



**CDBC Update
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Dear Christine,

This CDBC Monthly Update includes information about:

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Revisions to the Standards of Practice

The Board approved revisions to the [Standards of Practice](#) at the May 15, 2009 Board meeting. All CDBC online documents have been revised to reflect these changes.

Policy and Practice Guidelines Revisions

At the May 15 Board meeting, the following policies and Practice Guidelines were revised:

- [Policy Qac-01: "Standards for Nasal/oral Feeding Tube Insertions"](#) and the [Practice Guideline](#) by the same name. The policy and Practice Guideline were updated to include "gastric (nasoro)" and "post-pyloric (nasoro)" feeding tube insertions to account for various feeding tube insertion and delivery sites required in practice. For those interested in this area of practice, the Practice Guideline includes competencies and standards for becoming certified and maintaining certification.
- Policy Qac-02: ["Continuing Competence Program Requirement for Reinstatement"](#). Former CDBC registrants who have been out of practice for less than 3 years and meet the Continuing Competence Program (CCP) requirement may now reinstate by submitting their reinstatement application form and an updated Professional Development Plan. Former CDBC registrants who left the register prior to completing a CCP cycle and/or have been out of practice for 3 years or more are required to provide a CCP Portfolio, Self Assessment and Professional Development Plan with their reinstatement

application. Note: Registration reinstatement requirements may also be required in addition to these Continuing Competence Program requirements.

New Patient Relations Program

"[Where's the Line?](#)" is a new resource developed by the Patient Relations Committee to fulfill the Health Professions Act requirement for development of a patient relations program to prevent professional misconduct of a sexual nature. Please take a moment to review the short, easy-to-read document. It's an interesting and thought-provoking read.

New Professional Practice Policy

A new policy developed by the Patient Relations Committee was approved by the Board on May 15: "[Prc-04: Professional Practice Policy](#)". This new policy is intended to provide public protection guidelines appropriate for all areas of dietetic practice to help RDs determine if they are competent to provide new services or services they may not have practiced for some time.

Hiring a New Graduate

A registration number is provided verbally as soon as the CDBC receives written confirmation that a new graduate has fully completed their dietetics program. All documents and fees must be submitted except for a final transcript. It takes approximately one day to post the information on the website. It's not illegal to hire a soon-to-be RD before they are registered (that's an employment matter) but a RD must NOT provide client care until registered. The new (or soon-to-be) registrant may participate in Orientation but again, must NOT provide client care. New applicants who have jobs waiting for them should inform the College so that registration documents can be reviewed as they are received.

Do you Need Restricted Activity "C"?

"Administer" is defined by the CDBC as physically providing a nutritional or non-nutritional substance via an enteral or parenteral delivery device or system or providing instruction for same. You need RA "C" if you are providing the following services:

If a substance is being administered by instillation through enteral means, the RD:

- physically manipulates or adjusts the enteral delivery device or system, and/or
- physically changes an enteral feeding bag to provide a nutritional or non-nutritional substance to a client, and/or
- instructs clients, caregivers, RDs or other health care professionals to do so.

Example A: The RD instructs the client and/or caregiver to connect the feeding bag to the enteral pump, adjust the delivery system as required and flush the enteral feeding tube with water or other non-nutritional substance.

Example B: The RD demonstrates to another RD how to flush a feeding tube with water in order to prevent tube occlusion and how to instill pancreatic enzyme if the tube is occluded.

Example C: The RD demonstrates to the client and/or caregiver in simulation or directly how to clear a feeding tube occlusion.
Read the complete "[Interpretive Guideline:Restricted Activities](#)" here. Restricted Activities can be added to your registration immediately by providing Appendix A or B as applicable, and paying the \$25 fee.

You Asked about...

Q: I am part of the 2010 Continuing Competence Program group (former cohort 3) and I believe that by October 2009 I will have "completed" my three learning plans (goals and activities). My colleagues told me that if this was the case then I would need to add at least 3 more standards/indicators before sending in my Professional Development Plan (PDP) as the completed ones wouldn't count. They tell me that I must always have at least three standards/indicators in "progress" when sending in my Professional Development Plan? Is this correct?

A: Yes and no... Your colleagues are correct when they say you must have at least three standards/ indicators in "progress" when sending in my PDP. That being said, "complete" is a progress stage.

If you plan on completing your 3 learning goals and related activities by March 31, 2010, please indicate so in your PDP. You don't need to formulate 3 new learning goals until after March 31, 2010. The 3 new learning goals would be included in your 2013 Professional Development Plan. However, if you suspended 1 or more of your 3 learning goals and related activities before March 31, 2010, you need to indicate why and substitute new learning goal(s) and activities in your Professional Development Plan.

Questions or comments?

Do you have questions or comments about items in this Update? Would you like CDBC staff to provide an update on ***Inter-professional Agreements to Reduce RD Practice Barriers*** or to provide a ***Continuing Competence Program (CCP) session?*** Please contact the CDBC office at (604) 736-2016, through our BC toll-free number at 1 (877) 736-2016 or by email at: info@collegeofdietitiansbc.org. We'd be pleased to meet with your local RD group!

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