



# ND News

## Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine

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### Chair’s Message:

As this difficult year comes to a close, on behalf of the Board, I want to thank the members of the naturopathic community for your diligence and resolve. Again, you have shown your dedication and vital role to ensure access to care across the state and provided exceptional service to Oregonians and beyond.



We also extend our gratitude to two members of the medical field that have served tirelessly—for decades, on the Council on Naturopathic Physicians Formulary; Dr. Kevin Wilson, ND and Dr. Dohn Kruschwitz, MD. With their leadership, sage advice and combined wealth of experience, naturopathic physicians in the State of Oregon are trusted with prescribing from the most expansive formulary compendium in the nation.

As immeasurable and irreplaceable their impact has had on the profession, I am confident that the Council will flourish under the direction of the newly appointed Chair, Natalie Gustafson, RPh, PharmD.

### Director’s Message:



The Board staff has been diligently working (albeit from our kitchen tables) on bringing greater

transparency and accountability to Board business, regulations and investigations.

We appreciate the support and valuable feedback we received over the last several months on the multitude of administrative rule changes, guideline updates, and strategies to deal with practice challenges during this tumultuous year.

Please remember to visit our website regularly for pertinent information as we continue to navigate the impacts of the state of emergency. We also encourage you to review the announcements for opportunities to get involved with the Board. We would love to see more of you in 2021!

### Stay Home—Save Lives

Per Governor Kate Brown’s **Executive Order 20-12**, the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine is closed to the public. Board staff will primarily work remotely for the duration of the order, therefore, email is the most efficient mode of communication at this time. We appreciate your patience.

### Upcoming Board Meetings—2020-2021

All Board meetings are open to the public. In compliance with Governor Brown’s Executive Orders, the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board) are conducting bi-monthly meetings via teleconference. Members of the public may attend the public session telephone conference call. Please check the Board website prior to the below scheduled meeting dates for instructions on how to join the public session. We encourage you to attend and “meet” the members of the Board.

2020: December 14

2021: February 8 April 12 June 14 August 9  
October 11 December 13

**THE OREGON BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE HAS MOVED TO A NEW LICENSING DATABASE! AS LICENSEES YOU WILL HAVE ACCESS TO MANY RESOURCES IN THE SELF-SERVICE PORTAL WHERE YOU CAN:**

- UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION
- UPDATE YOUR WORK LOCATION
- MAKE A NAME CHANGE
- VIEW AND PAY ANY INVOICES OR RECEIPTS
- PRINT A COPY OF YOUR LICENSE
- REQUEST LICENSE VERIFICATION
- ORDER A MAILING LIST
- RENEW YOUR LICENSE

### CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

DR. JENNIFER GIBBONS, ND—CHAIR—DECEMBER 2015

DR. TRACY ERFLING, ND —VICE CHAIR—SEPTEMBER 2016

DR. KEIVAN JINNAH, ND, LAC—DECEMBER 2015

DR. ROBERT SKARPERUD, ND – JUNE 2016

JOANA FREEDMAN, PT—OCTOBER 2017

JENNIFER ANDERSON, RN, BSN—JUNE 2019

*The mission of the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine is to protect the public through licensing and regulation of naturopathic physicians. The Board will promote physician excellence and foster communication within the profession and with the public.*

## Oregon Revised Statutes, Administrative Rules

The Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board) ensures the safety of Oregonians and persons in the State of Oregon at the time of treatment by licensing and regulating naturopathic physicians. Licensees must follow the Board's regulations set forth in the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR).

[ORS Chapter 685](#) contains laws (statutes) passed by the legislature to govern the occupation and profession of Naturopathic Medicine in the State of Oregon. The Board makes and enforces laws called administrative rules. Administrative rules are developed and enacted through a rule-making process, which includes public input. [OAR Chapter 850](#) regulate the profession of Naturopathic Medicine. A licensee may be disciplined for violation of both statutes and administrative rules.

### Proposed Changes to Administrative Rules

The Board of Naturopathic Medicine has filed the following Notice of Proposed Rule Making:

**Oregon Administrative Rule: 850-030-0310 – Duty to Create, Maintain and Retain Medical and Billing Records:** Establish criteria and standards for creating, maintaining, retaining patient medical records and enables the Board to impose discipline for failure to follow standards and requirements.

**Oregon Administrative Rule: 850-001-0010 – Requiring an Answer to Charges as Part of Notices to Parties in Contested Cases:** Sets forth conditions and requirements for a hearing request and answer by the licensee or the licensee's attorney in contested cases.

Please send public comment to the [Board](#) by 12pm on November 30, 2020. The Board members will discuss all comments received during the public session of the bi-monthly board meeting [December 14, 2020](#).

### Final / Approved Changes to Administrative Rules—Effective Immediately

**OAR 850-060-0212 – Education Requirements for Injection / IV and Chelation Therapy :** Sets forth education, training, and reporting requirements for injection / IV and Chelation Therapy.

**OAR 850-030-0035 – Fees for Licensure, Examination and Natural Child-Birth Certification:** Based on the recommendation from the Department of Administrative Services financial and budget analysts; the Board passed a \$50.00 increase in licensure and annual renewal fees beginning this renewal cycle, November 1-December 31, 2020.

**OAR 850-010-0300—Mask, Face Covering, Face Shield Requirements (EMERGENCY RULE)** effective immediately, for the duration of the state of emergency, or at the end of 180 days from the date of the implementation of this rule, all licensed Naturopathic Physicians in the State of Oregon must wear and require all individuals to wear masks, face coverings or face shields upon entry and at all times while in an indoor health care setting. **Please review the rule in its entirety to ensure compliance.**

### Board Renewal Period

#### November 1—December 31, 2020 (850-030-0195)

To renew, report annual CE and print your license log into [SELF-SERVICE PORTAL](#). All renewals must be submitted on or before **Dec. 31, 2020 by 11:59pm.**

Licensees MUST submit proof of completion of the required 32 hours of continuing education ([850-040-0210](#).) and pay the licensure renewal fee to receive their license. ([850-030-0035](#))

Please see the "[How to Guide to CE submission](#)"

### COVID-19 Alerts and Updates

As Oregon and the nation continue to work through this public health crisis; please regularly visit the [Covid 19 link](#) on the Board website for the most up to date information on emergency orders, administrative rules, and practice guidelines affecting naturopathic physicians in Oregon.

### Telemedicine Guidelines

In June, the Board revised the [telemedicine guidelines](#) to clarify and aid ND's engaging in this practice area.

## Call to Action—Vacancy & Opportunity to Serve on the Council on Naturopathic Physicians Formulary

[Oregon Revised Statute 685.145](#), established the Council on Naturopathic Physicians Formulary. The purpose of the Council is to revise, maintain, and update the prescribing formulary compendium. There is currently a vacancy for a licensed naturopathic physician to serve a two year term on the Council.

The Council consists of seven members; two licensed naturopathic physicians appointed by the Board of Naturopathic Medicine, one concurrently serving as a member of the Board; one physician licensed and appointed by the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine, two pharmacists licensed by and appointed by the State Board of Pharmacy; two additional members appointed by the Council who hold an advanced degree in a medical or pharmaceutical science.

The Council meets two times a year - March and September. The time commitment is roughly 5 hours in meeting months, consisting of reading meeting materials and attending a half day meeting. Members are compensated for the time spent at the meeting.

To learn more about the Council's work, as well the current membership, please see our website. <https://www.oregon.gov/obnm/Pages/Formulary%20Council.aspx>

To apply; please send a letter of interest explaining why you would like to serve on the Council and your most recent CV to the Board of Naturopathic Medicine via email by **January 29, 2021 at 12pm.**

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