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## [Registrar's message: increasing awareness of the College and the importance of licensing and regulation \[1\]](#)

Patients should know that they are being treated by a qualified physician or surgeon who is licensed and registered to practise medicine in BC, and governed by a regulatory authority that serves the public interest.

[Read more about Registrar's message: increasing awareness of the College and the importance of licensing and regulation \[1\]](#)



## [Update on three recently revised practice standards \[2\]](#)

The College has recently published three revised practice standards: (1) *Charging for Uninsured Services*, (2) *Medical Records, Data Stewardship and Confidentiality of Personal Health Information*, and (3) *Sale and Dispensing of Drugs*.

[Read more about Update on three recently revised practice standards \[2\]](#)



## [2019 Education Day: register now to save a spot in one of the engaging workshops \[3\]](#)

Join colleagues for plenary sessions, case studies and interactive workshops to explore the important role physicians play in ensuring patient safety in daily practice, and when challenging situations present. Workshop space is limited—register early to save your spot.

[Read more about 2019 Education Day: register now to save a spot in one of the engaging workshops \[3\]](#)

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## [Message from the BC Vital Statistics Agency regarding death certification \[4\]](#)

The British Columbia Vital Statistics Agency (VSA) is asking medical practitioners to review its instructional handbook, *Medical Certification of Death and Stillbirth—A Handbook for Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and Coroners*, developed as a reference to assist in completing death and stillbirth certification.

[Read more about Message from the BC Vital Statistics Agency regarding death certification \[4\]](#)

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DRUG  
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Update

## [Educational programs and support for safer prescribing practices \[5\]](#)

As the opioid crisis continues in Canada, there is significant and ongoing progress being made towards safer prescribing practices across the province.

[Read more about Educational programs and support for safer prescribing practices \[5\]](#)

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NHMSFAP  
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## [Evaluating post-operative support requirements for patients undergoing surgery at non-hospital facilities \[6\]](#)

Non-hospital facilities are well-versed in the requirements for pre-operative assessment of patients undergoing surgery. Less attention is focused on the post-operative support requirements of a patient to ensure successful recovery following surgery.

[Read more about Evaluating post-operative support requirements for patients undergoing surgery at non-hospital facilities \[6\]](#)

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DAP  
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## [Feedback requested: point-of-care laboratory diagnostic tests exempt from accreditation \[7\]](#)

The Diagnostic Accreditation Program (DAP) Committee is preparing revisions to

the list of approved point-of-care laboratory tests that are exempt from accreditation when performed by physicians in the course of treating their own patients.

[Read more about Feedback requested: point-of-care laboratory diagnostic tests exempt from accreditation](#) [7]

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## [EvidenceAlerts with a College library connection](#) [8]

Get specialty-specific publication alerts with links to full-text articles through the College library.

[Read more about EvidenceAlerts with a College library connection](#) [8]

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## [CPD events: mark your calendars](#) [9]

Information on all upcoming events and workshops can be found [here](#) [10].

[Read more about CPD events: mark your calendars](#) [9]

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this publication. The College therefore assumes that each registrant is aware of these matters. Questions or comments about this publication should be directed to [communications@cpsbc.ca](mailto:communications@cpsbc.ca) [11].

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