

# The ePod Newsletter

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## JUNE 2018

**Greetings Tēnā tātou katoa**  
and welcome to the Board's latest Newsletter

### BOARD MEETINGS

The Board met on 24 and 25 May.

Further meetings are planned for:

2018

- 23 & 24 August and
- 15 & 16 November.

2019

- 14 & 15 February
- 24 & 25 May
- 23 & 24 August
- 15 and 16 November

### APPOINTED/ RE-APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

The Board would like to congratulate Matt Carroll on his re-appointment to the Board.

The Board is waiting on advice from the Ministry of Health on who has been appointed as the new Board member to replace Leigh Shaw.

### CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

As already advised, the Board's new CPD 2 year cycle policy commenced on 1 January this year and it has been very well received by practitioners. The policy with its supporting documents are available on the Board's website [here](#).

The new requirements fall into four categories: compulsory: professional communication: professional learning: & basic life support.

Points are based on the number of hours.

#### **Compulsory CPD:**

The 8 hours of compulsory activities are made up of:

Infection control 3 hours/ Wound management 2 hours/  
Cultural safety 3 hours.

#### **Professional Communication/ Mentoring:**

Please note CPD hours can be claimed as the recipient of mentoring as well as providing mentoring.

#### **CPD Providers:**

The Board has compiled a [Guidance List](#) of CPD Providers for assistance to practitioners.

#### **CPD Audit:**

**Your current CPD period is**

**1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019.**

There will not be any regular bulk audits undertaken until this first 2 cycle has been completed. After that, CPD audits will resume on an annual basis again.

### CPD ONLINE

***You are now required to record your CPD hours through your Practitioner Portal on the Board's CPD [login](#).***

Practitioners will use the same login as applying to renew an APC, in order to log CPD activities and courses, and upload any evidential documentation.

Again, if you haven't already logged in and activated your account yet (ie applied to renew your APC online), click on the "activate account" link only, (don't type in your registration number or a password).

On the next page type in your details, you will then receive an email with instructions so you can complete your login.

Practitioners will be able to see clearly throughout the year, how many more hours are required and in which category, in order to complete their CPD requirements.

An explanatory video is available on the website as well, that shows step by step, how to record CPD activities and upload evidential documentation.

Practitioners having any issues with logging their CPD online should contact the Registrar.

## NEW STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

The Board has listened to the feedback received from its consultation and a new document is currently being drafted.

## PRESCRIBING

The Board is progressing with the podiatric prescribing work this year, with a meeting planned in July with the Ministry of Health. The Board will keep practitioners updated with any further developments.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** The Board would like to remind all practitioners that Medsafe and Medicines Control permit podiatrists to prescribe up to 2 percent lignocaine only.

*Please not the prescribing and use of Marcaine, Ropivacaine or Bupivacaine is not permitted by podiatrists or podiatric surgeons in New Zealand.*

## INJECTABLES

The Board has recently been receiving increasing enquiries about injectables and the Board will be developing guidelines around training and competence for practitioners injecting substances that are not restricted by prescribing.

## 2018 EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

### PODIATRY NZ

[contact@podiatry.org.nz](mailto:contact@podiatry.org.nz) for all enquiries

- 29/30 June PodiatryNZ Conference
- 1 Sept Clinic Handbook Training
- 20 October High Risk Foot Training Day

### POD MED PRACTITIONERS CPD NETWORK

[contactpodmednet@gmail.com](mailto:contactpodmednet@gmail.com) for registrations

[www.podmednet.ac.nz/events](http://www.podmednet.ac.nz/events) for details

Educational Evenings and Study Days

- **6 July:** Clinical note taking/ informed consent/ verruca treatments/ local anaesthetic update
- **7 September:** Study Day- (Island Bay) anaesthesia/ pathology/ succession planning/ OSH- self health & safety/ arthroscopy/ unconscious bias
- **9 November:** Foot & Toe session

## BOARD CONTACT

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