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Important Changes to the Diploma of Manual and Manipulative Therapy Program

New Education Website

We are proud to announce the launch of the first phase of an Orthopaedic Division education website. The address for this website is www.orthodived.ca. This is a password secured site that is going to be used to deliver information to both Instructors and students. When students log into the website they will be able to access online material for the diploma level system courses. Currently the information posted is related to the level 3 courses, mentorship and the Orthopaedic Division examinations. Content for the other levels will be added in the future. Students can access the site by attaining the login information and password from the instructor of the course they are taking.

Changes to the Diploma System Exams

Over the past year the education committee has explored making changes to the way the diploma system is administered and examined. We are now ready to implement changes that affect the order of the examinations and courses. We have decided that 2010 will be the last year for the Intermediate Examination and the last year that the intermediate certificate will be awarded to successful candidates. No other certificates will be issued after 2010.

How will the process change?

In 2011, candidates will proceed through the level courses as they have in the past, accumulate 90 hours of mentoring and following the level 3 course they will be eligible to challenge Practical Examination #1. Once a candidate passes they can move onto the level 4 and 5 courses, collect an additional 60 hours of mentoring and then challenge the Advanced Diploma exam consisting of a case history, multiple choice and practical examination. Please see the flow chart at the end of this document for the new order of the diploma program.

Transition plan:

Starting in 2011, candidates who wish to challenge the Practical Exam #1 will be eligible to do so once they have successfully completed level 3 and collected 90 mentoring hours.

Candidates that have passed one or more components of the Intermediate Exam between 2005 -2010 have the following options:

- If the practical portion has been passed, regardless of success on either the multiple choice or case history, candidates may proceed to the level 4 and 5 courses. They will have to successfully challenge the case history and multiple-choice exam as part of the Advanced Diploma Exam.
- Candidates that have successfully completed the multiple choice exam and/or the case history exam will be exempt from that portion of the Advanced Diploma Exam. However, they will still be required to pass the Practical Examination #1.

Candidates contemplating challenging the exam in 2010 have two options:

1. Register for the practical component only (Practical Examination #1) and then follow the new examination format.
2. Register for all three components: successful completion of the practical exam is required to move forward. Successful completion of either the multiple choice and / or case history exempts the candidate from that component at the Advanced Diploma exam

Note: candidates will not be allowed to register for only the case history or multiple-choice exam in 2010 unless they have successfully completed the practical exam in a prior year from 2005-2009.

If you have any questions about the new changes to the system please contact Scott Whitmore (Education Chair) or Kate Gladney (Examination Chair).

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Diploma of Advanced Orthopaedic Manual & Manipulative Physiotherapy Courses Syllabus Continuum Summary

The following flow chart is the mandatory order of the Diploma of Advanced Orthopaedic Manual and Manipulative Physiotherapy Courses and Examinations. *Note that successful completion of each examination level is required to be eligible to take the next level of course.

