



## [Registrar's message—new video highlights best practices for conducting physical examinations and procedures: a refresher for some; new expectations for others \[1\]](#)

Conducting physical examinations that require patients to disrobe is one of the most common aspects of medical practice that physicians may take for granted in their busy daily routine. However, it is also an experience that can leave patients feeling vulnerable, exposed and uncomfortable, and has been the source of many patient complaints over the years.

[Read more about Registrar's message—new video highlights best practices for conducting physical examinations and procedures: a refresher for some; new expectations for others \[1\]](#)



## [Registered care advisors—an essential medical resource for advancing the care and recovery of](#)

## [patients injured in vehicular accidents \[2\]](#)

On November 9, 2018, the provincial government announced new Insurance (Vehicle) Regulations for the treatment of motor vehicle accident injuries that allow for the creation of a list of medical care consultants called registered care advisors. Through the upcoming annual licence renewal process, the College will verify that registrants interested in becoming registered care advisors are qualified and otherwise eligible.

[Read more about Registered care advisors—an essential medical resource for advancing the care and recovery of patients injured in vehicular accidents \[2\]](#)

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## [2019 annual licence renewal begins January 1 \[3\]](#)

Annual licence renewal begins January 1, 2019. Here's what registrants need to know.

[Read more about 2019 annual licence renewal begins January 1 \[3\]](#)

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## [Prescribing methadone—consultation results point to an effective standard \[4\]](#)

Feedback from the College's latest consultation demonstrated that the majority of registrants view the current *Prescribing Methadone* standard as clear and easy to understand, well aligned with other prescribing guidelines, and protective of patient safety.

[Read more about Prescribing methadone—consultation results point to an effective standard \[4\]](#)

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## [Reducing risk to patients through effective compliance monitoring \[5\]](#)

The College monitors all registrants who have conditions on their practices. At the core of this function is the need to mitigate the risk of non-compliance. The expectation is that registrants remain 100 per cent compliant, and the College has zero tolerance for non-compliance.

[Read more about Reducing risk to patients through effective compliance monitoring \[5\]](#)

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## [Medical complaint reviewer—applications now being accepted \[6\]](#)

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia is inviting applications from registrants with broad clinical experience to provide part-time (up to 20 hours per week) medical complaint reviews.

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## [Considerations for difficult extubation in non-hospital facilities \[7\]](#)

Most facilities and practitioners are prepared and plan for difficult intubation. What about a plan for difficult extubation?

[Read more about Considerations for difficult extubation in non-hospital facilities \[7\]](#)

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## [Medical staff must be current for emergency training to practise in non-hospital facilities \[8\]](#)

There are requirements for emergency training for regulated health-care professionals practising in non-hospital facilities in BC.

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## [Use of ultrasound gel for external ultrasound probes \[9\]](#)

Reusable multi-use non-sterile gel bottles can be easily contaminated and have been involved in the transmission of infectious agents associated with outbreaks of infection.

[Read more about Use of ultrasound gel for external ultrasound probes \[9\]](#)

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## [Prescribing apps—the challenge of choice \[10\]](#)

There are thousands of patient-oriented medical apps in the App Store and Google Play running the gamut of intended uses from weight management support to smoking cessation, medication adherence, social anxiety support, skin lesion diagnosis, blood pressure monitoring—the diversity is almost endless.

[Read more about Prescribing apps—the challenge of choice \[10\]](#)

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## [CPD events: mark your calendars \[11\]](#)

Information on all upcoming events and workshops can be found here.

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