

The LPNABC AGM is your opportunity to learn about the Association and meet other LPNs from across the province.

LPNABC AGM “What’s New in Diabetes”

The Fraser Valley Chapter of the Licensed Practical Nurses Association of BC invites you to attend the Annual General Meeting featuring “What’s New in Diabetes” April 19, 2010 in Chilliwack.

This exciting diabetic education session features guest speaker Dr. Gordon Grills, MD FRCP Endocrinology and Metabolism. Dr. Grills received his MD in 1977 at Queens University, Kingston, Ontario and Fellowship in Endocrinology in 1983. He practiced Internal Medicine from 1983 to 1990 in Collingwood, Ontario. He has practiced community Endocrinology and Diabetes from 1990 to the present in Chilliwack, B.C.

The LPNABC will be hosting a “Meet and Greet” at the Travelodge Meeting Room on Sunday evening at 19:30 hr. April 18th. Location will be available at the front desk. This is your chance to meet the board members and network with other LPNs from across the province.

Registration

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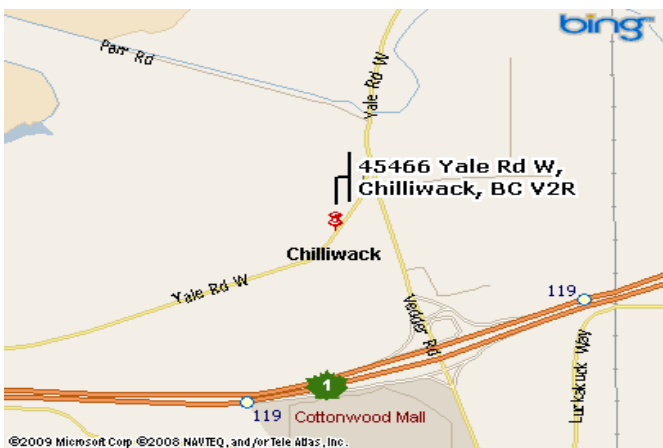
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Attending Diabetic Education _____

Attending the LPNABC AGM _____

(There is no charge to attend the LPNABC Annual General Meeting)



Diabetes Education Session is Monday, April 19th at The Pantry Restaurant Banquet Room next to the Travelodge – 45466 Yale Road, Chilliwack, B.C.

Diabetes Education Registration Fee \$60.00
_____(includes lunch) Make cheque payable to Fraser Valley Chapter, LPNABC and mail fee with registration to Bev Kreller 679 Fort Street, Hope, BC V0X 1L4 604-869-9755 b&bkreller@telus.net

For registration of rooms please call the Chilliwack Travelodge, 45466 Yale Road West Chilliwack, BC V2R 1A9 1-800-578-7878 www.travelodge.com
Rooms \$90.00 / night for 2 queen or 1 queen and kitchenette. (Mention LPN convention when booking - room rate held until April 1, 2010).

Visit www.lpnabc.ca to download the brochure with full details.

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From the President's Pen

Greetings to all from the LPNABC. We have all had a focused year last year and continue to strive for the very best for the LPNs of BC. We may need to regroup and reset our goals so we are really hoping for good attendance and debate at our upcoming AGM in Chilliwack. The Fraser Valley Chapter has done an outstanding job to organize the meet.

We will be writing the Minister of Health soon to revisit the Regulation of the LPN (under the supervision of a Registered Nurse or Qualified Physician) to be changed to something like (an independent nurse with the competence to know their own Scope of Practice and knowledge to know when to collaborate with another Health Professional).

We will be continuing to fight for proper professional support and education.

Please join our membership to discuss and debate and move the LPN forward. It is our time to shine.

Sincerely JJ van Doorn, LPNABC President

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LPNABC President

Top 10 Great Reasons to Get Involved With the LPNABC

- The Association is a great network and supportive group of LPNs helping other LPNs
- Continuing education workshops
- Lobbying the Minister of Health re: LPN issues
- Social and informational network
- Support in numbers
- Speak to Practical Nursing students
- Lobby for professional recognition of the LPN to the public, government and the employers
- Promotional materials
- LPNABC website with job opportunities
- Take pride knowing you're proactive in your profession

Ogopogo Chapter Report

The Ogopogo chapter was very quiet due to health issues of its president. The chapter will be looking for new member to revitalize the nursing movement.

LPNs are encouraged to contact JJ at 250-767-3384 or Phyllis at 250-868-8688 if they wish to join and have financial assistance to the LPNABC AGM in Chilliwack April 19th.

Important Dates

April 18, 2010 – LPNABC Meet and Greet, Travelodge Meeting Room, 45466 Yale Rd Chilliwack

April 19, 2010 – LPNABC Annual General Meeting and “What’s New in Diabetes” at The Pantry Restaurant Banquet Room next to the Travelodge, 45466 Yale Road, Chilliwack

May 13, 2010 - A B.C. Ministerial Order proclaims May 13 as LPN Day. LPNs are encouraged to visit schools and speak about nursing as a career choice; develop a recognition event for LPNs in your community; or write an article on practical nursing for your local paper.



Did You Know?

The Licensed Practical Nurses Association of British Columbia was formed in 1951. It was incorporated under the Societies Act of British Columbia in 1965. The LPNABC was established to support Licensed Practical Nurses by promoting the profession to the public.

The LPNABC works together with other organizations to continue to support Licensed Practical Nurses in the Province of British Columbia with full utilization, opportunities for continued needs and education.

LPNABC continues to lobby for professional recognition of the LPN to the public, government and the employers. LPNABC also works to assist the LPNs to be the professional nurse they are.

LPNABC PROMOTES PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AND LIFE LONG LEARNING WITH STRENGTH THROUGH A UNIFIED VOICE REPRESENTING THE LPNS OF BC

How to Celebrate Nursing Week May 10 to 16th 2010

- Hold a special celebration or reception to recognize a LPN in your community. These nurses could be honored for heroic acts, years of service to the community, exemplary courage, or their commitment to the Practical Nursing profession over the years.
- Promote a positive, realistic image of Practical Nurses by sponsoring health fairs, conducting preventive screenings in underserved areas, organizing a walk-a-thon, etc.
- Place an article in your local newspaper(s) about National Nurses Week and the value of practical nurses.
- Invite a politician -- local or federal -- to accompany a licensed practical nurse or several practical nurses at their place of employment for a day or part of a day. Health care remains an issue of tremendous importance to voters. Politicians should be visible and accountable for their positions on health care. This is a win-win situation and it offers good media coverage potential.
- Ask every nurse in BC to wear an "LPN Pin" and/or nurse's uniform during National Nurses Week. There are several LPN pins for sale on internet websites.
- Work cooperatively with hospitals, schools, and libraries to set up a special display for National Nurses Week and LPN day using promotional materials, such as, pins, t-shirts, posters, etc.
- Host a press conference. Discuss an important health care issue in your community; release the findings of a local survey; honor a licensed practical nurse for a heroic act; or bestow an "honorary" LPN title to a deserving politician or civic leader.
- Organize free cholesterol and/or blood pressure screening in your local community and promote via radio announcements, flyers, posters, etc.

Please feel free to contact any Board Members with any questions!

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Top Websites for LPNs in BC

- LPNABC website – www.lpnabc.ca
- Practical Nurses Canada – www.pncanada.ca
- BCNU Associate Membership – www.bcnuassociate.org
- The LPN Café – www.lpncafe.ca
- CLPNBC – www.clpnbc.org
- The Gerontological Nurses Group of BC – www.gnabc.com
- H1N1 Site for Nurses - www.hls.gov.bc.ca/pho/nurses/h1n1.html