Chiropractic Association, the issue of these individuals who are unlicensed manual practitioners in Manitoba was identified by their Registrar. I have also reviewed the situation with the President and President-Elect of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Manitoba. They are equally concerned.

This letter will support the concerns by Dr. Church and encourage review by your ministry of this situation.

Yours sincerely,

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS &
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Per:

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cc: Deputy Minister, Mr. Milton Sussman
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ONTARIO – Osteopathic Title Protection

MEDICINE ACT, 1991

CHAPTER 30

Restricted titles

9. (1) No person other than a member shall use the titles “osteopath”, “physician” or “surgeon”, a variation or abbreviation or an equivalent in another language. 1991, c. 30, s. 9 (1).

Representations of qualification, etc.

(3) No person other than a member shall hold himself or herself out as a person who is qualified to practise in Ontario as an **osteopath**, physician or surgeon or in a specialty of medicine. 1991, c. 30, s. 9 (3).

Definition

(4) In this section,
“abbreviation” includes an abbreviation of a variation. 1991, c. 30, s. 9 (4).

Offence

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).

NOVA SCOTIA – Osteopathic Title Protection

Medical Act - 2011

Section 22

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), no person shall use the title "Doctor of Osteopathy" or abbreviations or derivations thereof or the title "Osteopathic Physician" unless that person

(a) is a medical practitioner; and

(b) holds an osteopathic medical degree from a school approved by the Council for this purpose.



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Dear Drs. Church and Findlay:

Thank you for your letter dated January 30, 2012, regarding title protection for osteopathic physicians.

The new Medical Act in our Province has not been proclaimed to take effect. Regulations are being developed by the College and will proceed along with proclamation of the Act in due course.

Department of Health and Wellness staff will review any implementation issues surrounding Section 22(3) in the new Act with the College of Physicians and Surgeons as part of the planning process for implementation of the new Act.

Also, I can assure you that any health profession seeking self-regulating legislation in Nova Scotia would need to use titles, which could be differentiated from titles used by other regulated health professions in our Province.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Maureen MacDonald".

Maureen MacDonald
Minister

c. Dr. Gus Grant, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia

NEW BRUNSWICK

Medical Act

PART II

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF NEW BRUNSWICK INTERPRETATION

3 In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires,

“practice of medicine” includes the practice of medicine, surgery, and osteopathic medicine and the specialties and subspecialties thereof;

25(1) The Council may direct the Registrar to enter in the Medical Register the name, address and qualifications of any person who

(a) is a graduate of a medical, or osteopathic medical, school approved by Council;

31(3) The Council may direct the Registrar to enter in the Corporations Register the name and address of any corporation which

(g) satisfies the Registrar that the persons who will carry on the practice of medicine or osteopathy on behalf of the corporation are members of the College.

36(2) Where a person referred to in subsection (1) satisfies the Registrar

(d) as to his good standing in all jurisdictions in which he has practised medicine or osteopathy since the date of the suspension or expiry or lapsing of his licence,

the Registrar may issue a licence to such person, and issue a specialist's licence to such person in the specialties in which he formerly held a specialist's licence.

45(3) No person is entitled to receive a fee, reward or remuneration for

(a) professional services rendered to any person in the practise of medicine or

(b) any medicine or medical appliances supplied to any person in the practise of medicine or osteopathy, unless licensed under this Act at the time the services were provided, or medicine or appliances were rendered.

Medical Practitioners Regulation

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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) No person other than a registrant may use the title “doctor”, “physician”, “surgeon” or “medical practitioner”.
- (2) No person other than an osteopathic physician may use
- (a) the title “osteopath”, or
 - (b) a title set out in subsection (1) in conjunction with “osteopath”, “osteopathic” or “osteopathy”.
- (3) This section does not prohibit a person from using

- (a) the title “doctor”, “physician” or “surgeon” in a manner authorized by another regulation under section 12 of the Act, or
- (b) an academic or educational designation that the person is entitled to use.

Scope of practice

- 4 A registrant may practice medicine.

Limits or conditions on services

- 5 It is a limit or condition on the provision or performance of a service by a registrant that the registrant provide or perform the service in accordance with
 - (a) all standards, limits and conditions for the practice of medicine in relation to that service, and
 - (b) all standards of professional ethics for registrants, including standards for the avoidance of conflicts of interest,
 established by the board of the college.

Services that may be performed only by registrants

- 6 Only a registrant may perform or provide a service of medicine as set out in this regulation if, on the day before the date this section comes into force, the performance or provision of the same service under the *Medical Practitioners Act* was prohibited by anyone other than a person authorized under that Act.

Patient relations program

- 7 The college is designated for the purposes of section 16 (2) (f) of the Act.

Health profession corporations

- 8 Part 4 of the Act applies to medicine.

Reserved actions

- 9 (1) Subject to subsection (2), a registrant practising medicine is exempted from the prohibition against performing the reserved actions set out in the Reserved Actions Regulation.
- (2) A registrant practicing medicine is exempted from the prohibition against performing the reserved action in the section of the Reserved Actions Regulation listed in Column 1 if performing the exempted activity shown opposite in Column 2 but only to the extent set out in Column 2;

Item	Column 1	Column 2
	Reserved action	Exempted activity
	(section refers to the Reserved Actions Regulation)	
1	section 2 (n)	To dispense a drug specified in Schedule I, IA, II or IV of the Drug Schedules Regulation, B.C. Reg. 9/98.

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January 16, 2007

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Dear Mr. Beckett,

Re: Medical Practitioners Regulation – Draft for Discussion - November 21, 2006

I want to thank you for your expertise and careful wording of the draft Medical Practitioners Regulation, November 21, 2006.

This document has full approval of the British Columbia and Canadian Osteopathic Associations and will be essential for the protection of the public as well as maintenance of the integrity of the osteopathic profession in BC and Canada.

It is the hope of the BCOA and COA that the wording in this document as it relates to osteopathic titles protection will pass unaltered from its present form.

Thank you once again for your attentive and skillful wording of this document.

Sincerely,

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June 25, 2007

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Dear Mr. Beckett,

Re: The 'Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy'

It has been brought to my attention that several British 'Osteopaths' currently practicing Osteopathy in BC without registration, have formed a Society called the 'Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy' to lobby the Ministry of Health for recognition of their limited form of 'Osteopathy'. I would like to provide the following information and input with respect to the SPMPO's request for recognition.

Background History in Canada

As the Ministry of Health may or may not be aware, the Canadian Osteopathic Association has been representing the Osteopathic Profession in Canada for over 100 years now. I think it is relevant to mention that with my grandfather's graduation from the Des Moines College of Osteopathy in 1906, and my father's graduation from the Kirksville College of Osteopathy in 1952, my family has been representing the Osteopathic profession in Canada for over 100 years now as well. I therefore hope that as I present the following information, that it will be understood that it comes from a very solid background of knowledge and familiarity with the profession in Canada, which has developed over many years.

The Canadian Osteopathic Association, with the assistance of the American Osteopathic Association, has been very successful after many years of intense efforts to have achieved the following:

- 1) Recognition of the American osteopathic degree towards registration with the various provincial Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons in Canada.
- 2) Recognition by the Medical Council of Canada of the American DO degree as qualification to sit the Medical Council of Canada Examinations.
- 3) Recognition by the College of Family Physicians of Canada for residency training programs in Family medicine and eligibility to sit their certification examinations.
- 4) Recognition by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of the American DO degree as qualification to sit their specialty certification examinations.
- 5) Recognition by the Canadian Resident Matching Service of the American DO degree to participate in application to intern and residency programs.
- 6) Canadian medical school approval of American DO's to engage in their residency programs.

All of these major achievements have been attained due to the excellent reputation of the AOA and COA, and the hard work of their executive and government agencies. I am quite concerned that the SPMPO and their practitioners will be a considerable threat to the Canadian osteopathic profession's reputation and future goals for qualified osteopathic graduates, as well as misleading and confusing the public, and jeopardizing the quality of health care in BC.

Background History in British Columbia

There has been an osteopathic presence in British Columbia for well over 50 years, and the British Columbia Osteopathic Association has been very active over those many years. My predecessor, Dr. Robert Stark, worked tirelessly to achieve many important goals including recognition of the profession with the Medical Services Commission and the establishment of an osteopathic fee schedule under the provincial health care plan, as well as acceptance of American osteopathic graduates into membership of the British Columbia Medical Association.

Since my registration for practice in BC in 1989, I have carried on with Dr. Stark's efforts and have been able to:

- 1) Eliminate the restrictive and redundant BC basic science examinations for osteopathic registrants, which were inhibiting osteopathic applications.
- 2) Work with the College of Physicians and Surgeons to establish new licensure and examination criteria.

- 3) Meet with government and College to discuss the drafting of new legislation regarding licensure and title protection.
- 4) And most importantly, do my utmost to protect the public and the reputation of the osteopathic profession from those that seek to undermine the legitimate Canadian osteopathic profession and place the public at risk by introducing confusion as to what it means to be registered as an "osteopath" in British Columbia.

Legal Status of the Osteopathic Profession in British Columbia

I am aware that the SPMPO will attempt to convince you that there is some difference between an osteopath and osteopathic physician. As you know, Section 40 of the Medical Practitioners Act reads as follows:

Registration of Osteopaths:

- 40 (1) *A person is entitled to be entered in the register on payment of the fees set by the council if the person:*
- (a) is a graduate of a school or college of osteopathy that is approved by the American Osteopathic Association, and*
 - (b) has passed an examination approved by the council in basic sciences, clinical sciences, and principles and practice of osteopathic medicine*
- (2) A person registered only under this section is restricted to practicing osteopathic medicine.*

We know that Section 40 clearly refers to 'Osteopaths' and to colleges of 'Osteopathy'. This has always clearly implied that the title of osteopath refers to those registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons has made it quite clear to several of SPMPO members and predecessors that their practicing as an Osteopath when not licensed to do so is a breach of the MPA. Please see the enclosed correspondence to Mr. Howard Dieno, Ms. Preet Semhi, and Mr. Marc Jones. The College correspondence has always been quite clear. Each of these 'British Osteopaths' has attempted to practice in BC without licensure and each has been investigated and asked to cease their activities due to violation of the MPA. Ms. Semhi now is licensed as a chiropractor and is no longer in violation and no longer uses reference to being an osteopath. Mr. Jones has left the country and is practicing in Britain. Mr. Dieno disappeared for a while, but I see that despite previous warning from authorities, he is now again practicing without registration. He is also a member of this SPMPO. Please note that some of these individuals (including Mr. Jones) were fully aware of the laws in BC prior to arriving, but made the choice to come anyway, knowing full well that they would be in violation of provincial regulations if attempting to practice osteopathy without a license.

When last I met with the Executive Committee of the College of Physicians in 2004 to discuss this matter (see attached correspondence) they concluded the following:

"While acknowledging that the wording of the current legislation is not as clear as we would wish, the Executive Committee nevertheless shared your concerns with respect to the public interest and the potential for misunderstanding...the practice of osteopathy falls within the College's jurisdiction and that the titles 'osteopath' and 'osteopathic physician' connote membership in the College".

This comment is in keeping with the College's position on such matters over the past several decades. Dr. VanAndel was relatively new as Registrar of the College at this time and upon review of the history of such matters, the Executive Committee agreed with my concerns, but has preferred to not take any action in such matters until there is improved wording regarding title protection in the new Health Professions Act. This of course is most unfortunate as we now have this SPMPO group who are taking advantage of this lull in enforcement to get a foothold in BC.

Osteopathy has also been defined through the courts by Judge Verchere. In the court decision 'Stark vs. Attorney General of British Columbia' February 15, 1973, Judge J. Verchere on page 4, paragraph 11, states: "Osteopathy is, by definition, a school of medicine".

Regardless of how the SPMPO may interpret the Medical Practitioners Act, as you pointed out to me during our previous meeting, the SPMPO are in contravention of Section 13 (4) of the new Health Professions Act.

It is also my understanding that the SPMPO's registration is somewhat of an error on the part of Liz Mueller, then deputy registrar of the Corporate Registry. According to her own office staff, Ms. Mueller had consulted with both the Ministry of Health and the College of Physicians and had been advised by both bodies that this group of individuals now known as the SPMPO were not to be allowed any use of the term Osteopathy. Regardless, she was sufficiently pressured by this group to give in. The fact that none of the individuals proclaiming registration in the SPMPO were licensed, didn't seem to be something that she had considered.

Recent Developments

The SPMPO has applied for membership to an affiliate organization of the Canadian and American Osteopathic Association known as the Osteopathic International Alliance which is a fledgling organization that recognizes the disparity in Osteopathic scope of practice and licensure from country to country, and is a forum for discussion of matters of osteopathic concern world wide. It is not the mandate of the OIA however to promote secondary osteopathic practices within a country with an already well established

osteopathic profession. We know that the SPMPO's members currently practice without any license and are in violation of BC regulations. The Osteopathic International Alliance does not condone their activities and has denied the SPMPO membership to the OIA.

Also of recent concern, is the opening of the "British College of Osteopathic Medicine", which does not provide any instruction in medicine. I expect that it won't be long before the non-medical graduates of this school will start referring to themselves as doctors or osteopathic physicians, which will cause even further international confusion.

Summary

- 1) The members of the SPMPO are unregistered practitioners of osteopathy, and are in violation of Sections 92, 94, and 95 of the Medical Practitioners Act of BC as well as Section 13 (4) of the Health Professions Act of BC. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia has made its' stand quite clear to individuals practicing osteopathy when not licensed to do so.
- 2) The SPMPO has made a request to the OIA for membership when the actual members of the SPMPO are not even licensed to practice in Canada, and are in violation of provincial regulations. The OIA has denied SPMPO membership to the OIA.
- 3) Due to the manner in which this matter was handled by the BC Corporate Registry office, the SPMPO's registration as a Society should clearly be in question itself.
- 4) The practice of Osteopathy is already well established in Canada and the United States, with the highest standards of comprehensive osteopathic education anywhere in the world. It makes no sense to allow practitioners of substandard education the right to recognition as an osteopath if they do not meet the criteria required for licensure in North America. Where would education requirements for licensure then stop, 3 years education, 2 years, a few weekends a year? There is a huge variation in the quality and standard of so called 'schools of osteopathy' worldwide, some of these programs being alarmingly dilute.
- 5) If successful, the SPMPO will create a new definition of "osteopathy" in North America that has the potential to create a danger to the public through confusion regarding professional training and standards, and this has the potential for serious ramifications across Canada and the United States. Also, osteopathic practitioners of limited scope and non-standardized training, with subsequent licensure, will do nothing to advance the osteopathic profession or health care in Canada or the United States. I feel that such practitioners will only cause regression of the efforts made by the COA and AOA, and jeopardize public trust and quality of health care.

- 6) I think it is also important to consider that North America already has a profession dedicated solely to the practice of manual therapy. There are already more than enough chiropractors to serve the Canadian public in this regard, and it is my opinion that there is no need for further practitioners with a similar limited scope of training.
- 7) There is certainly no room for 2 similarly named osteopathic professions in Canada and the United States, and the resultant confusion that it will present to the public. If the Ministry should decide that there is a place for these practitioners in BC, I hope that it would insist on the use of a non-Osteopathic term to define these individuals that will not lead to any possible confusion and possible misrepresentation to the public.

Formal Request

I would like to request that the Ministry of Health:

- 1) Recognize that the membership of SPMPO practice illegally and as far as I am aware, none of these practitioners are eligible for licensure to practice as any type of health practitioner in this province or anywhere in North America.
- 2) Recognize that the Canadian Osteopathic Association, American Osteopathic Association, provincial and national regulatory bodies have put in endless hours to advance regulation and recognition of the osteopathic profession in Canada over the past couple of decades. I would ask that the Ministry not jeopardize all of this hard work, but instead encourage the profession to continue to achieve excellence, and this should of course extend internationally. Rather than water down the osteopathic profession in Canada, we should be encouraging Britain and other foreign programs to strive for the same high level of excellence there is in North America.
- 3) Not be misled by ludicrous claims from British and other foreign osteopathic graduates that their programs are somehow superior. American Osteopathic Colleges continue to be world leaders in osteopathic education and practice, including expertise in musculoskeletal medicine and manual therapy, and inclusive of specialty fellowship programs in this area of practice.
- 4) Recognize that only fully trained osteopathic medical practitioners have the knowledge and skill to perform thorough differential diagnosis and treatment. Only AOA trained and licensed osteopaths have the medical knowledge and access to laboratory and imaging facilities to properly diagnose and treat, as well as prescribe drug therapies when indicated. Allowing other non-medical osteopaths access to practice in BC will be very confusing to the public and will place the public at risk due to inability of these practitioners to adequately assess or provide comprehensive management. As already stated, we already have a

chiropractic profession in North America. It's my opinion, that there is no demand for further non-medical manipulative therapists.

- 5) Please maintain Section 3 regarding Reserved Titles for the osteopathic profession as written in Section 3 (2) of the draft Medical Practitioners Regulation under the Health Professions Act.**

Thank you once again for reviewing this matter. Your confirmation of receipt of this document would be most appreciated, and I hope that you won't hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions or comments regarding this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Church:

The Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Health, and Mr. Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister of Health, have asked me to thank you and respond to your letters of July 30, 2007, and July 22, 2007, respectively, regarding the Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy and the protection of osteopathy-related titles under the proposed Medical Practitioners Regulation.

I am also responding to your letter of June 25, 2007, to Mr. Daryl Beckett, Director of Professional Regulation, regarding the same matter.

We are familiar with this organization and its concerns. At this time we are not anticipating there will be any significant changes to section 3 (2) of the proposed Medical Practitioners Regulation prior to it being considered by Cabinet for approval.

Sincerely,


Craig Knight
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Health
Mr. Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister of Health
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Dear Ms. Abernethy:

Thank you for your letter of October 3, 2007, regarding the practice of osteopathy and the use of osteopathy-related titles. I apologize for the delay in responding.

As discussed at the July 20, 2007, meeting between yourself, Mr. Howard Dieno and Mr. Daryl Beckett, Director of Professional Regulation, the Medical Practitioners Regulation would reserve the title "osteopath" for the exclusive use of members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (the College).

There are a number of reasons for this restriction. Our review indicates this title has been expressly and exclusively associated with College membership under British Columbia legislation since 1909. Also, the governments of Alberta and British Columbia have signed a Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement under which they agree to cooperate to minimize differences in regulations adopted to achieve a legitimate objective. Under Alberta health professions legislation, the title "osteopath" is already designated as a protected title for members of Alberta's regulatory body for medical practitioners. Finally, reserving the title "osteopath" for College members will meet the same objective as existing regulations that reserve the title "naturopath" for members of the College of Naturopathic Physicians of British Columbia, i.e., 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.

As Mr. Beckett indicated, we are aware that two different 'streams' of osteopathy practice have developed over time in various parts of the world, and we understand that some British Columbians may wish to have access to the services of practitioners educated in the non-medical stream. Reserving the title "osteopath" for exclusive use of members of the College is not intended to prohibit or restrict public access to osteopathic services provided by non-members of the College after the Medical Practitioners Regulation is enacted, and we do not believe it will have that effect.

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Thank you for the opportunity to clarify our approach to this matter. We appreciate the time you have taken to write to us.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Craig Knight
Assistant Deputy Minister

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Email Response From Craig Knight - Dec 10, 2007

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President
BC Osteopathic Association
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Dear Dr. Church:

I am responding to your email of October 14, 2007, to Mr. Daryl Beckett, Director of Professional Regulation, regarding the status of the proposed Medical Practitioners Regulation. I apologize for the delay in responding.

The government has not yet determined an effective date for this regulation.

With regard to enforcement of the *Medical Practitioners Act*, concerned individuals should bring allegations about the practice of medicine by unregistered persons to the attention of local police. Once a complaint is filed, it is the responsibility of the police to determine whether an investigation is warranted and, if so, to conduct one as they determine is appropriate. After concluding the investigation, the police may recommend to the Criminal Justice Branch of the Ministry of Attorney General that charges be sworn. Crown Counsel then reviews the police report to assess whether charges should be approved, based on Criminal Justice Branch policy which requires that there be a substantial likelihood of conviction based on the available evidence and that a prosecution is required in the public interest.

The same process applies with regard to enforcement of section 13 (4) of the *Health Professions Act*, which prohibits a non-registrant of a college from using a name, title, description or abbreviation that expresses or implies registration or association with the college. In addition, under section 52 of that Act, the board of a college established under that Act or a person may apply to the Supreme Court of British Columbia for an injunction to restrain a person from contravening any provision of that Act or the regulations or bylaws made under it.

Please note the foregoing is provided for general information purposes only and is not to be construed as advice to pursue a particular course of action. The Ministry of Health is unable to provide legal advice to members of the public. If you have not already done so, you might wish to consider seeking independent legal advice with respect to the options available to you regarding enforcement of the statutes discussed above.

Sincerely,

Craig Knight
Assistant Deputy Minister

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Dear Ms. Abernethy:

The Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Health, has asked me to thank you and respond to your letter of January 25, 2008, regarding osteopathy-related titles.

The position of the Ministry of Health in this matter remains as set out in my letter to you of December 6, 2007.

The proposed Medical Practitioners Regulation (the proposed Regulation) under the *Health Professions Act* (the HPA) will not establish the terms "osteopathic" or "osteopathy" as titles reserved for the exclusive use of members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (the College). The proposed Regulation will only prohibit the use of those terms in conjunction with titles that are reserved for College members, such as "doctor" and "physician", by anyone who is not registered with the College as an osteopathic physician. In other words, the proposed Regulation does not purport to restrict the use of the terms "osteopathic" or "osteopathy", other than in conjunction with titles that are reserved for College members.

WAS WAS PROTECTED BY THESE TITLES REMOVED

At this time, the Ministry of Health has not identified any policy objection to non-members of the College the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (the College), using a title such as "Osteopathic Manual Practitioner" once the proposed Regulation has been enacted and the *Medical Practitioners Act* has been repealed. In fact, I understand the possibility of choosing such an alternative form of title has previously been suggested to representatives of the Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy by Mr. Daryl Beckett, Director of Professional Regulation for the Ministry of Health. You may wish to reconsider pursuing this option.

THIS IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH LEGISLATION

You should be aware that section 13 (4) of the HPA prohibits a non-registrant of a college established under the HPA from using a name, title, description or abbreviation that expresses or implies registration or association with the college.

THIS IS CORRECT, SO WHY THE STATEMENT ABOVE!?

You should also be aware that the HPA was amended in 2003 to add a new section 52.1 (not yet in force) that prohibits an individual from using the phrases "registered", "certified" or "licensed" in connection with providing the services of a health profession or describing their work, unless that individual is either a registrant of a college established under the HPA and

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using that term in accordance with the regulations and bylaws, or is a member of an organization exempted by the Minister of Health from this prohibition. While our policy for determining exemptions under section 52.1 has not been completed, it will be based on an assessment of the need to protect the public from significant risk of harm and the need to minimize confusion between regulated professions and unregulated occupations. We currently anticipate that section 52.1 will be brought into force sometime in 2008/09.

Contravention of section 13 (4) is an offence, as will be contraventions of section 52.1 when it is in force, and both may be subject to an injunction under section 52 of the *HPA*.

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Finally, you should be aware that section 81 of the *Medical Practitioners Act* currently prohibits the practice of medicine by persons who are not registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Contravention of that prohibition is also an offence.

Please note the Ministry of Health is unable to provide legal research or legal advice to members of the public. The information in this letter is provided for general information purposes only, and is not to be construed as advice, legal or otherwise, to pursue a particular course of action. If you have not already done so, you may wish to seek independent legal advice from a lawyer in British Columbia about the legislation or previous court decisions that may be applicable to the circumstances of interest to you at this time.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Craig Knight
Assistant Deputy Minister

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Dear Dr. Church:

The Honourable George Abbott, Minister of Health, has asked me to thank you and respond to your letter of February 11, 2008, regarding the Collège d'Études Ostéopathiques and the protection of osteopathy-related titles under the proposed Medical Practitioners Regulation. I apologize for the delay in responding.

We are familiar with the Collège d'Études Ostéopathiques. At this time we are not anticipating that there will be any significant changes to section 3 (2) of the proposed Medical Practitioners Regulation prior to it being enacted.

Sincerely,

Craig Knight
Assistant Deputy Minister

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Mr. Gordon Macatee, Deputy Minister of Health
Dr. Morris VanAndel, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons
Dr. Ted Findlay, President, Canadian Osteopathic Association

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;

“**drug**” means a drug specified in Schedule I, IA, II or IV of the Drug Schedules Regulation, B.C. Reg. 9/98;

“**medicine**” means the health profession in which a person provides 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 to practise medicine as an osteopathic physician;

“**sell**” has the same meaning as in the *Pharmacy Operations and Drug Scheduling Act*.

Reserved titles

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

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

(2) The titles “osteopath” and “osteopathic physician” are reserved for exclusive use by osteopathic physicians.

(3) This section does not prevent a person from using

- (a) the title “physician”, “surgeon” or “doctor” in a manner authorized by another enactment that regulates a health profession, or
- (b) an academic or educational designation that the person is entitled to use.

Scope of practice

3 A registrant may practise medicine.

Restricted activities

- 4 (1) A registrant in the course of practising medicine may perform any restricted activity.
- (2) Only a registrant may provide a service of medicine as set out in this regulation if, on the day before this section comes into force, the provision of the same service under the *Medical Practitioners Act* was prohibited by anyone other than a person authorized under that Act.

Limits or conditions on services and restricted activities

- 5 A registrant may sell a drug only if
- (a) standards, limits or conditions have been established, under section 19 (1) (k) or (l) of the Act, respecting the selling of drugs by registrants, and
 - (b) the registrant has received written permission from the board to sell drugs in accordance with the standards, limits or conditions described in paragraph (a).

Restricted and provisional registrant classes

- 6 The college is authorized to establish, under section 19 (1) (i) of the Act, the following classes of registrants:
- (a) a class of restricted registrants, for the purposes of section 20 (4.2) of the Act;
 - (b) a class of provisional registrants, for the purposes of section 20 (4.3) of the Act.

Patient relations program

- 7 The college is designated for the purposes of section 16 (2) (f) of the Act.

Health profession corporations

- 8 Part 4 of the Act applies to medicine.

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October 28, 2008

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Re: Consultation Draft Oct. 24, 2008, Medical Practitioners Regulation

Dear Mr. Beckett:

I am pleased that title protection for the terms '*osteopath*' and '*osteopathic physician*' have been preserved in the October 24, 2008 draft of the Medical Practitioners Regulation. This is a very important detail of this regulation.

The content of this October 24th consultation draft has been reviewed with the executive of the Canadian Osteopathic Association (COA) and the COA has expressed concern that the terms '*osteopathic medicine*' and '*osteopathy*' have not been included in this document. The concern of course arising because it would appear as though there is now no regulation of the practice of osteopathic medicine (osteopathy) and the subsequent possibility of non-physician practitioners adopting these terms if not protected, thus causing confusion with, and possible danger to the public. In order to prevent the appearance of deregulation of the osteopathic profession, we feel it is essential that these terms be explicitly protected by legislation.

As you know, the practice of osteopathic medicine (osteopathy) has always been regulated by the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and only graduates of American colleges of osteopathic medicine qualify for licensure for the practice of osteopathic medicine (osteopathy) in Canada. Please note that prior to 1995, American colleges of osteopathic medicine conferred the degree known as '*Doctor of Osteopathy*'. Subsequent to 1995, the American Osteopathic Association, in attempt to modernize terminology, had their colleges change the designation of their degrees to '*Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine*'. Thus, graduates of the same schools with the same comprehensive medical training will have degrees in '*Osteopathy*' (pre 1995) or '*Osteopathic Medicine*' (post 1995). In other words, these terms are synonymous and used interchangeably, as are the terms '*Osteopath*' and '*Osteopathic Physician*'. The COA feels that it is essential that new legislation under the Health Professions Act includes regulation of the practice of '*Osteopathic Medicine*' (*Osteopathy*), by the College of Physicians and Surgeons. As an example of wording in other provinces, enclosed are relevant sections from the Alberta Medical Profession Act and Health Professions Act.

Also of concern, is the descriptive term '*Osteopathic*'. If not protected, this term will be used by many types of practitioners which will also lead to further public confusion. We will see '*osteopathic manual therapists*', '*osteopathic physiotherapists*', '*osteopathic massage therapist*' and so on if this term is not included in title protection. These individuals will argue that because they are not using the title of '*osteopath*' or '*osteopathic physician*', they are free to state that they have an '*osteopathic practice*' or are practicing '*osteopathy*', the practice of which has been protected by legal precedent in Canada and the United States as the practice of medicine. It is very important that the Ministry continue to maintain such professional practice and title protection for the osteopathic profession in British Columbia.

At the last general meeting of the Canadian Osteopathic Association in September of this year, this topic was reviewed which led to the development of the enclosed **COA Policy Statement regarding non-physician practitioners and the use of osteopathic titles**. This document has received unanimous approval from the COA membership. Enclosed is a copy of this document for your review.

On behalf of the Canadian and British Columbia Osteopathic Associations, and in order to protect the public, I would like to ask the Ministry of Health to include additional practice and title protection for the following terms:

- Osteopathy
- Osteopathic Medicine
- Osteopathic

As in all provinces in Canada, the practice of osteopathic medicine (osteopathy) has always fallen under the jurisdiction of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and it will be important for any new legislation to maintain this precedent. Your inclusion of these terms will be absolutely essential to protect the public and osteopathic profession in Canada.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this by phone or in person with Ministry officials.

Sincerely,

James Church, DO CCFP FCFP
President – British Columbia Osteopathic Association
President Elect – Canadian Osteopathic Association.

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Canadian Osteopathic Association

Enclosure: COA Policy Statement, October 2008
Alberta Medical Profession Act (excerpt)
Alberta Health Professions Act (excerpt)

Copies: Honourable George Abbott – Minister of Health
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February 28, 2011

CPS File No: GC 2011-0071

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Dear Mr. Beckett:

Re: Mr. ^{s.22}

On January 26, 2011, the College received an expression of concern from Dr. James Church regarding Mr. and his use of designated titles.

Upon further review of this matter, the College found that Mr. has been advertising himself as a licensed Osteopathic Physician. Mr. has also used titles such as "Doctor" and "Osteopathic Practitioner" which are designated titles reserved for registrants of the College as defined by the *Health Professions Act (HPA) – Medical Practitioners Regulations*. We understand from Mr. that he has been advised by the Ministry of Health Services that he can use the title of an "Osteopathic Manual Practitioner."

Enclosed are copies of documents which have been received by the College outlining the inappropriate conduct of Mr.

Further to this letter, the College would like clarity as to the titles Mr. can use.

Yours truly,

Brayden N. Fishbook
Coordinator, Complaints

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cc:

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April 5, 2011

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Dear Mr. Beckett:

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (the College) writes in follow up to our previously expressed concern regarding reserved titles pursuant to the Medical Practitioners Regulation. Specifically, the College continues to have concerns that unlicensed, unqualified and unregulated people are using variations of the title "osteopath" and "osteopathic" along with foreign or trademark credentials (DO, DOP) implying that they have achieved a professional doctoral degree for the practice of medicine.

As you are aware, for registration purposes an acceptable medical degree includes a degree in Osteopathic Medicine granted by an American school or college of osteopathic medicine accredited by the American Osteopathic Association. In the United Kingdom, a person may graduate with a Diploma in Osteopathy (DO) but practices a much narrow focus of restricted activities and is functionally more similar to a Chiropractor or a Physiotherapist. The use of titles including "Osteopathic" by such individuals continues to be confusing for the public.

We note that for the College of Massage Therapists the relevant regulation includes reserved title protection for:

- a) Massage therapist
- b) Registered massage therapist
- c) Massage practitioner
- d) Registered massage practitioner

We understand that massage therapists similarly have concerns regarding unlicensed and unqualified practitioners who provide massage services, which is confusing to the public in understanding when a practitioner is truly duly licensed.

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We appreciate that there are many pressing issues for the Ministry of Health at this time. We are of course available at any time to discuss this matter further. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance on this matter.

Yours truly,



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Cc: Dr. James Church

Mr. Daryl Beckett, Ministry of Health
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February 22, 2012

CPS File No: 12536

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Dear Dr. Church:

Re: Osteopathic practice in BC

We acknowledge receipt of and thank you for a copy of your correspondence directed to Minister De Jong regarding use of osteopathic titles in British Columbia. Please note that the College has moved and is now located at Suite 300 – 669 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC, V6C 0B4.

This College remains concerned that there is potential for confusion when unlicensed practitioners hold themselves out as providers of “manual practice osteopathy” or “osteopathic practitioner”. As you are aware, the Ministry of Health was unprepared to grant greater title protection to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia beyond that of “osteopathic physician” and “osteopath”.

If your recent letter to Minister de Jong provides an opportunity to have the current regulation revisited, the College would be prepared to participate in future meetings.

We thank you for your interest in this matter, and for your continued advocacy regarding the importance of title protection for “osteopaths” and “osteopathic physicians”.

Yours truly,

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April 21, 2013

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RE: OSTEOPATHIC PRACTICE IN BC

Dear Mr. Beckett,

Dr. Findlay and I greatly appreciated your taking time out of your busy schedule to meet with us on April 16th to discuss issues regarding osteopathic practice in BC. We hope that this session provided you with new and up to date information regarding the osteopathic profession.

During our meeting we discussed possible alternative titles for manual therapists including those represented by the Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy (SPMPO). Upon further discussion with COA members this week I am reminded that the term 'osteopath' and its various derivations and abbreviations are protected in many provincial legislative documents across Canada for graduates of accredited American osteopathic medical schools who are members of a provincial College of Physicians and Surgeons. For this reason, we feel that any other groups seeking recognition for legislated practice in BC, and across Canada, will need to choose a title that does not include a derivation of the term 'osteopath' (i.e. osteopathic, osteopathy, etc.) and will not conflict with titles already reserved for osteopathic physicians in BC and across Canada.

The Canadian Osteopathic Association is willing to partake in future discussions with the Ministry and others to find a solution to the matter of protected titles and a suitable alternative for non-physician therapists claiming osteopathic credentials. Anyone seeking to use 'osteopathic' credentials must be held to the same standard as all other properly qualified and registered osteopathic physicians in Canada. If unable to do so, then we feel that they should be seeking alternative designations not already reserved by our professional organizations in Canada and the USA. Please note that the American Osteopathic Association has similarly enforced title protection for osteopathic practice within the United States.

As legislation in several jurisdictions of Canada protect not just the terms 'osteopath' and 'osteopathic physician', but their derivations and abbreviations as well, the COA would prefer that the following and all similar derivations of the term 'osteopath' also be protected in all jurisdictions, inclusive of BC:

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osteopath
osteopath physician
osteopath practitioner
manual osteopath practitioner

osteopathic physician
osteopathic practitioner
osteopathic manual practitioner
osteopathy
doctor of osteopathy
practitioner of osteopathy
manual practitioner of osteopathy
osteopathic medicine
doctor of osteopathic medicine
practitioner of osteopathic medicine
manual practitioner of osteopathic medicine

and any similar derivations of 'osteopath' or their abbreviations

The COA feels that if the public seeks treatment from non-physician therapists wishing to use manual therapy techniques that originated in the osteopathic medical profession, that their practice be clearly defined and appropriately titled, not using any title that could lead to public confusion with registered osteopathic physicians in British Columbia or elsewhere. Please note that many health professions are using osteopathic based techniques such as chiropractors, massage therapists, and naturopaths, but they do not take it upon themselves to use our osteopathic titles. Knowing that 'osteopathy' is by legal interpretation the practice of medicine (Stark v. BC Attorney General, Feb. 15, 1973), that 'osteopathic practice' is regulated by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC, and that many osteopathic physicians employ osteopathic manual treatment as part of their practice, so as to avoid public confusion, we suggest the following as examples of possible alternative titles for the SPMPO and other osteopathic inspired manual practitioners:

Manual Therapist

Manual Osteotherapist (defined as a practitioner of Manual Osteotherapy)
(i.e. SPMPO = Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteotherapy)

Still Therapist

Myofascial Therapist

Somatic Therapist

Should the Ministry be interested in brokering further discussion between the COA and the SPMPO or others regarding this issue, then on behalf of the COA, I am willing to meet with the Ministry and any other such representatives to discuss this matter openly. As you know, we have sent previous correspondence to the SPMPO (January 27, 2009 – copy enclosed) as well as met with some of their representatives in person, October 2010, to discuss this issue, but have not received any follow-up correspondence from them.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter of great concern to the Canadian Osteopathic Association. We feel it is important that this matter of title protection be clarified so as to prevent further public confusion, and to protect the integrity of the osteopathic medical profession.

Sincerely,

James Church, DO CCFP FCFP

cc: Dr. Heidi Oetter, Registrar - BC College of Physicians and Surgeons
Ms. Gail Abernethy, President - SPMPO

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November 2, 2013

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Re: Unregulated Practitioners and the proposed 'Osteopathic Voluntary Registration Council (OVRC)'

Dear Mr. Grant,

As President of the Canadian Osteopathic Association and BC provincial representative, it is with significant concern that our association has learned of discussions between the Ministry of Health and unregulated practitioners in BC who are using our legislative protected professional titles and seeking recognition through your office without the input of the legitimate osteopathic profession. I note through a FOI request, that your office had meetings and/or correspondence regarding "osteopaths" with Mr. Michael Geoghegan, Howard Dieno, and Anthony Mathews during the latter part of 2012 without any effort to contact our association which represents legitimate osteopathic graduates regulated by the College of Physicians and Surgeons under the BC Health Professions Act.

I note that in this correspondence with Mr. Geoghegan and these unregulated practitioners that there was an effort to create an "Osteopathic Voluntary Registration Council (OVRC)". Please understand that osteopaths have been regulated and registered for practice for well over 70 years now in BC by the College of Physicians and Surgeons which is the registration and regulatory body for osteopaths in this province, just as they are registered with other physician regulatory authorities for US osteopathic graduates throughout Canada and the USA.

Upon review of the email correspondence that you had with these individuals, it is clear to the COA that you have been gravely misinformed and we would like you to know that there are now many osteopathic physicians registered in BC and Canada, and a majority of these do indeed use osteopathic manual therapy as part of the medical services that they provide their patients. Please note that there are more than 80,000 osteopathic physicians in North America. Also, there are an estimated 150 to 200 Canadian students currently enrolled in US colleges of osteopathic medicine who are expending considerable time and finances (\$250,000 to \$300,000 for 4 years of osteopathic medical education alone) to fund their education which will take about 11 to 13 year to complete inclusive of university, medical school, and residency training. By comparison, many of these practitioners represented by the SPMPO have only part time "osteopathic" training, with perhaps as little as 4 or 5 months according to our information. While some practitioners of manual therapy in the USA inspired by the osteopathic profession in the late 1800s adopted the title of chiropractic, unfortunately those practitioners in Britain with the same limited scope of practice chose to use our osteopathic titles which has led to considerable international confusion. Basically, the British model of osteopathy is similar in scope of practice to North American chiropractic. Since its inception, traditional osteopathy has always included medicine and surgery. Please note that Dr. Still, the founder of the US osteopathic profession, was himself a physician and surgeon.

By way of review, please take note of the following legislation in BC:

Within the new HPA and other provincial regulations we know:

- 1) That Section 2(2) of the Medical Practitioners Regulation states, "**The titles 'osteopath' and 'osteopathic physician' are reserved for exclusive use by osteopathic physicians**" registered with the CPSBC.
- 2) That Section 12.1(1) of the HPA states, "**If a regulation under section 12(2)(b) prescribes a title to be used exclusively by registrants of a college, a person other than a registrant of the college must not use the title, an abbreviation of the title or an equivalent of the title...**"
- 3) That Section 28(4) of the Interpretation Act states, "**If a word or expression is defined in an enactment, other forms of speech or grammatical forms of the same word or expression have corresponding meanings**" (i.e.: 'osteopathic practitioners').
- 4) That under the proposed Health Professions Restricted Activities regulation, "**to make a diagnosis identifying, as the cause of signs or symptoms of an individual, a disease, disorder or condition**" is a restricted activity to those who are members of a regulated health profession.
- 5) That Section 50.2(1) of the HPA states: "**A person must not perform a restricted activity in the course of providing a service described in, or doing work described by, the definition of 'health profession' in section 1, unless the person is a registrant of a college whose registrants are authorized by a regulation under section 12 to perform the restricted activity in the course of providing services.**"

Additionally, we hope you will agree that regulations across Canada, including BC, will need to continue to reflect the national standards for osteopathic graduates set by the various Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons through the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC). With this in mind, and with knowledge of the Canadian Agreement on Internal Trade and interprovincial labour mobility, the COA would like to ask your office and Ministry of Health to consider our conclusions and be sure to include our representatives in any such future discussions that involve the regulation of osteopathy in BC. With regard to these currently unregulated non-physician practitioners in BC who are currently using our professional titles, we feel that:

- 1) For public safety, these practitioners need to conform to an acceptable standard of training and certification. They **do not however come close to meeting the standards for osteopathic registration in Canada or the United States.** We note that these practitioners like to espouse their membership in the 'Osteopathic International Alliance', but the OIA (which is simply a forum for discussion) and its non-physician membership, which will accept anyone who wishes to use osteopathic titles, has fallen to the lowest common denominator. As such, these non-physician practitioners are not eligible for registration in Canada or the USA.
- 2) It is clear that the training of these practitioners represented by the SPMPO is quite varied. To our knowledge, the past and current **Canadian training of many of these practitioners is very limited** in scope, and in our opinion, not near comprehensive enough to be considered as a free standing profession (see attached training comparison chart).
- 3) This group of practitioners is not representative of the established North American osteopathic profession and as such, **they must not use our professional titles.** The Canadian Osteopathic Association has been representing the osteopathic profession in Canada since its incorporation in 1926 (Federal Corporation #034905-4). The term 'osteopath' and its various derivations are already title protected in BC and many other Canadian jurisdictions. Please note that **in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, February 15, 1973, judge J. Verchere concluded in the case of Stark vs. the BC Attorney General that "osteopathy is, by definition, a school of medicine".**

- 4) While we do not support or promote these practitioners, we feel that regulation must eventually take place in order to assure some form of acceptable standard of training and practice, and for the sake of public safety.
- 5) We must insist that all osteopathic graduates continue to meet FMRAC national standards and be eligible for registration with a provincial College of Physicians and Surgeons.
- 6) Any new legislation or regulation in BC should also respect the Canadian Agreement on Internal Trade and Labour Mobility in Canada which would preclude this group from using osteopathic titles.
- 7) Due to the limited part time training of many of these practitioners, we feel that it might be most appropriate for these practitioners to be regulated by an already established regulatory authority in BC that can monitor educational standards and practice (i.e. Chiropractic, Physiotherapy, Massage Therapy, Occupational Therapy).

The COA Board of Directors will continue to encourage the BC government to **find an alternative designation for these non-physician practitioners** other than the use of the title "osteopath" or any derivation of this title. We suggest such alternatives as 'Manual Therapist' or 'Manual Osteotherapist', but in order to respect the already well established osteopathic profession and current legislation in BC and other Canadian jurisdiction, we would insist that they cease using the term osteopath or any of its many derivations or abbreviations.

In summary, these non-physician practitioners do not come close to meeting North American standards for osteopathic registration and we feel that it may be most appropriate for this group of practitioners to fall under the purview of the Chiropractic, Physiotherapy, Massage Therapy, or Occupational Therapy Regulatory Bodies as these regulatory bodies best possess the knowledge and expertise in BC in keeping with the scope of practice that is being provided by these therapists. We also feel that the terms 'Manual Therapy' and 'Manual Therapist', or 'Manual Osteotherapy' and 'Manual Osteotherapist' would be more appropriate titles for these practitioners and would not infringe upon our legislative protected titles.

I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

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President - Canadian Osteopathic Association

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RE: Unregulated Practitioners, Osteopathic Titles, and the proposed 'Osteopathic Voluntary Registration Council (OVRC)'

Dear Gail,

Earlier this year, the COA received an email from one of your more vocal members, Mr. Tony Mathews. Attached is our response to Mr. Mathews.

I am also aware that between Oct 2012 and Jan 2013, Mr. Mathews, Mr. Dieno, and Mr. Geoghegan attempted to lobby the Ministry of Health regarding the creation of an "Osteopathic Voluntary Registration Council" (OVRC). Surely you are aware that the various Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons across Canada are the 'osteopathic registration councils' in Canada.

Also, as indicated in my November 2, 2013, letter to Mr. Nick Grant of the MOH, I also wish to point out that the practice of 'osteopathy' in BC has already been defined by legal precedent. In the Supreme Court of British Columbia, February 15, 1973, judge J. Verchere concluded in the case of Stark vs. the BC Attorney General that "osteopathy is, by definition, a school of medicine".

On behalf of the COA, I would like to ask that you and your colleagues make an effort to choose a non-osteopathic title that will not conflict with legislative protected titles reserved for US osteopathic medical graduates registered by Canadian medical regulatory authorities. Please see the enclosed 'COA Policy Statement October 2008'. As an alternative to titles currently being used by SPMPO members, the terms 'manual therapy' and 'manual therapist', or 'manual osteotherapy' and 'manual osteotherapist' would be acceptable to the COA, but any designation using a variation of 'osteopath' is unacceptable to the COA, and could be a violation of provincial legislation in many Canadian jurisdictions.

The COA can see that the SPMPO membership is passionate about their cause, however we feel that their approach is infringing on the osteopathic medical profession that has been present in Canada for over 100 years now. While I believe that the COA and unregulated practitioners who currently use our professional titles can co-exist, this will only be possible if your provincial and national organizations cease using our professional titles which is otherwise leading to tremendous public confusion.

Sincerely,

James Church, DO CCFP FCFP

Copy: Mr. Daryl Beckett, Director of Professional Regulation, Ministry of Health
Dr. Heidi Oetter, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC
Dr. David Fiddler, Vice President, Canadian Osteopathic Association
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December 12, 2013

Ms. Gail Abernethy
President - SPMPO
8274 West Coast Rd
Sooke, BC V9Z 1E1

RE: Osteopathic Practice in British Columbia

Dear Gail,

Thank you for your letter dated December 3, 2013, in response to COA correspondence of November 10, 2013 sent to your office regarding the practice of osteopathic medicine (osteopathy) in BC.

I would like to respond to the points made in your letter with the following comments:

- 1) You state that the SPMPO has always sought to avoid any confusion between osteopathic physicians and use of titles by SPMPO members. I note however, even the European schools are now starting to refer themselves as 'colleges of osteopathic medicine' with no medicine being taught and their graduates referring to themselves as osteopathic physicians or doctors of osteopathy without any medical or surgical training. This adds to considerable public confusion and is unfair to those in Canada and the USA who have availed themselves of a very comprehensive, lengthy, and expensive osteopathic medical education.
- 2) You state that your numbers in BC and Canada far exceed that of osteopathic physicians. If you look at the number of non-physician "osteopathic practitioners" in Canada that you are referring to that might be eligible for registration world wide, your numbers are very few. I would first point out that the vast majority of these non-physician practitioners, including many SPMPO members, have the DOMP designation from very minimal part-time programs in Canada that are not recognized for registration anywhere in the world that we are aware of. With a total of perhaps only 4 or 5 months of training and virtually no clinical exposure, it is not hard to understand how their numbers have flourished. However, the number of legitimate and government recognized US trained Canadian osteopathic physicians, students, and residents is now in the hundreds and far exceeds the minimal number of any foreign registration eligible non-physician "osteopathic practitioners" like yourself who practice outside legislation, and are in possible violation of sections 12.1(1) and (3) of the HPA of BC. In case you did not receive the attached letter from the College of Physicians and Surgeons dated February 17, 2010, a copy is enclosed.
- 3) Regardless of who might use the title 'Osteopath' internationally, the COA has been representing legitimately trained and registered osteopaths in Canada since 1926 and will continue to only promote the comprehensive traditional model of osteopathic medicine as it has always been taught in the USA and practiced in North America. I will also mention that in discussion with American Osteopathic Association executive, despite their involvement with the Osteopathic International Alliance, they have made it clear to COA executive that they will not tolerate any practitioner within their borders using osteopathic titles unless they are a fully trained US osteopathic medical graduate licensed by a state medical board.

- 4) With regard to Germany, despite your comments, as of yet, that country has not developed any specific legislation regarding osteopathic practice that the COA is aware of. In fact, I am not aware of any country in the world that has legislation that would allow for duplicity of standards for osteopathic practice. However, US osteopathic graduates do enjoy full medical practice rights in Germany, Canada, and over 65 countries world wide. In Germany, MD's may take the same training in osteopathic manual therapy as non-physician practitioners do, but to our knowledge, that country does not have legislation that allows them to practice as osteopaths. To my understanding, as far as non-physician practitioners in Germany are concerned, like many or most members of the SPMPO, if not government registered as any type of health professional for practice, they would be practicing outside of legislation.
- 5) While the COA is willing to have dialogue with the SPMPO regarding these issues, in keeping with the COA October 2008 Policy statement which was approved unanimously by COA membership, the COA is only interested in, as you state, "the highest standard of care", and currently those standards have already been set by the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC) which will only recognize the US osteopathic medical degree as a the osteopathic qualification for practice in Canada. The COA will continue to promote only full osteopathic medical practice and will continue to encourage those osteopathic practitioners outside of our Canadian borders to meet the same standards internationally. Otherwise the practice is similar in scope to chiropractic, and should be indentified as such as Palmer did in the USA in the early 1900s and as Littlejohn should have done when he took just the manual treatment aspect of Dr. Still's medical concepts to Britain.
- 6) Please know that the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC has repeatedly reprimanded members of your organization for their representation as osteopaths or osteopathic practitioners, but despite this, they have continued their activities. The COA would ask that SPMPO membership take measures to respect previous CPSBC directives (February 17, 2010), and refrain from using osteopathic titles or making claims of osteopathic practice.

To summarize, the COA would ask the following of the SPMPO:

- 1) Respect the decades of hard work and results that have been achieved by Canadian osteopathic physicians, the COA, the AOA, and Canadian regulatory authorities over the past 115 years since the arrival of the first US osteopathic physician in Canada in 1898.
- 2) Respect and support the highest standard of osteopathic practice that is now expected by FMRAC and other Canadian regulatory authorities.
- 3) Alleviate current public confusion by choosing a non-osteopathic designation for the practice for which the SPMPO is seeking recognition.
- 4) Abide by previous directives delivered by the College of Physicians and Surgeons to members of the SPMPO.

I would be willing to meet with you in person to discuss these matters further if you wish.

Sincerely,

James Church, DO CCFP FCFP

Copy: Dr. Heidi Oetter, Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC
 Mr. Daryl Beckett, Director of Professional Regulation, Ministry of Health
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January 7, 2015

Dr. James Church
Past President
Canadian Osteopathic Association
McKenzie Professional Centre
209 – 1595 McKenzie Avenue
Victoria, BC V8N 1A4

Dear Dr. Church:

Re: Complaint regarding a PCTIA registration

Thank you for a copy of your recent correspondence to the Registrar of Private Career Training Institutions Agency (PCTIA) of British Columbia. While this College is also concerned with these schools using “osteopathy” in their titles, our efforts to prevent these actions directed at various levels of government (provincial, federal) have not been fruitful. We are grateful that you continue to advocate for the limited use of the words “osteopath”, “osteopathic” and “osteopathy” to that that is bona fide medical in nature.

Yours truly,

Heidi M. Oetter, MD
Registrar

HMO/le



COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

REGISTERED MAIL

September 28, 1999

Mr.

Victoria, B.C.

s.22

Dear Sir:

Re: Unregistered Practice of Medicine, Medical Practitioners Act

It has come to the attention of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia that you have engaged in the practice of osteopathy in British Columbia, the practice of which is regulated by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of B.C. pursuant to the provisions of the Medical Practitioners Act, a statute of the Province of British Columbia. We note that you have never been registered to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in this Province.

It is requested that you cease all activities as described in Section 81 of the Medical Practitioners Act, a copy of which is enclosed. The result of your failure to comply with this request will be a referral to the police with the request that any violations of Sections 92, 94 and 95 of the Medical Practitioners Act be prosecuted.

We seek your immediate compliance with this request.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daryl H. Beere", is written over a horizontal line.

Daryl H. Beere
College Investigator

c.c. Sgt. P. Lawson
Victoria Police Department

b.c.c. Dr. James Church



COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

CPS#12536

June 18, 2004

Dr. James Church
Fort & Foul Bay Medical Centre
302 - 1990 Fort Street
Victoria BC
V8R 6V4

Dear Dr. Church:

At the direction of the Executive Committee, we are writing to thank you for attending for interview to discuss the College's position with respect to osteopaths and, in particular, the use of the title "osteopath". The Executive Committee was most appreciative of the time you took to explain your position, both generally and specifically with respect to the situation involving Mr.

While acknowledging that the wording of the current legislation is not as clear as we would wish, the Executive Committee nevertheless shared your concerns with respect to the public interest and the potential for misunderstanding. It directed that correspondence be forwarded to Mr. [redacted] and to the Canadian Back Institute expressing the Executive Committee's opinion that the practice of osteopathy falls within the College's jurisdiction and that the titles "osteopath" and "osteopathic physician" connote membership in the College.

The Executive Committee has also directed that there be communication with the Ministry of Health on this issue. We enclose copies of our correspondence to those parties.

We would appreciate receiving any communications between you and the Ministry of Health on this matter so that we are kept apprised of future developments in this area.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Morris VanAndel", is written over a faint circular stamp.

Morris VanAndel, MD
Registrar

MV:SK

Enclosures



COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

CPS#12536

CONFIDENTIAL

June 18, 2004

Mr.
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Dear Mr.

As the Registrar of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of British Columbia ("the College"), I am writing further to my letter dated April 8, 2004. I enclose a copy of that letter for your ease of reference. Following that correspondence, Dr. James Church requested that his concerns be referred to the full Executive Committee of the College for further review. That review occurred at the meeting of the Executive Committee on May 18, 2004 and June 17, 2004. The Executive Committee reviewed all of the information provided and considered this information in the context of the College's position in other cases involving the practice of osteopathy. While the Executive Committee noted your assurances with respect to not inferring registration with the College or using titles such as "osteopathic physician", I regret to advise you that these assurances did not allay the Executive Committee's concerns with respect to the potential for misunderstanding and misinterpretation on the part of the public. It was the view of the Executive Committee that the practice of osteopathy and the use of any terms or titles connoting such a practice by an individual not registered with the College constitute a breach of the *Medical Practitioners Act*. Accordingly, the Executive Committee seeks your assurance that you will cease to hold yourself out in any way as being authorized to practice osteopathy in the province and will refrain from the use of any title or terms connoting such practice.

Given the background to this matter and our previous correspondence, we would be pleased to discuss this matter with you directly should you have any questions with respect to the position of the Executive Committee.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Morris VanAndel", is written over the typed name.

Morris VanAndel, MD
Registrar

MV:sk



COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

December 4, 2007

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

s.22
Ms.

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Dear Ms.

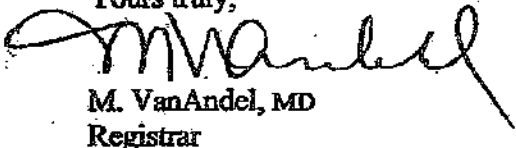
We are writing to you as the governing body for physicians and surgeons in the province of British Columbia. Under the *Medical Practitioners Act* (MPA), the College of Physicians & Surgeons of British Columbia (the "College") registers those osteopaths and individuals entitled to practice Osteopathy. In that regard, we enclose for your information a copy of Sec. 40 of the *Medical Practitioners Act* (MPA).

The practice of osteopathy is governed by and falls under the College's jurisdiction and the use of the term "osteopathy" and the titles "osteopath" and "osteopathic physician" connote membership in the College and may be used only individuals who are registered members. It is our position that any individuals describing themselves as engaged in the practice of osteopathy and using the above terms or titles and who are not registered with the College are in breach with the *Medical Practitioners Act*.

In view of the above and given our understanding of certain material on the website of the Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy (SPMPO) and elsewhere, that you are in breach of the *Medical Practitioners Act*. At this time therefore, we must request that you refrain from describing yourself in any manner as engaged in the practice of osteopathy in British Columbia or using any terms or titles to describe your practice in such a manner. In accordance with the *Medical Practitioners Act*, if you are not prepared to comply with our request, we will refer our concerns to the Ministry of the Attorney General in accordance with Sections 81 and 82 of the *Medical Practitioners Act* (copy enclosed).

We look forward to and appreciate your anticipated cooperation in addressing the above concern and would request a brief written response stating your position.

Yours truly,


M. VanAndel, MD
Registrar

MV/lpl
Encl.



COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

November 6, 2008

Mr. Daryl Beckett
Director, Legislation & Professional Regulation
Ministry of Health
5-2, 1515 Blanshard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 3C8

Dear Mr. Beckett:

RE: OSTEOPATHY

The College of Physicians & Surgeons of BC ("the College") writes in follow up to the recent posting of the Medical Practitioners Regulation ("the Regulation") on the government's website. As you are aware, the College is responsible for the registration and licensure of Osteopathic Physicians and concerns have previously been expressed to the Ministry regarding the need, in the public interest, to set out reserved titles for this branch of allopathic medicine.

The College has been contacted by one of its members, Dr. J. Church, an osteopathic physician, who is concerned that the Regulation, as currently written, is inadequate with respect to reserved titles for the practice of Osteopathy (osteopathic medicine). In addition to protecting the titles "osteopath" and "osteopathic physician", the College supports the protection of the term used to describe the practice of "osteopathic medicine" (i.e., osteopathy) so that the public can be assured that a practitioner of osteopathy is an individual who is a graduate of an accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine. The current situation in Canada is that a number of educational institutions are trademarking themselves as "Colleges of Osteopathy". These institutions are not accredited and graduates do not receive instruction in the broad disciplines that define osteopathic medicine. To avoid confusion regarding the credentials, knowledge and skills of an osteopathic physician, protection of the terms "osteopathic" and "osteopathy" would be preferable.

On behalf of the College we thank you for your attention to this important matter, and trust that you will look upon our request favourably. If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

Yours truly,

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H.M. Oetter, MD
Registrar

HMO/lpl

c.c.: Dr. James Church



TO MOST SPMP
MEMBERS

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

February 17, 2010

COPY

Dear

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (the College) is the governing body for physicians and surgeons in the province of British Columbia. Under the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183 (the HPA), the College has the statutory authority to register those osteopaths and individuals entitled to practice Osteopathy. In that regard, we refer to the following:

- (a) Medical Practitioners Regulation 2(2): *The titles "osteopath" and "osteopathic physician" are reserved for exclusive use by osteopathic physicians."*
- (b) Section 12.1 of the HPA: *"If a regulation under section 12(2)(b) prescribes a title to be used exclusively by registrants of a college, a person other than a registrant of the college must not use the title, an abbreviation of the title or an equivalent of the title..."*
- (c) Section 28(4) of the Interpretation Act: *"If a word or expression is defined in an enactment, other forms of speech or grammatical forms of the same word or expression have corresponding meanings."*
- (d) Section 50.2(1) of the HPA: *"A person must not perform a restricted activity in the course of providing a service described in, or doing work described by, the definition of 'health profession' in section 1, unless the person is a registrant of a college whose registrants are authorized by a regulation under section 12 to perform the restricted activity in the course of providing services."*

Osteopathic physicians are regulated by the College and only appropriately qualified registrants are entitled to use the titles referred to above or to otherwise hold themselves out as practising osteopathy. The requirements for registration in the Osteopathic class are set out in section 2-12 of the College's Bylaws under the HPA, a copy of which is enclosed for your reference.

It has come to our attention that you are referring to yourself and advertising your services as an "osteopath" or "osteopathic practitioner". As this is in breach of the HPA Regulations and the College Bylaws, we must respectfully insist that you amend your advertising to remove all such

references. This would not preclude you from providing manual therapy to your patients or otherwise advertising your services. However, any advertising or reference to your services should avoid the use of the term osteopathy or the reserved titles referred to above, or any corresponding terms connoting this practice or title.

We appreciate and thank you for your anticipated cooperation in addressing the above concern and would request a brief written response confirming that the above concerns have been addressed.

Yours truly,



Heidi M. Oetter, MD
Registrar

HMO/cpsk

Enclosure

Bylaws under the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183

June 1, 2009

Osteopathic

- 2-12 (1) Osteopathic practice registration may be granted to a registrant who practises in the field of musculoskeletal medicine, dealing primarily in the musculoskeletal system and associated conditions inclusive of the use of manual therapy, but who must not practice obstetrics and surgery.
- (2) A registrant whose name was entered on the medical register for the practice of osteopathic medicine immediately before June 1, 2009 will be registered in the osteopathic class, subject to the specific limits and conditions that applied to his or her registration under the former enactment.
- (3) For the purposes of section 20(2) of the Act, to be granted registration for osteopathic practice, an applicant must
- (a) be a graduate of a school or college of osteopathic medicine accredited by the American Osteopathic Association, acceptable to the registration committee,
 - (b) have successfully completed
 - (i) two years of postgraduate training in a program accredited by the American Osteopathic Association, acceptable to the registration committee, and
 - (ii) the three-part Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examinations administered by the United States National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, and
 - (c) be legally entitled to live and work in Canada.
- (4) An affected applicant may be granted registration for osteopathic practice if, in addition to the preceding requirements, the affected applicant
- (a) has successfully completed a modified postgraduate training program of two years' duration recognized by the registration committee where the educational objectives of the program have been met, as determined and confirmed by the program director, and
 - (b) has provided an undertaking to comply with the guidelines and recommendations of the blood borne communicable diseases committee, and agreed to comply with any restrictions on his or her practice as required by that committee.

COA
Canadian Osteopathic Association

January 27, 2009

Ms. Gail Abernethy
SPMPO
8274 West Coast Road
Sooke, BC V0S 1N0

Re: OSTEOPATHIC PRACTICE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Dear Ms. Abernethy:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Canadian Osteopathic Association, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 8, 2008. For whatever reason, your original letter was never received at our official address in London, Ontario. In your letter you have proposed that the SPMPO enter into a dialogue with the Canadian Osteopathic Association on issues of mutual interest. Our board has now had an opportunity to review and discuss your proposal, and has authorized the following response.

By way of background information, the mandate of the Canadian Osteopathic Association is "to continue to promote comprehensive osteopathic health care, to assist government legislative and regulatory authorities to this end, and to provide information and assistance to the public and osteopathic medical students." It has been our belief and position that the public interest in Canada is not served by having two professional bodies sharing titles similar enough that it will lead to confusion in the minds of the public, educators or other professionals as to the qualifications of the individual practitioner. Also, the historic meaning of the term "osteopath" in North America has been to refer to an American trained osteopathic physician. For example, the titles of the respective organizations in the United States and Canada are "American Osteopathic Association" and "Canadian Osteopathic Association"; not "American Osteopathic Medical Association" or "Canadian Osteopathic Medical Association". This reflects a historical reality that is also described in legal and regulatory precedent in the various States and Provinces involved. Again for example, in the *Stark vs. B.C.* decision of ..., it was the clear judgment of the court that "The practice of osteopathy is the practice of medicine".

It is for these reasons that the COA has felt the obligation to take a firm stand in the defense of our professional title, and in fact has developed a position paper that more fully describes our position (attached). While we are aware of and respect the historical roots of other osteopathic professional groups that have evolved in other circumstances around the world, we feel that we have to be clear and consistent in ensuring that the reality of osteopathic practice as presently understood by the public, educators and professional bodies in North America remains as it has for well over a century.

SPMPO, January 27, 2009

In this light, it cannot be surprising that the COA and our divisional society the British Columbia Osteopathic Association have spoken to and written to various groups to maintain a position that would be in direct conflict with the SPMPO's previously expressed view of the future of "osteopathic" practice in British Columbia. It has been our obligation on the behalf of our members to do so. I believe that we have been consistent in saying that while there is room in British Columbia and by extension Canada for new and innovative forms of care, the title chosen by practitioners of these therapies cannot conflict with that already existent and protected by the professionals whom we represent. The fact that the therapeutic approach that I assume would be promulgated by the SPMPO originated historically within the roots of the international osteopathic profession does not alter this position. I believe that the SPMPO has received essentially the same message from the Government of British Columbia and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, and in fact from peers within the Osteopathic International Alliance.

I believe that the SPMPO received direction from the OIA as a condition of its ongoing membership in that organization that includes the following:

1. The SPMPO initiate a dialogue with the Canadian Osteopathic Association to identify a long term solution to enable both streams of the profession to exist in BC and with governmental authorities to gain recognition or registration.
2. The SPMPO provide information to its members that there is currently title protection for 'osteopath' under the British Columbia Medical Practitioners Act, Section 40, and guidance to use an alternative title, especially if the Health Practitioners Act is not approved."

As an aside, I believe that the last point was not clearly stated in the OIA letter of June 27 and that it was the intent of the OIA Board to express the direction that title protection will need to continue to be respected irrespective of the final wording the new legislation may take.

In our opinion your letter of October 8 does not fully meet the OIA requirements outlined above. However, I am encouraged by your public statements at the OIA Annual General Meeting held in Chicago on Nov. 10, 2008, that it was the intention of the SPMPO to be in full compliance with the new legislation. The COA awaits documentation that will demonstrate the SPMPO's clear intentions in this regard.

It would appear, then, that we have finally reached the juncture where the discussion turns to one of what will be an appropriate and acceptable professional title and related designation for those practitioners represented by your group and similar organizations in other provinces.

Clearly, there is need for discussion within your own membership regarding this matter. The COA feels that the only way to ensure that there is no public confusion with regard to osteopathic titles, is for your group to adopt a new (non-osteopathic) professional title that will not in any way lead to misunderstanding with the public, government agencies, insurance companies, or other health professionals. The use of any osteopathic terminology by the SPMPO will lead to, and in many circumstances, has already led to confusion. Licensed osteopaths practicing in Canada over the past century and most of those practicing in Canada today, have a "Doctor of Osteopathy" degree and are known to their patients as "osteopaths". The majority of licensed osteopathic physicians in Canada continue to use osteopathic manipulative techniques and are osteopathic manual practitioners. All licensed osteopathic physicians currently practicing in BC are highly skilled osteopathic manual practitioners as well as highly qualified medical practitioners. Certainly, you can see were the past position of the SPMPO has presented a very confusing picture to British Columbians.

The COA feels that there is only one satisfactory solution to this issue, and it is a very simple one. Our association would encourage your group and others of similar training who wish to practice in North America, to adopt a new non-osteopathic professional designation that will in no way be confused with the established osteopathic profession in Canada and the USA, and will not lead to public or professional confusion, and possible illegal use of terms or misrepresentation.

We would be happy to have a representative meet with you to discuss this in more detail. Dr. James Church of Victoria, BC, has expressed that he would be willing to meet with you to discuss this matter in person. His phone number is 250-595-7772.

On behalf of the COA executive,

Ted Findlay, DO

Mailing Address:

1603 – 20th Avenue N.W.

Calgary Alberta, T2M 1G9

COA Executive:

Dr. Ted Findlay, President

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MacDonald, Aaron HLTH:EX

From: Michell, Jennifer HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 4:17 PM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: Information needed RE: FOI HTH 2015-00014

Importance: High

Hi Mark

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Sabine and I met to review the above noted FOI (regarding Osteopathy, practitioners or use of osteopathic titles, specifically regarding the meetings held with Daryl Beckett and yourself in Feb/Jul/Oct of last year.

Can you provide a brief on this particular issue so I can review this FOI with Sabine. It seems that this particular might require a more fulsome discussion and some background information would be very helpful.

Realizing that this is short notice, am wondering if you might be able to provide that by end of day tomorrow as the sign off for this request is tomorrow.

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Cheers,
Jen

Jennifer Michell
Manager, Corporate Services
Office of the Associate Deputy Minister, Corporate Services
5th Floor – 1515 Blanshard St. Victoria BC V8W 3C8

MacDonald, Aaron HLTH:EX

From: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 4:23 PM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Information needed RE: FOI HTH 2015-00014

I'm wondering if GCPE has or will be preparing an IN on this?

From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 4:19 PM
To: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Information needed RE: FOI HTH 2015-00014
Importance: High

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MacDonald, Aaron HLTH:EX

From: Michell, Jennifer HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 9:39 AM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: Re: Information needed RE: FOI HTH 2015-00014

Hi Mark

I am just on my way back to the office so will give you a shout when I get there.

Thanks so much for your help
Jen

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 9:05 AM
To: Michell, Jennifer HLTH:EX
Cc: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Information needed RE: FOI HTH 2015-00014

Hi Jennifer – thanks for the intro, and welcome to the team.

I just tried you on your cell, but seems your voice-mail hasn't been set up just yet. I'd be happy to discuss to clarify what it is that you'd like.

Thanks,
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From: Michell, Jennifer HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2015 4:17 PM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: Information needed RE: FOI HTH 2015-00014
Importance: High

Hi Mark

Firstly I should introduce myself. I'm the new manager of Corporate Services, supporting Sabine Feulgen.

Sabine and I met to review the above noted FOI (regarding Osteopathy, practitioners or use of osteopathic titles, specifically regarding the meetings held with Daryl Beckett and yourself in Feb/Jul/Oct of last year.

Can you provide a brief on this particular issue so I can review this FOI with Sabine. It seems that this particular might require a more fulsome discussion and some background information would be very helpful.

Realizing that this is short notice, am wondering if you might be able to provide that by end of day tomorrow as the sign off for this request is tomorrow.

Let me know if you need further details or wish to discuss further. I can be reached on my cell at 250-217-1687 or via email.

Cheers,

Jen

Jennifer Michell

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From: Michell, Jennifer HLTH:EX
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 9:46 AM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: Regulation of Osteopathic Practitioners - 2014 02 18 (2) (3) MRM final

Thank you, appreciate it.

Cheers
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Cc: Murray, Heather HLTH:EX
Subject: Regulation of Osteopathic Practitioners - 2014 02 18 (2) (3) MRM final

Hi Jen,

Just remembered that we also have a fact sheet on this – just in case it is also helpful.

Thanks,

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FACT SHEET

REGULATION OF OSTEOPATHIC PRACTITIONERS

ISSUE

Conflict between different types of osteopathic practitioners over their respective legitimacy has been occurring in BC for the past decade.

KEY FACTS

- Osteopathy or osteopathic medicine is 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 or other therapeutic procedures. The terms “osteopathy” and “osteopath” are both used to describe one of two streams of practice, taught mainly in the US and UK:
 - 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.
 - 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 not qualified to prescribe drugs or perform surgery or other physically invasive procedures, they may use certain medical devices common in physical therapy, and may have some competencies in conventional diagnostic procedures.
- In BC, osteopathic physicians have been regulated by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (CPSBC) for more than a century. 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 about seven osteopathic physicians registered with the CPSBC. The Medical Practitioners Regulation under the *Health Professions Act* (HPA) reserves the titles “osteopath” and “osteopathic physician” for the exclusive use of members of CPSBC.
- Reserving the title “osteopath” for exclusive use of members of CPSBC is intended to meet the same objective as similar provisions in other regulations, i.e., 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. In addition, the title “osteopath” has been expressly and exclusively associated with CPSBC membership under BC legislation since 1909 and, 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 the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta.
- There has been a recent influx of non-CPSBC osteopathic practitioners. Most are UK-trained members of the Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy (SPMPO), established in 2005. SPMPO currently has about 30 members. SPMPO 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 CPSBC. SPMPO’s website states that members, who initially referred to themselves as “osteopaths”, refer to themselves as “osteopathic practitioners” to make it clear that they are not physicians.

FACT SHEET

- Periodically since about 2004, SPMPO and its supporters have engaged in a letter writing campaign to government regarding their authority to practice osteopathy and use osteopathy-related titles. They claim they should be able to use the title “osteopath” in accordance with purported international standards. In response, correspondents are 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, and government does not believe it has that effect.
- Since at least 2003, one of the osteopathic physician members of CPSBC has continued to advocate that the Ministry of Health enact regulations to eliminate all possibility of non-CPSBC members using any title or practice description that includes the terms “osteopathic” or “osteopathy” or any variation thereof. Ministry staff have met with him at least twice. He is supported by the Canadian Osteopathic Association. They contact the Ministry and CPSBC regularly about this issue.
- Although CPSBC originally did not object to the title “osteopathic practitioner” being used by SPMPO’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 that request. CPSBC also submitted to the Ministry of Health in 2010 that the title “osteopathic practitioner” should not be used non-members of CPSBC. At this time, the Ministry has not identified any policy objection to non-members of CPSBC using this title, as long as they do so in a manner that does not mislead the public into thinking they are members of or associated with CPSBC.
- There is some ambiguity as to whether the osteopathic practice of non-members of CPSBC might contravene the current Medical Practitioners Regulation, which will not be resolved until the ‘shared scope of practice/restricted activities’ regulatory model is fully implemented.
- In Fall 2012, SPMPO began to advocate the Ministry for their own college under the HPA, and in the interim for government endorsement of a ‘voluntary registration council’ at arm’s length from SPMPO and comprised of 50% public members. As a rationale, SPMPO has indicated concern about risks allegedly being created by an increase in the number of osteopathic practitioners with lesser qualifications than their own. ‘Voluntary registration council’ is a concept used in the UK legislative framework for health professionals and is not transferable *ad hoc* to the BC context. The Ministry of Health has informed SPMPO the ‘voluntary registration council’ is not an approach the Ministry will accept or consider further at this time.
- The Ministry continues to receive correspondence from osteopathic practitioners and has reiterated the message that government is not considering increasing the number of single-profession colleges.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

Approved by:

Ted Patterson, Health Sector Workforce Division, 2015

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Subject: Canadian Osteopathic Medical Students
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March 29, 2015

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RE: OSTEOPATHY - BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dear Mr. MacKinnon,

I am a medical student from Canada currently training at an osteopathic medical school in the USA. The Canadian Osteopathic Medical Student Association (COMSA) and I are concerned by the proliferation of unqualified and unregulated practitioners providing health care services to the public in British Columbia. We are also concerned about the fact that some of these practitioners are using titles that are reserved for our profession by legislation in BC, many other parts of Canada, and throughout the USA. It is our understanding your office has initiated discussion with a group of unlicensed practitioners represented by the 'Society for the Promotion of Manual Practice Osteopathy (SPMPO)' regarding possible regulation with this group of practitioners.

As you know, proper comprehensive osteopathic education requires 4 years of full time medical education followed by 3 to 5 years of residency training, specialty certification, and registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Please note that, to our knowledge, none of these practitioners represented by the SPMPO are eligible for registration to practice osteopathy in Canada or the USA, and many are ineligible for registration anywhere in the world that we are aware of. By comparison, US osteopathic medical graduates are eligible for registration and practice in over 55 countries worldwide.

As your office pursues this matter, the COMSA would like to ask that you institute the following policies:

- 1) Because the form of practice as represented by the SPMPO involves a very limited form of training in manual therapy, it should not be accepted for regulation by the BC government as a stand-alone health profession. Instead, we suggest that they might best be regulated by an already existing profession such as chiropractic or physiotherapy.
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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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November 22, 2015

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Osteopathic Medicine (Osteopathy) in Canada and British Columbia

Dear Mr. MacKinnon,

The Canadian Osteopathic Association is increasingly receiving complaints regarding non-regulated practitioners who continue to use our professional designations. Just in the past week I have seen two patients in my office with such complaints with regard to a practitioner here in Victoria who is a member of the SPMPO. These are patients who thought they were receiving management from an 'osteopathic practitioner' who, quite understandably, they assumed was a medical practitioner registered with the CPSBC. One patient, with a known history of osteoporosis had sustained a compression fracture that went undiagnosed (something a 12 y/o could have diagnosed in this particular case) and was treated using manipulation, suffering further advancement of her fracture. The other was a gentleman presenting with a C7 radiculopathy that was not diagnosed or managed properly. We are hearing similar stories from across the country.

As you will recall from letters sent to you from members of the COA and COMSA, this is a matter of major importance to the legitimate osteopathic medical profession in Canada and BC. The terms for these practitioners that have met with approval with COA membership, and we feel would be a reasonable compromise, are 'osteotherapy' and 'osteotherapist'. It is our understanding that these terms are used by some practitioners with such training in Quebec and other jurisdictions internationally.

The public, insurance companies, and even regulatory authorities are confused. The public is at risk and is being injured. My osteopathic medical colleagues are starting to complain that they and their patients are having claims refused by insurance companies now due to the confusion. This has happened to some of my patients as well. Left unchecked, this problem is going to have a terrible impact on the legitimate osteopathic medical profession. It already has.

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Copies: Dr. Heidi Oetter, Registrar, CPSBC
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Hi James - thanks for the follow-up, and for your patience.

We are nearing the point where we will be able to devote more focused time and energy to this matter. Prior to considering any multi-party meeting, we would like to have the opportunity to have a telephone discussion with you. In the hope that this will work for you, I have asked Deb to contact your office to schedule a call in the latter half of December.

Thanks - looking forward to connecting again.

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From: James Church s.22
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Subject: RE: COA Conference Call, Dec 17th, 3:00pm
Attachments: COA Teleconference with BC Ministry of Health, Agenda.pdf; COA Teleconference with BC Ministry of Health, 2.pdf

RE: TELECONFERENCE CALL, DEC. 17TH, 3:00PM

Hi Deb,

Attached is an Agenda, and a summary of the information that COA representatives would like to review with Mr. MacKinnon. Dr. Keith Courtney, Dr. Heidi Oetter, and Dr. Gerrard Vaughan will be joining me on this call. I have instructed them to dial in on line s.15 and use conference code: s.15

I am hoping that Mr. MacKinnon can provide us with a least 45 to 60 minutes for this teleconference.

Once again, thank you for your assistance,

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Hi James,

It is my understanding that you can dial in on any line and more than one caller can use the same line. We often have more folks calling in than the 3 telephone #'s provided. There is also an on-line option if that works.

Deb Anderson
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- College of Family Physicians of Canada recognition.
- Medical Council of Canada recognition.
- Canadian Residency Matching Service recognition.
- Solid osteopathic title protection in BC, AB, ON, NB, NS.
- Agreement on Internal Trade and Interprovincial Labour Mobility
- Canadian Osteopathic Medical Student Association

British Columbia History:

- 1909 Osteopaths first registered for practice in BC, thus present in BC for over 100 years now.
- 1923 -1924, (Dr. WC Atkinson reg.1923 and Dr. VB Taylor reg.1924). Osteopaths registered with the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons and practiced for over 50 years in BC.
- 1973, Stark vs. British Columbia Attorney General, Judgement February 15, 1973, Paragraph 11 Supreme Court of BC - J. Verchere: "Osteopathy is, by definition, a school of medicine".
- 1989, Dr. JB Church (Doctor of Osteopathy) registered with CPSBC.
- 1996, Medical Practitioners Act, RSBC 1996, c 285, Section 40 - "Registration of Osteopaths".
- 1999, Sept 28th, Daryl Beere, BC College of Physicians, "practice of osteopathy is regulated by the College of Physicians and Surgeons pursuant to the Medical Practitioners Act".
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- 2008, Nov 6, 2008, Dr. Oetter, BC College of Physicians, "the College supports the protection of the term used to describe the practice of osteopathic medicine (i.e. osteopathy) so that the public can be assured that a practitioner of osteopathy is an individual who is a graduate of an accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine".
- 2009, June, 1st, Osteopathic Practice category of registration continues under new College Bylaws.
- 2010, Feb 17th, Dr. Oetter, BC College of Physicians, (a) Medical Practitioners Regulation: "the titles "osteopath" and "osteopathic physician" are reserved for exclusive use by osteopathic physicians". (b) Health Professions Act, Section 12.1: "a person other than a registrant of the College must not use the title, an abbreviation of the title, or an equivalent of the title" (c) Interpretation Act: "if a word or expression is defined in an enactment, other forms of speech or grammatical forms of the same word or expression have corresponding meanings". (d) HPA, Section 50.2(1), "a person must not perform a restricted activity unless the person is a registrant of the college."

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- 2007, Aug 23rd, Craig Knight (MOH) to James Church, "we are not anticipating there will be any significant changes to section 3(2) of the proposed Medical Practitioners Regulation".
- 2007, Dec 6th, Craig Knight (MOH) to SPMPO, "the title of 'osteopath' has been expressly and exclusively associated with College membership under BC legislation since 1909".
- 2007, Dec 10th, Email from Craig Knight (MOH) to James Church, "section 13(4) of the Health Professions Act, prohibits a non-registrant of the college from using a name, title, description or abbreviation that expresses or implies registration or association with the college.
- 2008, Feb 18th, Craig Knight (MOH) to SPMPO, "the Ministry of Health has not identified any policy objection to non-members of the College of Physician and Surgeons using a title such as 'Osteopathic Manual Practitioner'?"!
- 2008, May 22nd, Craig Knight to James Church, "At this time we are not anticipating that there will be any significant changes to section 3(2) of the proposed Medical Practitioners Regulation prior to it being enacted".
- 2009, June 1st, Medical Practitioner Regulation: the terms 'osteopathic' and 'osteopathy' have disappeared from 3(2) of the regulation.
- 2012, Feb 22nd, Dr. Oetter, College of Physicians to MOH, "The College remains concerned that there is potential for confusion when unlicensed practitioners hold themselves out as providers of 'manual practice osteopathy' or 'osteopathic practitioners'."
- 2015, The COA continues to receive complaints about 'osteopathic practitioners' who are assumed by the public to be regulated physicians and are causing confusion and injury through lack of medical training. In some cases, services of legitimate osteopathic physicians are now being refused by insurers due to the confusion that non-physician practitioners have created.

Discussion with Dr. Jane Carreiro, Chair of the Osteopathic International Alliance

- 2015, September, Dr. Carreiro, Chair of the OIA from the United States, shares the same concerns regarding the confusion that is being created by non-physician practitioners using our professional designations and is seeing the same problems developing in her state of Maine.

She will be meeting with OIA executive to present the possibility of the use of alternative titles in Canada and the USA where legislation and title protection of osteopathic titles is already well ingrained in legislation for fully trained osteopathic medical practitioners.

Request to the British Columbia Ministry of Health

- 1) Support the College of Physicians, future osteopathic medical graduates, and the osteopathic medical profession by reinforcing the intent of title protection legislation. The COA is certain that the Ministry, various health professions, and the public would not support unregulated practitioners using terms such as: 'orthopedic practitioner', 'nursing practitioner', 'dermatologic practitioner', 'dentistry practitioner', 'naturopathic practitioner', 'physical therapy practitioner', 'psychology practitioner', etc. etc. There are almost infinite variations of titles that one can derive which are similar but not identical to protected titles. The public needs to be protected from those who would twist the regulations to suit their needs.
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See reference in the attachment.

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BI-WEEKLY CHECK-IN: MELISSA MURDOCK – December 15, 2015

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- a. Work Plan, to finalize w Nancy
- b. Meeting w William/Sandra/Mary et al – Dec 15, 1PM (Confirm priorities)
- c. Delta Issue

2. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICNE

- a. BCEHS FAQ – submitted to MOH, reviewed and returned to BCEHS (December 11)
- b. BCEHS Comprehensive Plan – due in January
- c. MOU, TBA

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- a. Working with Aaron to map out process
- b. Touched base with EMALB
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5. Osteopathic Practitioners

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You know that I feel that the solution is a very simple one. Enforce title protection legislation, and have these alternative practitioners choose a non osteopathic designation (osteotherapist and osteotherapy), then proceed with regulation and accreditation standards.

So my hope is that we can spend our time covering how to manage this rapidly burgeoning group of mostly minimally trained therapist who meet no national or international standard, and who are currently using our professional designations, thus causing considerable public confusion and significant potential harm. This will likely require a meeting with the SPMPO, but I think that regulatory authorities will need to be onboard and in agreement before doing so.

Look forward to our meeting tomorrow.

Jim

-----Original Message-----

From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX [mailto:Mark.MacKinnon@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: December 16, 2015 3:33 PM
To: 'James Church'
Cc: Keith Courtney; Anderson, Deb L HLTH:EX; 'H. Oetter'; Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: COA Conference Call, Dec 17th, 3:00pm

Hi James,

Thanks for the suggested agenda for our discussion on the 17th. This isn't what I was expecting given your follow-up correspondence (below) of November 22. We have had the benefit of a previous comprehensive briefing from you, and I don't believe that it is necessary to revisit that again at this time.

What I was anticipating - and would be my preference - is to focus our discussion on the merits and possible approach to your suggestion of a meeting with the SPMPO.

Thanks,

Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: James Church [mailto:s.22]
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 11:21 PM
To: Anderson, Deb L HLTH:EX
Cc: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX; Keith Courtney
Subject: RE: COA Conference Call, Dec 17th, 3:00pm

RE: TELECONFERENCE CALL, DEC. 17TH, 3:00PM

Hi Deb,

Attached is an Agenda, and a summary of the information that COA representatives would like to review with Mr. MacKinnon. Dr. Keith Courtney, Dr. Heidi Oetter, and Dr. Gerrard Vaughan will be joining me on this call. I have instructed them to dial in on line^{s.15} and use conference code:^{s.15}

I am hoping that Mr. MacKinnon can provide us with a least 45 to 60 minutes for this teleconference.

Once again, thank you for your assistance,

Sincerely,
Jim

James Church, DO CCFP FCFP
Past President, COA
Phone: 250-595-7772
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From: Anderson, Deb L HLTH:EX [mailto:Deb.Anderson@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: December 14, 2015 8:17 AM
To: 'James Church'
Subject: RE: COA Conference Call, Dec 17th, 3:00pm

Hi James,

It is my understanding that you can dial in on any line and more than one caller can use the same line. We often have more folks calling in than the 3 telephone #'s provided. There is also an on-line option if that works.

Deb Anderson
Assistant to Mark MacKinnon

-----Original Message-----

From: James Church [mailto:s.22]
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2015 6:38 PM
To: Anderson, Deb L HLTH:EX
Subject: RE: COA Conference Call, Dec 17th, 3:00pm

Hello again Deb,

With regard to the phone numbers provided for the teleconference, are they single lines (one caller per line), or can more than one person call in on the same telephone number?

s.22

Conference ID: s.22

Thanks for clarifying,
Jim Church

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From: James Church [mailto:s.22]
Sent: November 30, 2015 7:56 PM
To: 'Anderson, Deb L HLTH:EX'
Subject: RE: COA Conference Call, Dec 17th, 3:00pm?

Hi Deb,

Received your confirmation for Dec 17th at 3:00pm. Thank you for your help.

Jim

James Church, DO CCFP FCFP
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From: Anderson, Deb L HLTH:EX [mailto:Deb.Anderson@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: November 30, 2015 8:55 AM
To: 'James Church'
Subject: RE: COA Conference Call, Dec 17th, 3:00pm?

Hi James

Sorry I wasn't at the office on Friday to take your call. Moving the meeting to 3:00 should work - will send another invite later this morning once I confirm.

Deb Anderson
Admin Assistant to Mark MacKinnon
Ministry of Health
Professional Regulation and Oversight Branch
250-952-2292

-----Original Message-----

From: James Church [mailto:s.22]
Sent: Thursday, November 26, 2015 5:22 PM
To: Anderson, Deb L HLTH:EX
Cc: Keith Courtney
Subject: COA Conference Call, Dec 17th, 3:00pm?

Hi Deb,

Dr. Keith Courtney (COA President Elect) from Calgary would like to join me on the conference call with Mr. MacKinnon, but has another meeting at 1pm on December 17th. Could we please move that conference call to 3pm(PST) on Thursday December 17th?

Thanks,
Jim

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From: Anderson, Deb L HLTH:EX [mailto:Deb.Anderson@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: November 26, 2015 9:53 AM
To: 'James Church'
Subject: RE: Dec 23 - 10:00am Teleconference Call

Hi James

The December 23rd date as mentioned earlier, doesn't look like it will work now, as we have a scheduling conflict at our end. Below, I have given a couple of options in hopes that a 30 min window will work into your schedule.

December 17/ 11:30-12:00 and 1pm-4pm
December 18/ 10-11:30

Please let me know so I can send you a teleconference invite.

Thanks

Deb Anderson

Admin Assistant to Mark MacKinnon
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Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 9:13 PM
To: Anderson, Deb L HLTH:EX
Subject: Dec 23 - 10:00am Teleconference Call

Hi Deb,

December 23rd at 10:00am will work well for me.

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Jim

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From: Anderson, Deb L HLTH:EX [mailto:Deb.Anderson@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: November 23, 2015 2:03 PM
To: s.22
Subject: FW: Canadian Osteopathic Medical Students

Hi James

In regards to setting up the teleconference as noted below, I'm wondering if December 23 at 10am works into your schedule. If so, please let me know and I will forward you a meeting invite outlining details.

Thanks

Deb Anderson
Admin Assistant to Mark MacKinnon
Ministry of Health
Professional Regulation and Oversight Branch
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From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 1:52 PM
To: 'James Church'
Cc: Westgate, Brian A HLTH:EX; Jodouin, Laurianne HLTH:EX; Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; Joel Pash; Jason Crookham; Caren Zilber-Shlensky; Keith Courtney; Anderson, Deb L HLTH:EX

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Mark

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From: James Church [mailto:^{s.22}

Sent: July 12, 2015 12:28 PM

To: Mark MacKinnon

Cc: Brian Westgate; Laurianne Jodouin; Melissa Murdock

Subject: RE: Canadian Osteopathic Medical Students

Importance: High

Hi Mark,

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Sent: May 3, 2015 10:16 PM
To: Mark MacKinnon
Cc: Brian Westgate; Laurianne Jodouin; Melissa Murdock
Subject: Canadian Osteopathic Medical Students
Importance: High

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Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 10:55 PM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX; Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; Li, Karen HLTH:EX
Cc: Keith Courtney
Subject: COA Meeting

Dear Mark, Mellissa, and Karen,

On behalf of the COA, Keith and I would like to thank all 3 of you for taking the time to listen to our further concerns and comments today. We will be forwarding some follow-up correspondence in the near future, and look forward to further discussion and working toward an equitable solution to this problem in the new year.

In the meantime, best wishes to each of you for a Happy Holiday Season and all the best for the New Year.

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Canadian Osteopathic Association

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Subject: BC Osteopathic Profession
Attachments: Brochure - Dr. James Church.pdf; Brochures - DO, Osteopathic Medicine.pdf

TO: MARK MACKINNON - DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION - BC MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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Cc: Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX; Westgate, Brian A HLTH:EX; Jodouin, Laurianne HLTH:EX; Li, Karen HLTH:EX; Keith Courtney
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To: MacDonald, Aaron HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: BC Osteopathic Profession

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From: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 8:58 AM
To: 'H. Oetter'
Subject: FW: BC Osteopathic Profession

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From: James Church s.22
Sent: Saturday, March 26, 2016 8:46 AM
To: MacKinnon, Mark HLTH:EX
Cc: Ted Findlay; Keith Courtney; Jason Crookham; Westgate, Brian A HLTH:EX; Li, Karen HLTH:EX; Jodouin, Laurianne HLTH:EX; Murdock, Melissa HLTH:EX
Subject: FW: Alheli Picazo: When naturopathy kills

Hi Mark,

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Below is a communication from COA Past-President, Dr. Ted Findlay, who has brought to the attention of COA Executive, another example of the confusion that is being generated by these unregulated practitioners and the potential harm to the public and damage to the reputation of legitimate osteopathic medical profession that is occurring. The second last paragraph of the National Post article includes reference to osteopaths which is entirely inappropriate. Our profession would really appreciate your assistance with this.

Sincerely,
James Church, DO CCFP FCFP
Past President, COA

From: Ted Findlay [mailto:s.22]
Sent: March 25, 2016 1:38 AM
To: James Church; Keith Courtney; Jason Crookham
Subject: Fwd: Alheli Picazo: When naturopathy kills

Attached, an article from today's "National Post" that obliquely references osteopathy, and my response.

Cheers,

Ted F.

As a family physician practising in Alberta, I read Alheli's article with interest and like many of my colleagues I found several statements regarding the dangers of unscientific medical practice that I would have to agree with.

However, as an osteopathic physician I was disappointed to find my profession (osteopath) included in the list of those that may not be held "to the same standards in terms of education, certification and efficacy of their prescribed treatment."

I would like to assure Alheli and the readership of the National Post that I, and my fellow members of the Canadian Osteopathic Association, must meet these standards including accredited post-graduate medical education and registration with a provincial college of physicians and surgeons.

In fact, in the provinces of Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia and Nova Scotia at the least, use of the term "osteopath" is reserved by law for regulated members of the provincial college of physicians and surgeons.

I suspect that Alheli's remark reflects the confusion that does exist because of inconsistent enforcement of these laws, which has led to wide spread use of the term "osteopath" in some areas by practitioners that do not share my credentials or college registration. In my opinion, this also places members of the public at significant risk, and is another issue that should be of interest to the National Post and it's readership.

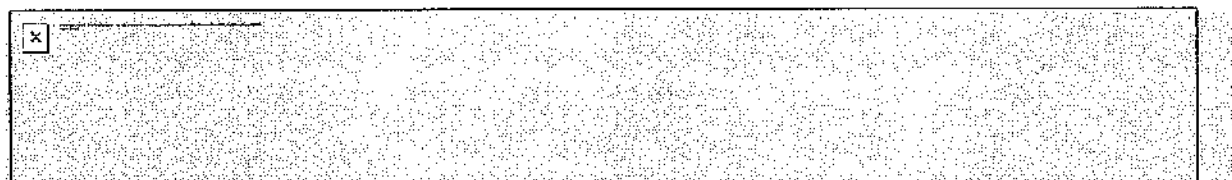
None of this of course detracts from the very real tragedy that has been suffered by the family of young Ezekiel, or the significant policy questions that are the result.

Sincerely,

*Ted Findlay, DO, CCFP, FCFP
Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Family Medicine
Cumming School of Medicine
University of Calgary*

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From: Ted Findlay <s.22>
Subject: Alheli Picazo: When naturopathy kills
Date: March 24, 2016 at 10:08:18 PM HST
To: s.22



Alheli Picazo: When naturopathy kills



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My thanks for your understanding,

Mark

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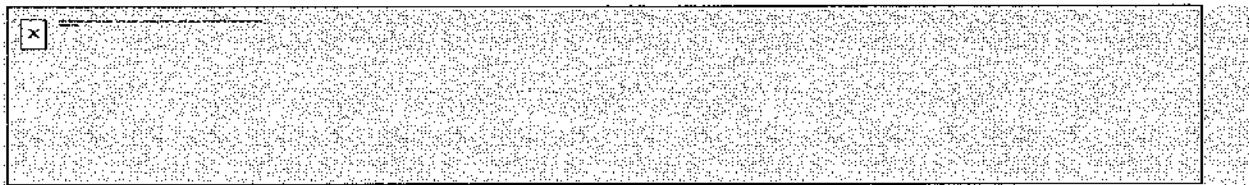
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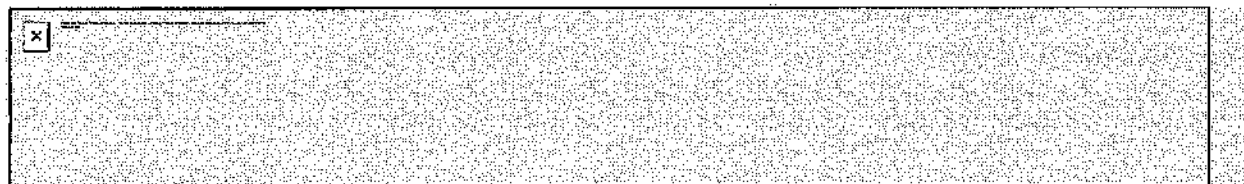
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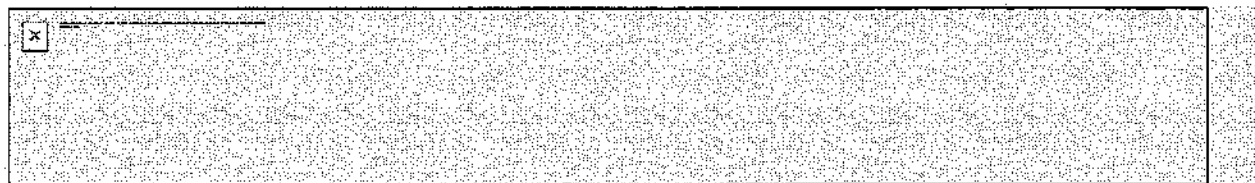
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