**COLLEGE OF
NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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TO ALL REGISTRANTS

Dear Registrant:

Re: Aesthetic Procedures Certification - IMPORTANT

I hope that you are well and enjoying some early spring weather. In December 2014, the College announced a number of new certifications that would become available.

Thanks to the work of the Quality Assurance Committee, and with input from the Scope of Practice and PDR (Pharmacopoeia, Diagnostic and Referral) Committees and support from College staff, the Board approved a group of Aesthetic Procedures Certifications. It was determined that these procedures were within the scope of practice for naturopathic physicians in BC, and the Board decided that requiring a group of certifications, with required training, would best protect the public. This ensures that those naturopathic doctors who choose to use aesthetic procedures within the context of their doctor-patient relationships meet required training standards.

The information about the new Aesthetic Procedures Certifications posted on the College website at http://www.cnpbc.bc.ca/for-registrants/resources/certification-requirements/aesthetic-procedures/ is important. It contains information about procedures that you may be currently using or may wish to use in the future. It also contains information about procedures that you may NOT use, without first taking the required training and becoming certified. In other cases, some registrants will be temporarily covered by a "grandfathering" provision.

It is important that you read these provisions, whether or not you anticipate applying for certification in Aesthetic Procedures, because the provisions may impact upon your current practices.

If you have questions about the Aesthetic Procedures Certifications, please write an e-mail to registrar@cnpbc.bc.ca and we will try to get you an answer as soon as possible. We trust that these procedures will further the mandate of the College in terms of both protection of the public and quality assurance.

Yours truly,

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