



Podiatrists Board of New Zealand

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Newsletter for Practitioners

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BOARD MEETINGS AND NEW MEMBERSHIP

The Board last met on 2 & 3 June and further 2016 meetings will be held on 18 & 19 August and 3 & 4 November.

The Board is very pleased to advise that two new members have now been appointed to the Board, both for 3 year terms.

They are Erin Beeler, a practising podiatrist from Whakatane and lay member Sarah Graydon, a lawyer from Wellington. The Board is confident that these two new members will be a valuable asset to the Board and looks forward to working with them in the coming months.

The Board has farewelled Bruce Baxter and Margaret Moir who chose not to put themselves forward for reappointment this year. Their valuable input will be missed and the Board is grateful for their time and expertise that they have shared with the Board over the period of their membership. We wish them both well for the future.

PBRCF

The Board is currently working on a new CPD framework to replace the PBRCF, it will be based on a 2 yearly cycle, more streamlined and easier for practitioners to follow.

Mandatory sections will remain however, with the current CCME requirements continuing to be a staple. The Board looks forward to having this document ready for consultation before the end of the year.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

A reminder, the Board now requires all practitioners to ensure that **AED and Anaphylaxis** training is included in your refresher course.

Please remember to renew your certificate every 2 years to ensure you are always holding a current one.

STUDENT PLACEMENTS

The Board would again encourage practitioners to consider taking the opportunity of offering to take on a student placement in their clinic. This has proved to be a very successful way of helping the podiatric community by supporting the new generation of podiatrists in their training requirements. It can be a productive and enjoyable experience for practitioners and another avenue from which to gain PBRCF credits.

If you are interested in having a student placement this year please contact AUT.

<http://www.aut.ac.nz/study-at-aut/study-areas/health-sciences/podiatry>

ETHICAL CODES AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

The Board encourages practitioners to take the time to re-read this document. The Board would like to stress the point that this Code governs all behaviours including the use of social media and all online activity.

CODE OF PRACTICE

A review and update of this document is also underway and will be available for practitioners in the coming months.

PODIATRY NZ IS A SEPARATE ORGANISATION

A reminder to some practitioners, that the Podiatrists Board is a totally separate and different body to Podiatry NZ.

The Podiatrists Board is the Registration Board that works within the ambit of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCAA) to protect the health and safety of the public, with members appointed by the Minister of Health. Registration with the Board is mandatory for all podiatrists who wish to practice in NZ. In order to practice podiatrists must also hold a current Annual Practising Certificate (APC), with renewal fees due by 31 March each year.

The Board's role also includes ensuring continuing competence of practitioners, accreditation of the education provider, complaints both competence and conduct, fitness to practice and all discipline issues.

Annual Practising Certificate fees (\$992) are due by **31 March** each year.

Podiatry NZ is the professional organisation for podiatrists, with a voluntary membership to which annual fees are also paid. Membership fees (\$1,035 +gst) are due by **30 June** each year.

Podiatry NZ can provide members with information on their insurance needs, local CPD courses and online CPD recording as well as biennial conferences for non-members as well, which the Board encourages all practitioners to attend if they are able. This year their conference will be held in Wellington on 7-9 July. (04 473 9547 www.podiatry.org.nz)

Please ensure you contact the correct organisation with your queries.

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