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New Board Members

The Board is pleased to announce that the Ministry of Health has appointed three new public members to the CTCMA Board.



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The Board Members' bio may be viewed on the Board Member page



2017 General Meeting Announcement

The 2017 General Meeting will be held on November 5, 2017 (Sunday) at the Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport (8181 Cambie Road, Richmond, BC).

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Please mark November 5, 2017 on your calendar.

Continuing Education credits will be given for the General Meeting. The meeting is scheduled for 2 hours. Number of CE hours will be given for the actual time the meeting is attended.



2017 Pan-Canadian Examinations Schedule

Examination Guides and Application packages for the 2017 Pan-Canadian Examinations will be posted on the College's website in May.

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The examinations will be administered in the Greater Vancouver area on the following dates:

- Written Examinations: Saturday, October 14, 2017
- Clinical Case-study Examinations: Saturday, January 20, 2018

For more information, please refer to the Examination Section of the College's website.



Online Registration Renewal

This is the third year online registration renewal has been available and the first year that the College has discontinued the use of paper forms for straightforward renewals.

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We are pleased to announce that this has been a success, with most registrants able to utilize the online system without College assistance.

Registrants may log in to the Member Portal to update contact information and manage their profile including viewing examination applications and results. To access the Member Portal, please use the link https://portal.ctcma.bc.ca.



Consent to Health Care in BC

Consent to Health Care in BC: A Course for Health Care Providers

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This course, comprised of four learning modules (Background, Seeking Consent, Capability and Incapability, and Consent in a Residential Care Setting) is intended to guide health care providers (including staff of residential care facilities) in seeking valid consent from adults prior to delivering health care services. The information in the course may also be of interest to family and friends who are advocating for adults who are assessed to be incapable of making their own health care decisions.

This course does not cover material relating to health care consent for minors (under the age of 19), the *Adult Guardianship Act*, or Part 3 of the *Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act* which has not yet been brought into force. The course is publicly available through the Provincial Health Services Authority.

- Consent to HealthCare https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/7571/consent-to-health-care-in-british-columbia-a-course-for-health-care-providers
- Recognizing and Responding to Adult abuse https://learninghub.phsa.ca/Courses/7574/recognizing-and-responding-to-adult-abuse



Role of a Regulatory College vs a Professional Association



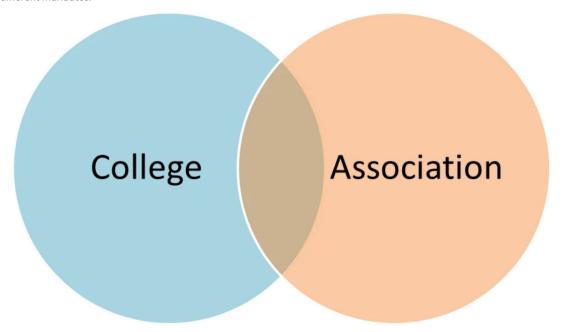
If you have practice related enquiries please send them to the Registrar. Enquiries relevant to your colleagues will be published in the Q&A column.

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Topic: Role of a Regulatory College and a Professional Association

The College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of BC and professional associations have different mandates.



College	Association
The College is responsible for regulating TCM practitioners in the public interest under the authority of the Health Professions Act. To meet its mandate of public protection, the College:	The professional association promotes and advocates for the professional and personal interest of its members. To meet the needs of its members, an association
Establishes, monitors and enforces standards of practice	Represents the TCM profession to government, employers and other organizations
Enhances the quality of practice and reduces	Works with other organizations to promote the TCM

incompetent, impaired or unethical practice

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• Establishes and maintains a continuing competency/quality assurance program to promote high standards of practice

- Supports the development of social programs for its members
- Promotes research and development to advance the TCM profession





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