



September 2017

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board will be meeting on 16 & 17 November this year and 2018 meeting dates planned are for:

22 & 23 February, 24 & 25 May, 23 & 24 August and 15 & 16 November.

The Board was very pleased to host representatives from the Podiatry Board of Australia at its August meeting, enabling both parties to foster the good relationship between the two Boards in a collegial and collaborative way, with the sharing of mutual interests and concerns.

NEW CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board's new CPD policy and supporting documents are available on the Board's website, and the Board would like once again to thank all stakeholders who provided valuable feedback in the consultation stages.

<http://www.podiatristsboard.org.nz/Practitioners/CPD-Requirements>

Later in the year an online forum will be available for practitioners with further queries about the new framework and its requirements.

The new requirements will fall into four categories: compulsory, professional communication, professional learning and basic life support, within a two year cycle. Points will be based on hours rather than credits (as previously calculated.)

Commencing 1 January 2018, practitioners will be able to log their CPD hours in their own online account and upload relevant documentation. For this first introductory year, practitioners will also be able to log all PBRCF credits gained since 1 January 2017 as well. Please note 1 hour is generally worth 2 PBRCF credits so please remember to halve the numbers when loading in to match the new hourly terminology in the new CPD requirements.

Practitioners will be able see clearly throughout the year how many more hours are required and in which category, in order to complete their 2 year cycle CPD requirements. Logbooks will no longer be required to be posted in to the Board as auditing will be able to be undertaken on line as well.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP: MINISTRY OF HEALTH

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Board members are appointed by the Minister of Health. There will be two positions on the Board becoming vacant in May next year and the Board would like to invite practitioners to consider putting their name forward. This is an ideal opportunity to make a contribution to your profession in a practical and significant way.

Comments from previous Board members include:

"It has been a privilege to serve on the Board and I would encourage anyone with a passion for the profession to put your name forward for appointment. You will get to shape the profession while enjoying the company of likeminded professionals, that will not only grow your skills and knowledge of governance, but provide you with a greater insight into the health environment and the place podiatry holds."

"My appointment as a current board member since 2013 has been a great and rewarding experience so far, and this continues to provide immense satisfaction to know that I am contributing to the profession I am a part of. Being a board member has provided exposure to the regulatory and ministerial functions of New Zealand health administration as well as a greater understanding of organisational governance. The position also allows opportunities to influence and develop specific areas of professional and clinical responsibilities. The membership of the board functions very effectively as a group. We have recently undertaken some noteworthy developments to progress the professional needs in response to the changing workforce and regulatory demands, and challenges. I encourage anyone to apply for consideration as a new board member. Particularly someone who is passionate and sincerely wants to advance our professional responsibilities beyond our current capabilities as the New Zealand health environment is continually changing."

The Ministry of Health has recently published an advertisement seeking nominations/applications for appointment to Health Responsible Authorities. Please

see the link below:
<https://careers.health.govt.nz/jobs/MOH-1298724>

The closing date for applications is Monday 6 November 2017.

All applications must be made online using the Ministry of Health Careers system and be accompanied by a completed and signed Declaration Form.

PRESCRIBING UPDATE

A Board member and the Registrar have met with representatives from the Ministry of Health and other interested Regulatory Authorities on 6 June 2017. The purpose of this meeting was that the Ministry wanted to reach out and give RAs an update on their progress, and get RA input for their further work on the new Therapeutic Products and Medicines Bill.

Some key points from that discussion were:

- Shifting prescribing legislative controls to the HPCA Act and setting clearer boundaries
- Medicines list is currently difficult to manage
- Important to ensure a standard for prescribing across the professions
- New legislation will be detailed and high level at the same time
- MoH is using standard international approach, a second round of consultation draft will be ready by the end of 2017
- Important that scopes are clear, but also benefit in keeping them broad to allow practitioners to work to the top of their scope
- No value in retaining delegated prescribing category
- intention is to avoid reference to a medicines list, more focus on restrictions on types of medicines a practitioner can prescribe
- Mixed messages received from the MoH of both: 1. can go ahead to seek prescribing rights now but also, 2. that it would be best to wait until this transition period is over, but new legislation unlikely to be in force before 2020
- Also discussed standing orders, notifications and complaints, monitoring.

A further update is that the Board is now looking to liaise with the Dietitians Board to consider following their example of gaining prescribing rights, by commencing with a low level approach with over the counter products. This could then move from low risk to other medications. It has been suggested that this could proceed as a process of endorsement on a scope of practice rather than as a separate scope.

NEW STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

The Board has consulted on a new Standards of Practice draft document, intended to replace the current Code of Practice, and Board thanks all those who took the time to provide feedback.

This has been taken into consideration in further modifying the document, which will undergo a second round of consultation later in the year.

<http://www.podiatristsboard.org.nz/Resources-Forms/Publications-News>

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

PODIATRY NZ

Professional update: The Podiatry NZ Chair and Chief Executive will be visiting all regions before December. Attend to hear the latest issues impacting on the podiatry profession.

For Roadshow dates and locations see <https://www.podiatry.org.nz/>

They will also be providing Cultural competency training: Auckland 5 October 2017

PODIATRIC MEDICAL PRACTITIONER CPD NETWORK

27 October: AGM and presentation on Wound Care

10 November: Sterilisation and Infection Control update

Registration is essential. All queries please contact the PMPCPD Network at contactpodmednet@gmail.com

WEBSITE

You may have noticed the Board's new website has now been live for a few months and it is hope that visitors will more easily be able to locate the information they are after. <http://www.podiatristsboard.org.nz/>

NEW POLICY

Refer to the Board's website for recent policy developed or updated:

- Continuing Professional Development Recertification Policy (and 6 supporting Policies and Guidelines)
- Guidance for Podiatrists working with Podiatric Assistants in podiatry practice
- Medical Advertisement Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Guidelines on the Podiatric Treatment of Whanau/ Family members
- Standards of Practice (still in draft stage)

All available on this page

<http://www.podiatristsboard.org.nz/News-Resources-Forms/Board-Publications>

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