



9. HERBOLOGY AND OTHER TCM COMPONENTS

Member's Questions

1. What is happening with the Herbal Registrar? Many of us practice herbology - having trained to do so and have been doing it for our entire practices. Are we at risk of losing this?
2. Have the criteria for the advanced Herbology register been approved and when can members start applying for this register?
3. Have the fees for the Herbology advanced Register been approved?
4. Will the advanced Herbology register appear as a separate list or will this designation appear on the registrant's name upon look-up or be flagged on their practice permit.
5. There were 3 proposed scope of practice expansions that went to member inquiry, what is/are the updates with the expansions?
6. Aside from these 3 practice expansions, has the College taken any additional steps regarding other restricted activities?

The proposal and initiation of a Herbal register was premature and a tremendous amount of work is required before the College takes steps to address this issue with the Government in the future.

Herbology is not regulated in the province of Alberta.

Herbology has never been in the scope of practice for Acupuncturists. It is the government's position that the College does not and is not able to regulate Herbology based on the HPA and our Regulations.

The College must complete the work required to become compliant with the HPA before any other projects are undertaken. A request for scope expansion is generally initiated by the Association(s), unless it directly impacts public safety. The recent move to HPA occurred without any scope expansions. The government will likely only consider a request that is highly persuasive and is established to impact public safety.

If a Registrant chooses to practice Herbology, it is recommended that they ensure their insurance includes Herbology and that it is made clear to the insurance company that they are not being regulated while doing so.