

The ePod Newsletter

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

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board last met on 23 and 24 August, and the final meeting for the year will be on 15 and 16 November.

Meetings planned for 2019 are to be held on:

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

BOARD MEMBER POSITION RE-ADVERTISED

Due to the lengthy time delay in appointing a new member for the Board, the Ministry of Health has decided to re-advertise this position.

The advertisement and application form are available on this [link](https://jobs.govt.nz/jobs/MOH-1359653):

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The Board encourages practitioners to consider an application for this important role in the regulation of podiatry in New Zealand, which is in place with the purpose to protect the health and safety of the public.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

The new Framework introduced on 1 January is available on the Board's website [here](#).

Although audits will generally not be commencing until the completion of the new 2 year cycle, after 1 January 2020, please ensure that you endeavour to maintain your CPD throughout this period and log it in your practitioner portal as you go.

Again, the four CPD categories are now:

- compulsory
- professional communication
- professional learning
- basic life support.

Points are now based on the number of hours.

Compulsory CPD:

These required 8 hours are comprised of a minimum of:

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

Professional Communication

A few suggestions for CPD in this section:

- An audit of an area of your practice, (as was done in the CQI in the previous framework) and as listed in category five of page 8 of the new CPD framework
- Depending on your area, organisation of a network meeting. If there are a few practitioners in a rural area then why not form a network via Skype or Face Time.
- Present a clinical case to one of your remote colleagues via skype or FaceTime or by phone.
- Present an area of practice to your local allied health or medical practitioners, this will enhance network formation.
- There are now many online CPD events, these can cross over from professional learning into this category.

CPD Providers: A [Guidance List](#) of Providers is available for your assistance.

PRINCIPLES & STANDARDS FOR THE PRACTICE OF PODIATRY IN NEW ZEALAND (PSPPNZ)

A new standards framework is currently being developed to replace the Board's Code of Practice. The Board has listened to Stakeholders' feedback received in its consultation process and the new standards will be generally based on the Dental Councils' document, (with due acknowledgment given.)

PRESCRIBING

The Board is progressing this project and will keep practitioners updated with 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 note the prescribing and use of Marcaine, Ropivacaine or Bupivacaine is not permitted by podiatrists or podiatric surgeons in New Zealand.

AUT POSTGRADUATE PATHWAYS

The Board received a presentation from AUT at its last meeting and was pleased to hear about the new postgraduate pathways that will become available shortly.

These include the:

- PG Certificate Health Science in Podiatry,
- PG Diploma Health Science in Podiatry
- Master of Health Practice in Podiatry &
- Master of Health Science in Podiatry.

Two new papers under development for the Certificate are: Advanced Podiatric Practice for the High Risk Foot and Advanced Therapies for the Foot & Ankle.

ACC & VULNERABLE CHILDRENS ACT REQUIREMENTS

ACC advise that they require practitioners making ACC claims comply with all relevant legislation.

<https://www.acc.co.nz/assets/contracts/health-contract-terms-conditions.pdf>

They do not specifically list the legislation as it can vary between supplier groups, however the Board would like to draw your attention to the Vulnerable Children's Act requirements.

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/health-workforce/childrens-action-plan-childrens-worker-safety-checking-and-child-protection-policies>

The Ministry of Health requires that the entire state-funded children's workforce is required to be safety checked by 1 July 2019 and workers need to be rechecked every three years. Worker safety checks include:

- identity verification
- police vetting
- reference checks
- employment verification checks
- checks with professional registration bodies

All paid employees and contractors who work with children (up to 17 years of age) in a **state-funded** organisation that provide regulated health services are required to undertake safety checks.

Regulated health services include services provided at:

a public hospital/ publicly-funded medical practice/ medical practices belonging to primary health organisations (PHOs) and home-based or residential disability support services.

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS for the remainder of 2018

- **PODIATRY NZ**
contact@podiatry.org.nz
High Risk Foot Training Day: postponed until 2019
- **POD MED PRACTITIONERS CPD NETWORK**
contactpodmednet@gmail.com
www.podmednet.ac.nz/events
26 October Education Evening: Update on Hallux Abducto-Valgus (HAV) Pathomechanics

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