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## Updates from the CAND team

The CAND team is looking forward to the Member Town Hall on April 9<sup>th</sup>. You still have time to register, [click here to sign up](#). We will spotlight the 2025-2028 strategic planning process, including highlights from the member survey that went out in January.

The Board of Directors met earlier this month to undertake a thorough strategic planning process. This included reviewing the member survey results, conducting an environmental scan, and determining what success looks like in the coming years. The Town Hall meeting next week is a chance to unveil this work to you, see you there.

**CAND Member  
Town Hall**

**9th** @ 8:00pm, EDT  
**April** *Virtual*

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## Advocacy in Action

Have your voice heard. A big part of the work of CAND is to advocate on behalf of the profession at the federal level. Here's what we have been working on:



### Natural and Non-Prescription Health Products Directorate (NNHPD) Meeting:

Ongoing dialogue about labelling and legislative changes, if you have questions, or concerns, or simply want to seek clarity, please email [info@cand.ca](mailto:info@cand.ca) and we will get your questions answered.

### SURVEY - Towards a pathway for health products containing cannabidiol:

Health Canada wants to hear from you about how health products containing CBD should be regulated. The goal is to make sure these products are safe, effective, and easy to access while keeping public health a priority. By sharing your thoughts in this survey, you can help shape the rules around CBD and how it's made available in Canada. Your input is important, and this is your chance to have a say in the future of CBD products.

[Click here to find out how to participate.](#)

Survey closes on June 5, 2025.

### Veteran Affairs:

The CAND met with the Minister and staff to discuss our Veterans Utilization survey results. The Minister shared the impressive growth in usage of [the Naturopathic Benefit](#)



Veterans Affairs  
Canada

[program](#) since its launch in 2022. The Ministry is interested in further understanding the direct experience of Veterans from the clinician’s perspective, as well as the clinician experience in the program and we will be expanding our Veterans Utilization survey in the coming months to gather further information, watch you inbox.

Your participation in these surveys has a very significant impact on our advocacy efforts.

## Canadian Medical Association:

We met with CMA to talk about collaboration and opportunities to strengthen access to care for Canadians. We discussed patient experiences and the value of collaborative care. It was a great opportunity to highlight the training, and skills of Naturopathic Doctors.



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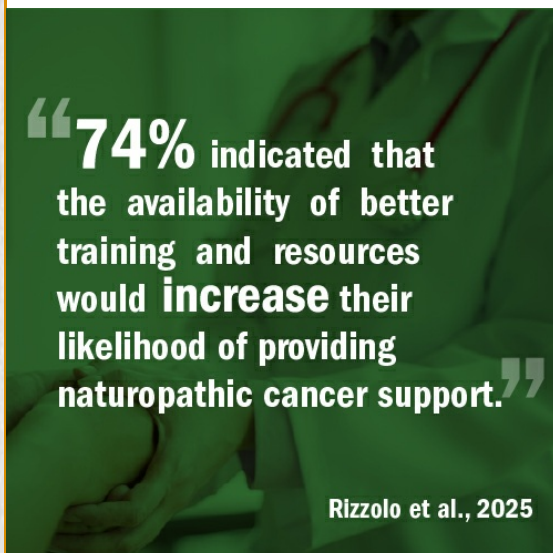


## CAND Journal (CANDJ)



The official journal of the  
**Canadian Association of  
Naturopathic Doctors**

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### Featured Article:

#### **Advancing Supportive Cancer Care: A Survey of Naturopathic Doctors to Identify Practice Patterns, Knowledge Gaps and Resource Needs**

Results from a survey conducted by Dr. Rizzolo, Legacy, Dr. Conte, Dr. El Sayed, Dr. Seeley shed light on the knowledge gaps of NDs and oncology-related areas. The data shares insight into gaps between NDs and conventional treatments, managing symptoms of patients with cancer, and naturopathic interventions for patients with cancer.

Login to read the full edition (Vol. 32 No. 1) at [candjournal.ca](http://candjournal.ca)

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## Naturopathic Legacy Project



**Courage, Strength and Resilience**

The next series of the Naturopathic Legacy Project will explore challenges the profession has faced from the late 1800s to now. With courage, strength and resilience, NDs have fought to differentiate the philosophy, principles, and practice of naturopathic medicine from the paradigm of medicalized, pharmaceutical care.

From the late 1800s to the 1920s/30s, naturopathic medicine under the title of ‘Drugless



Therapy' was in a loose amalgamation of practices with a mix of professional skills, most notably chiropractic, homeopathy, and osteopathy.

In 1901, Benedict and Louisa Lust founded the American School of Naturopathy in Manhattan, establishing naturopathy as a distinct profession. Other schools were created, and these naturopathic schools in the US formed the educational foundation for the early NDs in Canada who settled mainly in BC and Ontario.

Naturopathic care flourished through the 1920s. However, regulation was lagging, and medical persecution resulted in arrests of naturopathic doctors for 'practicing medicine without a licence'.

The 1910 Flexner report on medical education/schools was a turning point as it strictly and narrowly defined medical education and professionalism while labelling non-medical health professions as 'unscientific'. It also promoted a racist, misogynous view of medical professionalism that has persisted even into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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Does anyone have photos of NDs in the past? Let us know!

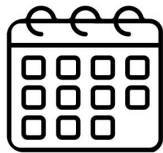
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## Events and Resources



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[Events - Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors](#)

### Upcoming Events and Education

#### April

- [April 9th, Online: CAND Town Hall](#)
- **April 9th, Online:** Exploring Genetic Factors in Autophagy Regulation: Individual Variations and Strategies for Reducing Disease Risk
- **April 12th - 13th, Vancouver, BC:** IV Nutrient Therapy – Foundational Certification Course
- **April 14th - 15th, Vancouver, BC:** IV Nutrient Therapy – Advanced Course
- **April 25th - 27th, Saskatoon, SK:** Clinical Intravenous (IV) and Naturopathic Injection Therapy (NIT) Training for the Healthcare Provider

#### May

- **May 4th-10th: Naturopathic Medicine Week**
- **May 2nd - 4th, Online & Toronto:** CECon2025: "The layers of Healing - The Complex Patient"
- **May 30th - June 1st, Saskatoon, SK:** SAND: Healing Skies Conference 2025

#### June

- **June 14th, Online:** CAND Annual General Meeting



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April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> - Advanced  
Vancouver, BC

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