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March 25, 2024 - Amalgamation Project Update

The amalgamation of the College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC with three other regulatory health colleges on June 28, 2024, is now a little more than three months away. As such, we wanted to provide an update about the amalgamation and how we expect it will affect you as a regulated health professional. The update covers the following topics:

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Ministry of Health confirms name of new college

In late February, the Ministry of Health confirmed **College of Complementary Health Professionals of British Columbia** as the final name for the new multi-profession regulatory college that will amalgamate the following four colleges:

- College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC
- College of Chiropractors of BC
- College of Massage Therapists of BC
- College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists of BC

With the name confirmed, we are developing the brand identity and materials for the new college, which we will share with you this spring.

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VIDEO: Amalgamation to create the College of Complementary Health Professionals of BC

We created a two-minute video to explain why the colleges are amalgamating, its benefits, and what it means for regulated health professionals, patients and clients, and the public. You can watch the video [here](#).



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What's changing? what's staying the same?

We have also defined what will change for you because of the amalgamation and what will stay the same. We have mapped out in [two graphics](#) what we know so far. These graphics are available on the new amalgamation website (more information about the website below).



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CEO appointed for new college

Carin Plischke, currently the Registrar and CEO of the College of Occupational Therapists of BC, has been appointed the CEO of the College of Complementary Health Professionals of BC. For more information about Carin, please [click here](#).

Carina Herman will continue to oversee the College of Naturopathic Physicians of BC, until amalgamation, as will registrars of the other three colleges. As well, Carin will continue to oversee the College of Occupational Therapists of BC until amalgamation.

Before amalgamation, Carin is also focused on establishing the new college's staffing and culture to ensure continuity of regulatory operations following amalgamation, business and budget planning, and building relationships with partners. Effective June 28, 2024, Carin will assume the CEO role full-time.

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Board and Committee selections for the new college

The Board of the College of Complementary Health Professionals of BC will have 12 members: six registrant members and six public members. Although profession-specific inclusion at the Board level is not about representation, the intention is for each profession to have at least one seat on the Board, with not more than two members from each profession.

Earlier this year, Board and Committee members of the current colleges were given the opportunity to submit applications to serve on the Board or a Committee of the College of Complementary Health Professionals of BC. These applications are currently being reviewed. We expect the Ministry of Health will appoint Board members in May and Committee members in May or June.

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New website about amalgamation

We have created a temporary website (www.c4amalgamation.com) that provides information about the amalgamation of the four colleges in the period leading up to amalgamation (June 28, 2024). The website features a [news section](#), and a [dedicated page for registrants](#) that includes Frequently Asked Questions specific to registrant concerns. We will continue to add information to this website as we develop a better understanding of changes and impacts closer to amalgamation.



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Common questions about amalgamation

Q: Are registrant fees paying for the costs of amalgamation?

A: In recognition of the significant undertaking to amalgamate the colleges, the Ministry of Health has provided initial funding to begin amalgamation work and additional funding for resources required to implement these amalgamations.

Q: Will registrant fees increase after amalgamation?

A: Registration fees are established by the Board of each college. After amalgamation, the new Board will assess the budgeting needs to fund all operations of the college to determine future fees. It is not anticipated that fees will change shortly after June 28, 2024, as this analysis will require some time.

Q: Will amalgamation affect registrants' scope of practice?

A: No, the scope of practice for any profession regulated by the college will not be impacted by the amalgamation. Scope of practice is established by the Ministry of Health. It is not the intent of the modernization initiative to alter scope of practice.

Q: Are renewal dates changing? And, if so, when?

A: Colleges are assessing the opportunity and challenges in aligning renewal dates, but decisions will be made after amalgamation. Registrants can expect to renew their license at the same time for now.

Q: What quality assurance requirements do registrants need to complete in 2024? When will this information be available?

A: Quality assurance requirements of your current college will be the same on June 28 and are expected to remain in place in 2024. Once the new college has conducted a fulsome review of all programs, it can make decisions about quality assurance requirements in the future. The introduction of the [Health Professions and Occupations Act](#) may also impact quality assurance requirements once it is enacted at some point after amalgamation. As a reminder, professional requirements such as quality assurance are prescribed in bylaws and determined by the Board.

Answers to other questions are available in the FAQ section on the [registrant webpage](#).



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More questions?

We appreciate that you might have other questions about the upcoming amalgamation and how it may impact you as a registrant. If you have a question not answered in the [general FAQs](#) or [registrant FAQs](#) on the amalgamation website, please submit your question through the [Contact us form](#) on the amalgamation website. Questions submitted anonymously will inform future Q&As.

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