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[Registrar's message: reclassifying liquid codeine-based preparations to enhance public safety \[1\]](#)

Recently the Board resolved to change the scheduling of all liquid cough preparations containing codeine. Currently these preparations are under Schedule 1, but on January 2, 2020 they will be moved to Schedule 1A and require a duplicate prescription.

[Read more about Registrar's message: reclassifying liquid codeine-based preparations to enhance public safety \[1\]](#)



[Feedback invited on a proposed new BC Controlled Prescription Form \[2\]](#)

Registrants are being asked to review a draft of a proposed combined prescription form for controlled drugs and provide feedback now.

[Read more about Feedback invited on a proposed new BC Controlled Prescription Form \[2\]](#)



[New BC public advisory network to inform regulatory work \[3\]](#)

The BC Public Advisory Network (BC-PAN) is a multi-college initiative established to encourage more comprehensive and meaningful public engagement on important issues related to health-care regulation in the province.

[Read more about New BC public advisory network to inform regulatory work \[3\]](#)



[Registration and licensure for visiting physicians and observers \[4\]](#)

The College is regularly asked whether a physician who is planning to visit a facility as an observer is required to be registered and licensed in BC. The answer is yes.

[Read more about Registration and licensure for visiting physicians and observers \[4\]](#)

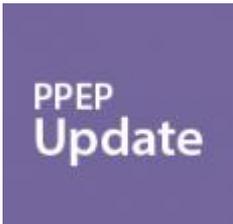
PPEP
Update

[Two new assessment standards for psychiatrists \[5\]](#)

The Physician Practice Enhancement Program develops assessment standards to address key areas that impact a clinical office. The primary goals in developing

the standards are to document best practices, requirements and recommendations expected by the College; make information more accessible; make the implementation process easier; and promote consistency across community-based practices.

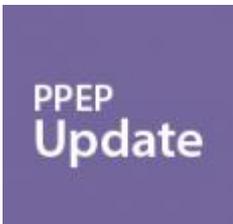
[Read more about Two new assessment standards for psychiatrists](#) [5]

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[The importance of action plans in the PPEP assessment process](#) [6]

The Physician Practice Enhancement Program incorporates a Plan-Do-Study-Act approach to quality improvement, using action plans during the assessment process as an opportunity to reflect on assessment feedback and encourage concrete plans for implementing practice changes.

[Read more about The importance of action plans in the PPEP assessment process](#) [6]

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[Redesigned physician assessment tool](#) [7]

The Physician Practice Enhancement Program has started to roll out the new British Columbia Assessment Tool and will continue to develop it for additional specialties.

[Read more about Redesigned physician assessment tool](#) [7]

NHMSFAP
Update

[Patient safety incident review: ensuring correct surgical implant placement at non-hospital facilities](#) [8]

A patient safety incident review involving placement of a temporary single use sizer instead of the permanent implant in breast augmentation surgery serves as an important reminder to physicians at non-hospital facilities.

[Read more about Patient safety incident review: ensuring correct surgical implant placement at non-hospital facilities](#) [8]

NHMSFAP
Update

[Important updates to the NHMSFAP standards](#) [9]

Staff at facilities that use allografts, fibrin sealants, immunoglobulins, lasers or intraoperative X-ray imaging are strongly encouraged to review important updates to related accreditation standards to ensure compliance.

[Read more about Important updates to the NHMSFAP standards](#) [9]

[Quick access to ebooks through the College library's online catalogue \[10\]](#)

Registrants have access to more than 600 electronic books (ebooks) through the College library. The ebook catalogue covers a wide array of topics and the full range of medical specialties.

[Read more about Quick access to ebooks through the College library's online catalogue \[10\]](#)



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

Information on all upcoming events and workshops can be found [here](#) [12].

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

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