

To: and all other Physiotherapists in Nova Scotia



NSCP NEWSLETTER: FALL EDITION 2017

NSCP Executive Director Search

Recently Pat King notified the Executive Committee of the NSCP Board that he would be retiring in 2018. The Executive Committee met recently to review the search process and develop a timeline for recruitment.

Process:

The new Executive Director will commence employment with the NSCP on January 2, 2018.

The Executive have agreed that the replacement Executive Director (ED) should be a member of the college and as such advertising the position will be done through the College's regular communications tool.

(Newsletter)

Executive Committee appointed a Search Committee; consisting of: Chair, Michael Sangster (experienced), and two other members of the Executive: Aimee Cooke and Craig White.

Timelines:

Sept 20, 2017 first meeting of the Executive Committee to sign off on the process, the ED Position Description, and the ED Annual Calendar of Activities etc.

Search committee distributes Position Description on or before October 6, 2017 via NSCP Newsletter.

Interviews commence after November 6, 2017

Executive Committee meets to approve selection

Selection and Board approval Dec 6, 2017

New Executive Director announced late December 2017

Employment Position Seeking: Executive Director Nova Scotia College of Physiotherapists

The Nova Scotia College of Physiotherapists is seeking an Executive Director commencing employment on January 2, 2018. The candidate must be licensed with the NSCP.

The Executive Director reports to the Board of Directors, and is responsible for the Nova Scotia College of Physiotherapists' consistent achievement of its mission; to assure that the interests of the public are upheld through the regulation and promotion of safe practice and effective Physiotherapy services and to communicate effectively with the membership and thereby affect change on issues of concern to the public.

The Executive Director must be licensed with the NSCP. The role of the Executive Director involves significant administrative skills as well as Project Management. Previous Board Experience is an asset.

Go here to review the [Executive Director's Annual Calendar of Activities](#)

Go here to review the [Executive Directors Position Description](#)

Candidates are to provide a copy of their Resume / CV with a covering letter overviewing their qualifications for the position.

Deadline for submission is November 3, 2017

Send letter and Resume/CV to:

ED Search Committee, NSCP
PO Box 309, Dartmouth Main
Dartmouth, NS B2Y 3Y5

OF SPECIAL INTEREST: Registration renewals will be out November First for the registration year 2018...

Commencing on November 1, 2017 and on each Friday in November all eligible PT's will receive an email reminding you that you are required to renew your registration for 2018 before December 1, 2017. You will not receive this email once you have registered or if your registration classification is set at NP(LOA).

Members who are taking a leave of absence, before March 31, 2018 due to mat-leave, professional development, etc. are asked not to register on-line; instead you should call Pat King 902-466-0668 to register over the phone.

Please read the section below on SkyPort regarding your CE hours

Mark your Calendars for the NSCP AGM!! MARCH 3, 2018 More Details to follow!

Point to Ponder over Coffee...

Is It Physiotherapy?!

All Health Care professions evolve as evidence informed practice base expands and technology advances. What was once the experimental therapy of yesterday, may be the conventional practice of today, and gone by tomorrow. During the constant evolution of practice it is our role to safe guard the public. Physiotherapy practice must continue to be evidence informed, with regulation in place to support, not hinder practice. No one profession owns a skill or activity exclusively, scopes overlap and the technology is available to all. Many activities are driven by pressure to have the latest equipment and be part of the latest trends ... this is not evidence based practice evolution. As a health professional you need to be doing your own research on new interventions /activities because as we all know, research can be fixed to produce desired results and the tests group may not be indicative of the population you treat. We should be asking, what risks are involved in the delivery of this service? Is it



an entry level competency or advanced? What is the quality of the training? Is there something that works just as well with less risk? Have I identified to my patient that this is not a conventional technique/service? Can somebody else do this better? At the end of the day, you are accountable for the service you provide and, if questioned, need to have the research and studies to back up your rationale for using it. The NSCP Board of Directors has adopted a new national tool that is being used to help practitioners and others determine if a specific treatment is in fact physiotherapy. Our committees and Board will be utilizing this tool to help in consistency of decisions related to practice, and practice standards. It is available on our website under Practice Resources and we invite you to use it in determining what your practice looks like and before you add new services to your practice. Give serious consideration to the research, the reliability of the source, the currency of the studies and the cross section of the subjects.

AND ON TO SkyPort

GUIDE TO LOGGING CE ACTIVITIES IN SKYPORT Effective June 1, 2017

The 2018 Renewals process, in November of 2017, will **not** ask you how many CE hours you earned in 2017. You will not be asked because you are expected to record your 2017 CE Events in SkyPort before you renew your license and that number of hours will appear on your online renewal application form. E.g. if you have entered no events on your SkyPort for 2017 then a "0" will appear in the box: *CE hours earned in 2017*. Yes, instead of recording your CE Events on the CE Record forms we used to provide, now you will record them on your SkyPort. This will save you time in the end, it will also mean no scrambling around trying to update and transfer CE event information every five years when your Portfolio is up for review or for that matter annually when you have to tell us how many hours you earned in the current year. So bookmark or place an icon on your desktop for SkyPort, do it now, such that you will get in the habit of recording your readings, your CE activities, courses etc etc. Book Mark this page:

[SkyPort Entrance](#)

Also as you are aware once every five years the Peer Assessment Committee Assessors review your Portfolio; this includes your SkyPort. Part of this responsibility includes the ability of the assessor to validate the **CE events** that has been listed. As a minimum, we request the name, location and date of the course/event, and the length of the event in hours, in order to conduct a thorough assessment. However past Portfolio reviews of CE Annual Logs have **in a number of cases** not provided sufficient information such that the assessor can validate the event. Effective from June 1, 2017, on a go forward bases, all CE events logged into SkyPort are to follow the examples as outlined in the guideline: [Recording Continuing Education on SkyPort](#). Pre June 1, 2017 CE recordings can remain as you have them catalogued now, but after June 1, 2017 the new guidelines are in effect.

To enter SkyPort you need your Registration Number: **Number** and Password: **Password**

Please remember...It is your legal responsibility to notify the Registrar of any change in your practice status within 7 days, and to keep the Office informed of any changes to your name,

your home address, your email address or your place of employment. Forms are on the website under Download Forms.

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

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We encourage all our members to regularly visit our website and check for news updates, new standards or drafts, updated Member Lists (verify that your own information is accurate), check out our Quality Practice Program with self-assessment tools and many more exciting things. The public of NS have access to all postings on our website so please be sure the information we have on you and your place of practice is current. For the facilities, make sure we have the correct address co-ordinates and clinic phone numbers. Send Pat an email (office@nsphysio.com) if a change or update is required. **Check out the Frequently asked questions and perhaps you have some you would like to see added.**

Registrar's Corner...

Coming soon to the NSCP website ... the **new** Cross Border Advisory Statement along with the guidelines and application forms associated with cross border practice. Please watch for these in the near future. Don't forget to check out the Practice Resources as well for the *Is It Physiotherapy?* tool.

Some links that may be of interest: [NS Health Professions Network](#); [The Alliance of PT Regulators](#); [Apology Act](#); [Personal Health Act Toolkit](#) ; [Occupational Safety and Health Act](#);