



OCNZ Newsletter July 2019

Changes to the membership of Council

We are very pleased to announce that the Minister of Health has appointed two new members to the Osteopathic Council and has reappointed two of the current members.

Tim Friedlander, the current Chair, has been reappointed for another term as has Lara Sanders.

We welcome Larissa Morgan, an osteopath from New Plymouth, and Richard Aston from Auckland who has been appointed as a layperson.

Martin Lambert's term on the Council expired last year but he continued to sit on Council until the new osteopath appointment was made. Martin served on Council from October 2010 and was the previous Chairperson of Council. As a board member and Chair he made a very valuable contribution to the Council's role in protecting public safety.

OCNZ Conference - 21 September 2019

Your chance to have a say in the future of Continuing Professional Development.

In the coming year the Osteopathic Council will be reviewing our approach to Continuing Professional Development ("CPD") and at this year's Osteopathic Council Conference we invite you, as members of the osteopathic profession, to be part of this discussion. This year's Conference is a chance to share with you some of the information we have on what makes a great CPD scheme and to hear your thoughts on what would work best for the osteopathic profession in Aotearoa New Zealand. At the conference we will bring together recent local CPD research along with international material from the UK on CPD best practice. We will also hear from Osteopathic Council Chair and Unitec lecturer Tim Friendlander on methods you can use to assess your learning needs in a CPD context.

Continuing professional development (CPD)

This presentation will discuss the results of research recently completed looking into the NZ professions thoughts and beliefs about CPD. We will look at what CPD you like to choose, how you go about deciding what to do and the barriers you find in accessing CPD. This information will be presented alongside international research delving into the efficacy of CPD and how we can make our professional development really support and expand our practice. In closing we will think through how this information might inform the development of a high quality CPD scheme within NZ.

Quality Assurance in Practice

One of the core aims of a professional development plan is to ensure and enhance the quality of patient care in practice. No single professional development plan will suit all practitioners, and it is therefore important that practitioners are able to recognise the areas of their practice that may represent the best targets for their own development.

This presentation will introduce several methods by which a practitioner can identify their own learning needs, and provide a framework to ensure professional development is efficient and targeted to the needs (and interests) of individual practitioners.

We'd love to hear your views on what kind of CPD scheme works for you as a member of the osteopathic profession.

There are two ways to join us this year.

1. In person at the CQ Hotel in Wellington
2. Online from your own home or office, as we will be live streaming the event.

To register please click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/osteopathic-council-of-new-zealand-conference-2019-tickets-65763830387>

When you register please indicate which option you prefer and we will send you information to facilitate your joining us.

Continuing professional development

In 2018 the Council carried out an audit of CPD of 5% of osteopaths with a current practising certificate. Five practitioners were granted exemptions for varying reasons.

The audit established that 24 of the 25 osteopaths who submitted their CPD met the annual requirements and the CPD completed was relevant to their scope of practice and the capabilities for osteopathic practice. This is a very positive result.

The Council is currently considering what continuing professional development should be required. The first part of this conversation with the profession will occur at the Regional Conference on 21 September 2019.

Child and Adolescent Health recertification programme

All osteopaths to whom this programme applies, and who hold a current practising certificate at 1 September 2017 are required to have completed the recertification

programme requirements by 31 December 2020.

All osteopaths to whom this programme applies and who obtain a practising certificate at any time after 1 September 2017 will be required to complete the recertification programme requirements within three years of the issue date of their first practising certificate, unless an exemption or extension is granted by the Council.

Please contact Ara directly to enrol <http://www.ara.ac.nz/about-us/contact-us>.

You need to inform Council if you have completed the programme in your application for a practising certificate. If you have forgotten to do so email the Council noting that you have completed it.

Code of conduct

The Council is currently developing this document and you will be sent the details of consultation in August 2019.

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