

OF SPECIAL INTEREST:

***ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The **AGM** meeting will be held March 21st at the Dalhousie Student Union Building. It will be a Joint AGM with the NSPA.

*** Reminder To All**

Please review your Practice Standards on a regular basis and in particular take note of:

[USE OF Title and Credentials](#)

* **CPA Congress** will be held in Halifax this year. The dates are the 18th-21st of June.

*** New Limitations of Actions Act**

Passed Nov.2014 (not Yet proclaimed) changes the limitation rules. Retention goes from 6 to 15 years. You may want to check with your legal counsel if you are a private practitioner, or storing client files.

PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIOS

This year's collection of portfolios is underway!!

The portfolios are reviewed by the Peer Assessment Committee and they provide feedback to the members. Portfolios are one of the three components of our Quality Practice Program. Continuing Education and Practice Assessment (which includes both self-assessment and onsite assessment) are the other two components.

Volunteer!!...

There is always a **need for interested individuals** to get involved with the Board of the NSCP. **You, the members, are the College!** Remember that the Board is elected by you, to **administer the Act and ensure safe, quality practice** on your behalf, **so as to protect the public** in their interactions with physiotherapy practitioners.



This is part of the self-regulation process. The Board committees are always in need of volunteers. With more volunteers, there would be the ability to set up more committees or work groups. In the present healthcare environment things are evolving at a fast pace and there is a need for more background and research into many of these areas. **Now is the time to get involved** and have a say in the future of this profession. **Many hands make light work!!** Everybody is busy these days, but being a professional comes with some obligation to raise the bar and promote your professional practice.

For more information contact Pat King Ph:454-0158 (ext 2) or Email: office@nsphysio.com.

Point to Ponder over Coffee ...

Did you know that only a physiotherapist can advertise and bill for Physiotherapy services? This means that if you are working in a clinic that is not owned by a physiotherapist majority, you are responsible for your own advertising and



billings. In such a case you should be employed as a contracted service provide. You cannot use testimonials in your advertising, nor can you make any claims as to the superiority of your services.(Ref. Sec. 42-48 the Physiotherapy Act).

As a regulated health professional (or operator of a group practice of regulated health professionals), **you are the “custodian”** of your clients personal health information with custody and control as a result of your duties. (Ref: PHIA Bill No.76, 2012.)

In any practice setting **you are also responsible for the equipment and environment** you practice in. You must ensure that there has been proper maintenance of the equipment and that proper infection control procedures are in place and adhered to. As a regulated health professional you are ultimately **responsible for all aspects of your practice**. As a member of a self-regulated health profession you have an obligation to report any deviation from our legislation, regulations or standards either by bringing it to the attention of the involved parties as a concerned and supportive peer, or by filing a complaint with the College (Ref: Professional Practice Standards and Code of Ethics

Please remember...It is your responsibility to keep the Office informed of any changes to your name, address, or place of employment that may occur during the year.

We try to keep an accurate and up to date directory on our website to assist insurers and potential clients in their search for practitioners.

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The Atlantic Mentorship Network-Pain & Addiction is a Mentor Mentee Network for Primary Care. It is a network consisting of a skilled pain/addiction practitioners (mentor) and a group of interested primary care providers (mentees) who share a common interest in increasing their ability to manage chronic pain through education and clinical support, knowledge translation and research. We currently have 8 physiotherapists

from Nova Scotia who are part of the network currently. Our goal is to get the word out to more physiotherapists throughout Nova Scotia on what the network is, and how we can support them in their practices.

One way we hope to get information out to more physiotherapists, is to invite them to our annual conference which this year is being held on Friday, March 6th at the Best Western Plus Chocolate Lake Hotel here in Halifax. Go here to review our AGM Brochure and Registration:

<http://www.nsphysio.com/18.html>