

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
REGULATION OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES

Health Professions Act

Ministerial Order No. M 239

I, George Abbott, Minister of Health Services, order that effective October 17, 2008, the attached Dietitians Regulation is made.

October 10, 2008
Date

George Abbott
Minister of Health Services

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section:- Health Professions Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 183, s. 12 (2)

Other (specify):- _____

DIETITIANS REGULATION

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Definitions

- 1 In this regulation:

“**Act**” means the *Health Professions Act*;

“**compound**” means to mix ingredients for parenteral or enteral nutrition;

“**dietetics**” means the assessment of nutritional needs, design, implementation and evaluation of nutritional care plans and therapeutic diets, the science of food and human nutrition, and dissemination of information about food and human nutrition to attain, maintain and promote the health of individuals, groups and the community;

“**design**” means the selection of appropriate ingredients for parenteral or enteral nutrition;

“**dispense**” means to fill a prescription for parenteral or enteral nutrition;

“**enteral**” means administration of a nutritional substance to a patient by means of a feeding tube into the gastrointestinal tract;

“**parenteral**” means administration of a nutritional substance to a patient directly into the blood stream.

College name

- 2 The name “College of Dietitians of British Columbia” is the name of the college established under section 15 (1) of the Act for dietetics.

Reserved title

- 3 The title “dietitian” is reserved for exclusive use by registrants.

Scope of practice

- 4 A registrant may practise dietetics.

Restricted activities

- 5 No person other than a registrant who meets the additional qualifications set out in the bylaws of the college may
 - (a) design, compound or dispense therapeutic diets if nutrition is administered through enteral means,
 - (b) design therapeutic diets if nutrition is administered through parenteral means, or

- (c) administer a substance to a person by instillation through enteral or parenteral means.

Limits or conditions on services

- 6 (1) No registrant may insert a feeding tube.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a registrant who
 - (a) is acting under delegated authority of a medical practitioner, and
 - (b) is acting in accordance with standards developed for the purposes of paragraph (a) and approved by the board and approved by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia.

Patient relations program

- 7 The college is designated for the purposes of section 16 (2) (f) of the Act.